



# The Parish of Darfield

*All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton*

**Sunday 4th February 2024**

*Second Sunday before Lent*

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

**10:45 a.m. Service for Sunday** *Darfield*

**Saturday 10th February 2024**

**4:00 p.m. Café Church** *Great Houghton*

**Sunday 11th February 2024**

*Sunday next before Lent*

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

**Wednesday 14th February 2024**

**10:30 a.m. Ash Wednesday Holy Communion [BCP]** *Darfield*

## Darfield Snowdrop Trail 2024

*All Saints Church, Churchyard and Maurice Dobson Museum*

**Saturday 10th February 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

*Churchyard trails for adults and children*

*Displays, hot drinks and children's activities in Church*

*Refreshments and Snowdrop Fairy trail activities in the Museum.*

**AND YES— Dropsnow is back!**

## Candlemas 2nd February

Why is this day significant in our calendar? In the northern hemisphere it marks the mid-point between 21st December, the shortest day at the winter Solstice and 20th March, the Spring Equinox with its equal hours of day and night. It also marks forty days after Christmas Day and, in some traditions, the end of the Christmas season.

Candles are a familiar part of our home and Church decorations even outside Christmas, but until recently, were a main source of light during the dark nights. Many of us will have a few stored away for use during power cuts. They are also used symbolically in our services to represent the **Light of Christ** whether in Advent, at a Christingle or Baptism service and at Easter. The custom grew up of bringing the year's supply of candles into Church to be blessed. Periods of forty days appear several times in our Bible. The account of Noah and the Flood mentions '*For forty days the flood kept coming on the earth*', [Genesis 7:17]. Moses encountered the Lord on Mount Sinai when '*he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights.*' [Genesis 24: 18] The twelve leaders of the tribes of Israel were sent by Moses and took forty days to explore the land of Canaan and brought back samples of the fruits of the land. [Numbers 13: 1-25]. Goliath defied the Israelite army for forty days before being struck down by a single stone from David's sling. [1 Samuel 17: 16, 49] Jonah's warning to the inhabitants of Nineveh gave them forty days before the city would be overthrown. [Jonah 3: 4] Before His baptism Jesus spent forty days in the Wilderness where He was tempted by the Devil. [Matthew 4: 1, 2] and he remained on Earth for forty days between the Resurrection and His Ascension into Heaven [Acts 1: 3]

On the same day as Candlemas, we remember the **Presentation of Jesus in the Temple**.

Israelite women were classed as being ritually unclean following the birth of a male child. On the eighth day the boy was to be circumcised and, following a further period of thirty-three days, the mother could present herself to the Priest to be purified. [Leviticus 12: 1-6] Following this directive brought Mary, Joseph and Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem on the relevant day. [Luke 2: 22-24] They encountered Simeon who had been given a promise by God that he would not die before seeing the long-promised Messiah. On seeing Jesus, he praised God in the familiar words of the *Nunc dimittis* which are a part of the service of Evening Prayer in the Book of Common Prayer. [Luke 2: 29-32]. The Prophetess Anna, who spent much of her time in the Temple, also encountered Jesus and gave thanks to God and then spoke about Jesus to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem [Luke 2: 38]

## Lent 2024: The Prayer Course:

*Eight Weekly Sessions based on the Lord's Prayer*

*Starting on **Wednesday 18th February** with **Why Pray?***

1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Ardsley:

7.30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Great Houghton

Saturday sessions will be offered at Thurnscoe:

**Sign up with Jo**

the  
**prayer**  
course

## Second Sunday before Lent Collect

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Readings

Proverbs 8: 1,22-31  
Psalm 104: 26-37  
Colossians 1: 15-20  
John 1: 1-14

## Readings for this week

### February

**4th** Proverbs 30: 1-10  
**5th** Luke 3: 1-9  
**6th** Luke 3: 10-20  
**7th** Luke 4: 1-13  
**8th** Luke 4: 14-30  
**9th** Luke 4: 31-37  
**10th** Luke 4: 38-44  
**11th** Luke 5: 1-11

## Prayer Square

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

*Park Lane  
Pear Tree Close  
Milton Street  
Old Crown Gardens  
Woodlands View*

### Prayer:

Forward any prayer requests to our Prayer Ministry team through

**Carol Hunter: 07542 527 331**

## From the Parish Registers: Funerals

**Friday 26th January 2024: Frank Lee**

*All Saints Darfield and Barnsley Crematorium*

*We acknowledge with grateful thanks, the receipt of £110.50 for Church funds from the retiring collection at Frank's funeral service.*

*This amount will be transferred to our Projects Fund which is to be used for capital projects including the provision of toilet facilities and a kitchenette in All Saints Church.*

**Monday 29th January 2024: Sylvia Anne Watson**

*St Michael's Great Houghton and Barnsley Crematorium*

**Tuesday 30th January 2024: Fay Hoyle**

*All Saints' Darfield and Barnsley Crematorium*

### Coat appeal.

The Salvation Army at Goldthorpe (which helps people our area too) are hoping to be able to ensure that everyone has a warm coat this winter.

If you have one which you no longer require, please bring it to church and pop it in the Tower Room and it will be collected ready to be given to someone in need.

**A chance to make a big difference !**

**Easy Fundraising:** Do you shop on line or buy items on eBay? Sign up to easy Fundraising and we will receive a small donation for each purchase... Go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/> create an account and link it to Darfield All Saints Church as your cause: It's costs you nothing

### A Prayer for Growth:

*Lord Jesus, as a Church Family in All Saints' and St Michael's, it is our mission to know You and proclaim You.*

*We want to connect with our community and see Your Kingdom grow. Send Your Holy Spirit to renew, invigorate and inspire us in our work for You.*

*Give us grace, wisdom and joy as we seek to hold out Your Word. Make us strong, powerful and courageous witnesses and grant that we grow in faith and in numbers, to the honour of Your Name, Amen*

### Psalm 104: 1-35

31 *May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works*

32 *he who looks at the earth, and it trembles, who touches the mountains, and they smoke.*

33 *I will sing to the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.*

34 *May my meditation be pleasing to him, as I rejoice in the Lord.*

35 *But may sinners vanish from the earth and the wicked be no more.*

**Praise the Lord, my soul. Praise the Lord**

## Resources and Contacts

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**Tuesday 5:00 p.m.**