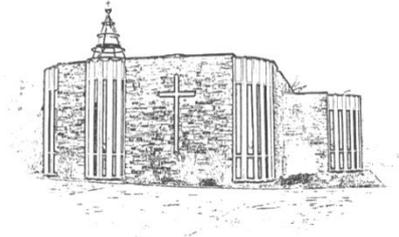
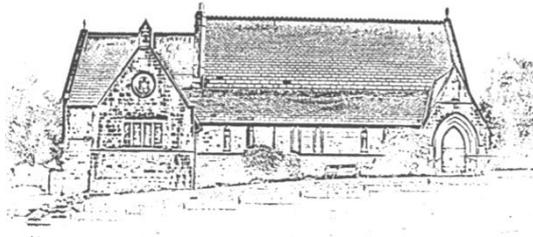


# Parishes of Harden and Wilsden



## Newsletter for 29<sup>th</sup> January

Welcome to church today. We hope and pray that you will enjoy your time here and that you may encounter the presence of the living God. If you are a visitor then the following information may be helpful.

- We have a loop system, if appropriate switch hearing aids to “T”.
- We have large print copies of most worship material – please ask.
- Gluten free wafers are available – please request before the service begins.
- Whatever your tradition, you are welcome to share in Holy Communion.
- Toilet facilities are available including baby changing and disabled facilities.
- We hope you will join us for refreshments after the service.

*Please take this sheet home with you!*

<b>Sunday 29 January</b>		<b>Presentation of Christ</b>		
Wilsden	9.30 am	Holy Communion	1 Corinthians 1:18-end	John 2:1-11
Wilsden	11.00 am	Cafe Church		
Harden	11.15 am	Holy Communion	1 Corinthians 1:18-end	John 2:1-11

### **St. Saviour’s Celebration Service and Faith Lunch**

Today we offer our new Plan for Growth to God as we worship. We shall also be launching the new Pastoral Care Scheme and commissioning various people as carers or co-ordinators. Bob will be speaking about our vision and priorities, where we are at and where we are going, and we shall be sharing lunch afterwards.

### **Next Sunday’s Services – 4<sup>th</sup> of Epiphany**

Wilsden	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Wilsden	11.00 am	Cafe Church
Harden	11.15 am	Holy Communion

## This week's diary

Weds	10.00 am	Holy Communion at St Matthew's
Weds	1.30 pm	Well Being Cafe at St Matthew's
Weds	6.45 pm	Alpha Course at St. Matthew's
Fri	2.00 pm	Crafts for Pick 'n' Mix at St Matthew's

**Five Stars for the Luncheon Club!** After a surprise visit from an Environmental Health officer on Thursday the 19th, the St. Saviour's luncheon club was given a "very good" 5 star rating. Well done to the teams and many thanks to Steve Rhodes for his advice and training. A Michelin star next?

**Churches Together Lent Groups 2017.** After positive feedback from 2016, it is proposed that inter-church discussion groups will run for 6 weeks starting week beginning 27<sup>th</sup> Feb. Three alternative times are available: Tuesday afternoon, Wednesday evening or Thursday evening. There will then be a joint closing event in Harden Congregational Church on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April. The study topic is "God and You" based on extracts from Romans. If you would like to take part please sign the sheet on the church notice board by Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb. Volunteers are also needed to act as hosts and group leaders.

**Alpha Course.** If anyone can help any of the small catering teams with washing up and tidying away on a one off basis please just come along to St. Matthew's on a Wednesday evening at 7.30/7.45 and lend a hand – many hands make light work! Thank you. Bob

**Crafts for Pick'n'mix.** The next craft preparation session will be on Friday 3 February at 2pm in St. Matthew's. All are welcome. Tea and cakes will be provided.

**St. Saviour's Flowers.** This week's altar flowers were donated by David and June Thompson in memory of Evelyn Shepherd and June's mum Olive Wilson.

**Unwanted toiletries.** There is a need for toiletries to distribute to women who are rehoused in local refuges. A box will appear at the back of each church for donations of small bottles of shower gel, shampoo, soap etc. Like the foodbank this will be on-going. All donations will be much appreciated.

**Fair Trade Fortnight 2017** runs from Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Feb to Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March. To mark this, there will be a Big Brew Coffee Morning in St. Matthew's on Saturday March 4<sup>th</sup> when a range of Fair Trade foods and fancy goods will be on sale. Save the date!

