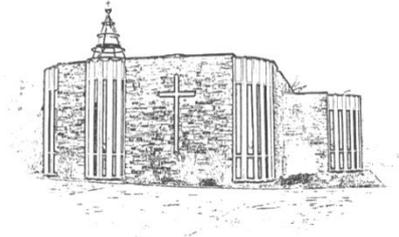
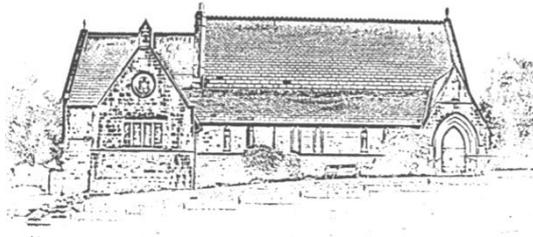


# Parishes of Harden and Wilsden



## Newsletter for 12<sup>th</sup> February

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 12 February</b>			<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Lent</b>	
Wilsden	9.30 am	Pick ‘n’ Mix	Love	
Harden	11.15 am	Pick ‘n’ Mix		
Wilsden	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	1 Corinthians 3:1-9	Matthew 5:21-37

### **Next Sunday’s Services –**

Wilsden	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Wilsden	11.00 am	Cafe Church
Harden	11.15 am	Holy Communion
Wilsden	2.00 pm	Baptism of Indiya Sophia Wright

### **This week’s diary**

Weds	10.00 am	Holy Communion at St. Matthew’s
Fri		Marriage of Hannah & Scott at St. Matthew’s
Sat	10.00 am	Coffee Morning at St. Saviour’s

**Churches Together Lent Groups 2017.** If you would like to take part please sign the sheet on the church notice board by today.

Volunteers are also needed to act as hosts and group leaders.

### **Our new diocese – how's it going?**

*A message from Bishop Nick*

So much has been achieved since the Diocese of Leeds was created just two and a half years ago. Bringing together three very different dioceses was a hugely complex procedure, but we are all now part of a large, coherent body, whose benefits are being increasingly revealed.

The bishops and archdeacons are working closely with their areas, and the combined spiritual wealth of 656 churches, over 240 church schools and three cathedrals has brought increased creative energy.

We now have a central office in Leeds (complete with a charitable coffee shop that's open to all), a new parish share system, new governance and further delegation of authority from the diocesan bishop to the area bishops.

Some of the challenges we face include: getting the right balance between one diocese and the five episcopal areas, tackling the anticipated fall in clergy numbers, growing our churches and maintaining parish share. And it remains vital to reach children and young people with the Gospel in order to build future generations of strong Christians.

At the heart of all we do are the values captured in our diocesan strap line, 'Loving, Living and Learning'. It's a useful list to check against everything we do. What does that mean for you and your church?

*+Nick Baines, Bishop of Leeds*

#### **Loving, Living, Learning**

##### **We aim to:**

**Love** God, the world and one another.

**Live** in the world as it is, but, drawn by a vision of something better, we want to help individuals and communities flourish.

**Learn** when we get things wrong, by listening and growing together.

### **Coffee Morning at St. Saviour's – next Saturday 18 February from 10am to 12 noon.**

Do join us for the first coffee morning of 2017. As usual donations of cakes, scones etc would be most welcome. Come along and bring your friends.

### **Women's World Day of Prayer** on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March is on the theme of:

'Am I Being Unfair to You?' The Christian women of the Philippines wrote the service. It has been translated into 1,000 different languages and dialects and will be used throughout the whole world, starting at sunrise over the island of Samoa, and continuing until sunset off the coast of American Samoa, including St. Matthew's at 2pm.

**Unwanted toiletries.** There is a need for toiletries to distribute to women who are rehoused in local refuges. There is a box at the back of each church for donations of small bottles of shower gel, shampoo, soap etc. All donations are appreciated. Helen

**Alpha Course.** Help still needed in the kitchen each Wednesday from 7.15.

**Revision of Electoral Roll for St. Matthew's church.** The current Electoral Roll is now on the inside door of the church. If your name does not appear, and you would like it to be added, please see Dorothy Senior.

**100 Club January Draw winners**

£25 no 36 – Astrid and John Hansen

£10 no 82 – Tony Caunt

**Clergy meet with police and council officers** On Thursday last week Liz and I attended an event at the Cathedral for all clergy in our Bradford Area jointly with police and many council staff. The police presence was huge and ranged from the Chief Super' of the Bradford District to many PCSOs with every rank in between. The Inspector from every one of their five 'areas' was present. As the Bishop observed, it was a good day to rob a bank but a bad day to have a funeral! The chief Exec of Bradford Council was there, as were police ward officers, and council ward officers, council area co-ordinators and councillors. The speeches and conversations were about working together for the greater good of the communities we serve and it was humbling to experience the enthusiasm of all concerned to deepen relationships and to continue the conversations into the future. This is an example of the benefit of the new Diocesan Area system being based upon civic authority boundaries – the areas covered by Diocesan Episcopal Area, Police District, and Metropolitan Council are almost identical.

Bob

**Dates for your Diary**

Wed 1 March	7.30 pm	Ash Wednesday Holy Communion at St. Saviour's
Fri 3 March	2.00 pm	Women's World Day of Prayer at St. Matthew'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 18 March	10.00 am	Coffee Morning at St. Saviour's
Sun 19 March	12.30 pm	Simple Lent Lunch to support the work of CMS
Sat 25 March	2.00 pm	Manorlands Spring Fashion Show at St. Saviour's
Thurs 30 March	7.00pm	PCC at St. Matthew's

**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, Edna Weatherhead, Jackie Lancaster and Ben Winter and his family.

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

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 12<sup>th</sup> February**

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 12 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for all at the Pick'n'Mix services, that the theme of love may touch the hearts of all ages.
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for staff and students at St. Hild College, a new clergy training college with centres at Mirfield, Sheffield and York.
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for Revd Ismail Tutu, Principal of the Shokai Bible Training Institute in Sudan, and for the twelve students who will graduate this year.
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for those helping to enable the Alpha course by preparing food, serving or clearing.
Thur 16 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for our parish councillors and ward councillors.
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for Hannah and Scott and all young people from our villages starting their married life this Spring.
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for those organising and those attending the coffee morning at St. Saviour's

**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

TEXT reminder service for Pick'n'Mix: Text name to 07789 895949

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