



The Parish of Darfield

All Saints Darfield and St Michael Great Houghton
Sunday 2nd August 2026 *Ninth Sunday after Trinity*

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion *Gt Houghton*

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship *Darfield*

Sunday 9th August 2026 *Tenth Sunday after Trinity*

10:45 a.m. Holy Communion *Darfield*

Jacob prospers and wrestles with God. [Genesis 30: - 32:]

Whilst Jacob was living with Laban, he began to prosper materially and to grow his family. His wife Leah eventually had six sons, Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar and Zebulun. Rachel was childless and gave her servant girl Bilhah to Jacob as his wife and she bore Dan and Naphtali. Leah also gave her servant girl Zilpah as Jacob's wife who bore Gad and Asher and finally Sarah eventually had Joseph and Benjamin. Following the birth of Joseph, Jacob asked Laban to send him back to his home country. Laban refused and persuaded Jacob to remain. They came to an agreement over the sheep, that Jacob would keep all the speckled or spotted sheep, lambs and goats would be reckoned as Jacob's wages.

Laban's sons were annoyed at Jacob's position of prosperity and felt that they had taken over all of Laban's property at their expense. Then the LORD spoke to Jacob telling him to return to his home country. Jacob set off with his wives, children and flocks, but, when Laban heard this, he set out to follow them and caught up in the hill country of Gilead. After lengthy negotiations [Genesis 31: 22-44] Laban gave Jacob his blessing and returned home. Jacob continued his journey, reaching the Ford of the Jabbok, where Jacob sent all his entourage across the ford but remained on his own. Throughout that night Jacob wrestled with a man until daybreak. When the man realised that he could not overpower Jacob, he touched Jacob's hip and wrenched the joint. Jacob would not release the man without receiving a blessing. The man identified Himself as God and gave Jacob the new name of Israel because he had struggled with God and with humans and had overcome. [Genesis 32: 28].

Mauren Hale

It is, with a heavy heart, that we record the death of our sister in Christ, Maureen Hale.

Her Funeral will be at All Saints at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday 13th August 2026 followed by Cremation at Barnsley Crematorium.

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Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day, and make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings

Genesis 32: 22-31
Psalm 17: 1-7, 16
Romans 9: 1-5
Matthew 14: 13-21

Readings for August

2nd	2 Peter 3: 1-7
3rd	2 Peter 3: 8-18
4th	1 John 1: 1-10
5th	Daniel 11: 36-45
6th	Daniel 12: 1-13
7th	Genesis 1: 1-13
8th	Genesis 1: 14-26
9th	Genesis 1: 27-31

Prayer:

Forward any prayer requests to our Prayer Ministry team through
Carol Hunter: 07542 527 331

Prayer Square **This week we are** **praying for residents** **of Darfield**

College Terrace
Snape Hill Road
Edward Street
Thomas Street
St. Mary's Road
Church Street

Community Shop on the Go **Next Community Shop:** **Thursday 6th August**

Warm Space: every Thursday
Thursday 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Great Houghton **Thoughtful Thursday** *and* **Craft and Natter** **will resume in September**

One of the organisations our church supports is the Salvation Army based in Goldthorpe, whose work extends to help individuals and families in Darfield. At the present time there is a critical shortage of non-perishable items such as *tinned goods of all kinds, packets of pasta, cereals, dried foods, rice, long life milk and cooking sauces*. All store cupboard items are welcome. We have a **'Bring a tin and chuck it in'** collecting box by the font at the back of church ready for any donations which you would like to bring along and which will be gratefully received to help people in genuine need.

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