**St. Saviour's coffee mornings.** The first one in 2017 will be on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> February from 10.00am. Please help by donating cakes, scones, tray bakes or other home-made 'goodies'. Any items for raffle prizes would also be appreciated. Most importantly, come along and join us and bring your friends.

**Revision of Electoral Roll for St Matthew's church.** The current Electoral Roll will be posted on the inside door of the church from Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2017 to Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2017.  
If you are not currently on St. Matthew's Electoral Roll and wish to be added to it please see Dorothy Senior.

**Bingley Manorlands Support Group are having a Spring Fashion Show**  
At St Saviour's on Saturday 25 March from 2.00pm to 4.00pm  
Tickets are £5.00 including refreshments and are available from:  
Pauline Stern at Harden and Anne Raine at Wilsden.  
There will be an opportunity to see the clothes modelled then try and buy for yourself.

### Dates for your Diary

Wed 8 Feb	3.30pm	Messy Church at St. Matthew's
Sat 18 Feb	10.00 am	Coffee Morning at St. Saviour's
Wed 1 March	7.30 pm	Ash Wednesday Holy Communion at St. Saviour's
Sat 4 March	10.00am	Fair Trade Big Brew coffee morning at St. Matthew's
Wed 8 March	3.30pm	Messy Church at St. Matthew's
Thurs 16 March	7.00pm	PCC at St. Saviour's
Sat 25 March	2.00 pm	Manorlands Spring Fashion Show at St. Saviour's
Thurs 30 March	7.00pm	PCC at St. Matthew's

### Website and email addresses

St. Matthew's: [www.stmatthewswilsden.org.uk](http://www.stmatthewswilsden.org.uk)

St. Saviour's: [www.stsavioursharden.org.uk](http://www.stsavioursharden.org.uk)

Emails: [vicar@stmatthewswilsden.org.uk](mailto:vicar@stmatthewswilsden.org.uk) & [vicar@stsavioursharden.org.uk](mailto:vicar@stsavioursharden.org.uk) go to Bob  
[admin@stmatthewswilsden.org.uk](mailto:admin@stmatthewswilsden.org.uk) & [admin@stsavioursharden.org.uk](mailto:admin@stsavioursharden.org.uk) go to Helen

**Please keep in prayer those who are not well and those who are no longer able to join us at our services:** Marjorie Craven, Beatrice Waddington, Alice Griffiths, Jackie Lancaster and Ben Winter and his family.

**Please pray** for those to be baptised:

Tommy Michael Wright at St. Matthew's on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February

Indiya Sophia Wright at St. Matthew's on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February

Eva Grace Thompson at St. Saviour's on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February

and for their parents and godparents.

**Please pray** for those getting married:

Hannah and Scott at St. Matthew's on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February.

**Prayer chains at St. Matthew's and St. Saviour's.**

St. Matthew's: phone Margaret Harrison 272305. (Reserve is Dorothy 01274 497898)

St. Saviour's: phone June Thompson 273787. (Reserve is Hazel 274234)

**Prayers for the week beginning Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January**

Because of print deadlines this prayer diary cannot respond quickly to breaking news. In addition to the suggested topics, please keep in prayer national and international events as you learn of them.

Sun 29 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for clergy and congregation at St Saviour's, for their Plan for Growth and for those to be commissioned in the Pastoral Care Scheme.
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for older people in the community, particularly if winter weather is causing problems.
Tues 31 <sup>st</sup>	Pray for Margaret who organises the volunteer car service and for the regular or occasional drivers.
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup>	Pray for the Alpha course, that its teaching is touching needs, and pray for Bob in his leadership role.
Thur 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Give thanks for those who have worked so hard to reinstate a post office in Wilsden and pray for the volunteers and staff who run it.
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Pray for the Church in Sudan, particularly for resources for training the next generation of leaders.
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for our churches to grow in numbers and in confidence to show and share our faith.

**If you become aware of a date please contact Pauline Stern or David Haigh so that we can keep the parish diary up to date.**

Please give contributions for the next newsletter to Pauline (and copy to David Haigh and vicar Bob) Tel: 01535 273814 Email: pstern155@gmail.com

**Copy Deadline:** 12.00h on the **WEDNESDAY** before publication

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