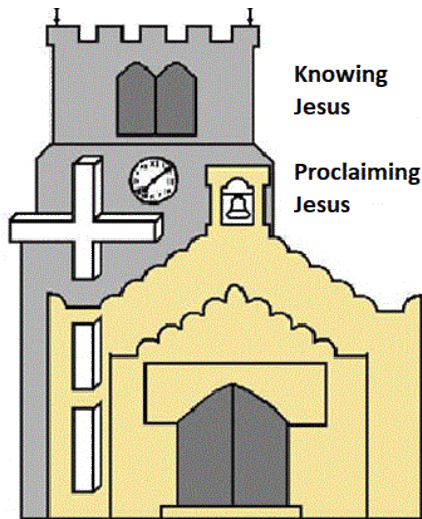




The Parish of Darfield

All Saints Darfield and St Michael Great Houghton

Sunday 6th September 2026

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion Great Houghton

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Darfield

Sunday 13th September 2026

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

10:45 a.m. Holy Communion Darfield

Annual Church Meetings

Firstly – an apology for this long-winded explanation – but please do read it as it is vitally important!

It has recently been brought to our notice that we did not totally follow the correct procedure in convening and carrying out the **Annual Meeting of Parishioners (APM)** (for election of Churchwardens) and the **Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)** which were held in April 2026. We therefore need to hold a new APM and a new APCM. We intend these to take place on **Sunday 18th October** immediately following the Morning Service. The correct notices will be placed on notice boards at both Darfield All Saints' and Houghton St Michael's, so please do ensure that you find them and read them. The main business of the new Annual Meeting of Parishioners will be to elect two Churchwardens, and the main business of this new APCM will be to elect **Deanery Synod** representatives (who will become ex-officio members of the PCC), **Parochial Church Council (PCC)** members and to ensure that everyone has had access to see the Parish Annual Report and can ask any questions on it.

In advance of these meetings, we ask you to consider whether you are being called by God to a position on the PCC or Deanery Synod or to the position of Churchwarden. Please do prayerfully consider these positions, which need to be filled if our churches in Darfield and Great Houghton are to prosper and continue their work. PCC and Deanery Synod are elected for terms of three years (but are able to resign at any time before that term is up). Churchwardens are elected for a term of one year.

There are certain conditions to be met in order to be a PCC member or Deanery Synod representative or a Churchwarden. These include:

- ♦ *You must be aged 16 or over (21 for Churchwarden)*
- ♦ *Your name must be on the electoral roll of the Parish (which is displayed on the notice boards of the churches) and it must have been on that roll for the preceding 6 months*
- ♦ *You must be an 'actual communicant'. **

**'Actual Communicant' is "a person who has received Communion according to the use of the Church of England at least 3 times in the 12 months preceding the person becoming a member of the PCC or Deanery Synod, and who is confirmed or ready and desirous of being confirmed".*

If you need further explanation of any of this please ask a member of the PCC.

Further Information

Current members of the PCC are –

To 2027 = Jo Darlison and Carol Hunter

To 2028 = Linda Williams, Lee Pywell and Kay Valentine

For re-election (if willing) in 2026 = Sheila McMillan, Karen Walton, John McMillan.

Current Churchwarden = Peter Robinson

We are entitled to have 9 PCC members and 3 Deanery Synod representatives (a total of 12) and the elected churchwarden(s). In addition, subject to the approval of the APCM, Readers may be members of the PCC: (this would affect John McMillan)

HERITAGE	St Michael's Great Houghton:	Saturday 12th September:	11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
OPEN	All Saints' Darfield	Saturday 12th September	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
DAYS	All Saints' Darfield	Sunday 13th September	2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

14th Sunday after Trinity

Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings

Exodus 12: 1-14
Psalm 149
Romans 13: 8-14
Matthew 18: 15-20

Readings for this week

September

6th Genesis 3: 1-9
7th Genesis 3: 10-16
8th Genesis 3: 17-24
9th Revelation 1: 9-20
10th Revelation 2: 1-7
11th Revelation 2: 8-11
12th Revelation 2: 12-17
13th Revelation 2: 18-29

Prayer Square

**This week we are
praying for residents of
Great Houghton**

Rotherham Road
Thurnscoe Lane
John Street
Ebenezer Street
Byron Street
Sandhill Court

Prayer:

Forward any prayer requests to our Prayer Ministry team through

Carol Hunter: 07542 527 331

Community Shop on the Go and Warm-Space

Next Community Shop: Thursday 17th September

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

Further Details

In April 2026 the following new members came forward – David Mills and Janet Lowrie as Deanery Synod representatives, and Peter Cook and Karen Lunn as PCC members. Karen Lunn has already said that she prefers to stand down from the PCC, but the other members will be up for election if they agree.

This still leaves room for more people to come forward for Churchwarden, PCC member or Deanery Synod representative. There is no actual cap on how many people can be nominated but, if we have more nominations than posts, we would need to vote on the people to be elected.

If you feel called to become a PCC member, Deanery Synod representative or Churchwarden, you will need to complete a nomination form (available in both churches – please ask) and be nominated and seconded by two people who are entitled to be at the meetings. In the case of the churchwardens, the nomination form **MUST** be handed in **BEFORE** the meeting. In all other cases the form can be handed in beforehand, or a nomination can be made at the actual meeting (ensuring that all the conditions are met as noted on the front page).

Churchwardens, PCC members and Deanery Synod representatives, become 'Trustees' of our charity and need to have a current DBS check and do some online Safeguarding training. We can give you more information on that if you need it.

Thank you for your patience in reading on for so long. If you have any questions please ask a member of the PCC.

Let's work together to make the two churches of our parish the wonderful, vibrant places of worship that God has planned for us. Is He calling you?

Tina Camplejohn

We send our heartfelt thoughts and prayers to Tina's family and friends at this sad time. Tina was a much loved and long-standing member of our Church and Mothers' Union branch.

Resources and Contacts

**Churchwarden
PCC Secretary**

Peter Robinson
Karen Walton

01226 753 572

Safeguarding

Contact Peter Robinson
07910 728 581

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Search your current location or Postcode

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Items, preferably via e-mail, to

pdrobinson@live.co.uk

Tuesday 5:00 p.m.

All Saints



St Michael



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