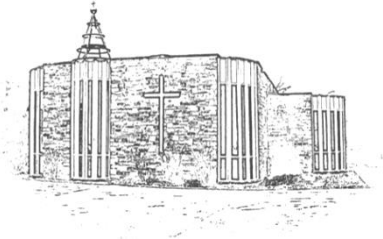


Parishes of Harden and Wilsden



Newsletter for 5th March

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!

| Sunday 5 March | | 1st Sunday of Lent | | |
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| Wilsden | 9.30 am | Holy Communion | Romans 5:12-19 | Matthew 4:1-11 |
| Wilsden | 11.00 am | Cafe Church | | |
| Harden | 11.15 am | Holy Communion | Romans 5:12-19 | Matthew 4:1-11 |

Next Sunday's Services

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| Wilsden | 9.30 am | Pick 'n' Mix |
| Harden | 11.15 am | Pick 'n' Mix |
| Wilsden | 6.30 pm | Evening Prayer |

This week's diary

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| Tues | 10.00 am | Crafts for Pick 'n' Mix at St. Matthew's |
| Wed | 10.45 am | Home Communion at Laurel Bank |
| Wed | 12.00 noon | Funeral of Ben Winter at St. Matthew's |
| Wed | 2.30pm | Prayer and Cake at St. Saviour's |
| Wed | 3.30pm | Messy Church at St. Matthew's |
| Wed | 6.30pm | Alpha course at St. Matthew's |

Ben Winter RIP

Ben died on Thursday 23rd February following a very brave fight to live a normal life for as long as he could. Please continue to pray for Abigail, Virginia and the children. Ben's funeral will be at St. Matthew's at 12 noon on Wednesday 8 March.

Lent Study 2017. Three groups have been formed, one meeting on Tuesday morning and two in parallel on Wednesday evenings. Details are displayed on the notice board. The first sessions will be on Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th March. It is not too late to join! Please contact Sandra Haigh if you are interested. sandra@haigh.demon.co.uk or 274225

The Women's World Day of Prayer service in St. Matthew's was well attended with representation from all eight congregations in the benefice. The thought provoking material prepared by women in the Philippines was presented by voices from each church. Some of the songs were unfamiliar and musically challenging (!) but overall the service was inspiring and ended with a resolution to seek to be 'instruments of fairness, justice and joy.'

The Craft preparation for Pick'n'Mix has been moved to Tuesday 7 March at 10am at St. Matthew's. All are welcome. Refreshments will be provided. Liz

During Fair Trade Fortnight we are reminded that many of our foodstuffs are produced in developing countries where small farmers experience severe poverty and cannot afford basic things we take for granted. Buying products from Traidcraft we are sure that the producers have been paid a fair rate for their skills. Their development arm provides training and education in modern farming methods. One of many farmers benefitting from improved conditions is Adriano, a tea plucker in Tanzania. He says "I have been able to build a house using mud bricks and the Fair Trade Fund have given me iron sheets for the roof. I can pay for my daughter to go to school. Please ask people in the UK to keep buying our tea to help improve our life conditions."

The Children's Society house box collection at St. Matthew's raised the sum of £360.19p which is an increase on last year. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this very worthy charity who do lots of work in our area. Margaret Robertshaw

From the Mission Support Group. We focus on supporting the work of the Church Mission Society during Lent and boxes are available at both churches, to be returned at Easter. Don't forget the Lent Lunch on March 19th after morning service at St Saviour's. No tickets, but donations for CMS will be appreciated. Astrid and Lorna

Electoral Roll This is the list of those of us who have voting rights at the Annual Meetings for the election of our various Church Council and other representatives. If you consider yourself to be part of either St. Matthews or St. Saviours and are not already on the Electoral Roll please have a word with Dorothy Senior at St. Matthews, or Gary Dickinson at St. Saviours, about joining. It is free and very straightforward. Bob

Annual Meetings Although a little way off, please will everyone make a note of these important dates when we come together to receive our financial statement and various reports, also to elect your representatives for Church Warden, PCC, and Deanery Synod. For St. Saviour's this is on Sunday 2nd April after the morning service. For St. Matthew's this is on Sunday 23rd April at 6.00pm including a shared meal and a short service of evening prayer. Bob

St. Saviour's Coffee Mornings – Please make a note to join us on Saturday 18th March, when we plan to “STEP INTO SPRING” with a stall of items beginning with ‘S’ – e.g. soap, soup, socks, stationery, shampoo, satsumas etc!! All donations welcome. Margaret Hodgson

Bingley Foodbank Thank you for all you are doing to keep the shelves well stocked; however, the following items are in short supply: meat and fish pastes, UHT milk, small bags sugar, tinned custard, jams and coffee. Please keep your donations coming as the need is as great as it has ever been. Suzanne

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

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.

Newsletter – a reminder that all items for the newsletter should be emailed to Pauline Stern and **copied to David Haigh and Bob Evans.**

Dates for your Diary

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| 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 in Airedale hospital, Alice Griffiths, Edna Weatherhead, Jackie Lancaster, Edwina Butterfield in B.R.I. and James Scantlebury.

Please pray for the family of Winnie Strowlger who died on 28 February.

Please pray for the family and friends of Ben Winter.

Please pray for those to be baptised:

Bobbi Alan Green at St. Matthew's on Sunday 26th March

George Arthur Staniland and Heidi Amelie Staniland at St. Saviour's on Sunday 2nd April

Riley James Lee at St. Matthew's on Sunday 23rd April

and for their parents and godparents.

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 5th March

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.

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| Sun 5 th | Pray for Liz, Bob, Mavis and Suzy leading our worship today. |
| Mon 6 th | Pray for members of Wilsden WI meeting at Trinity Church. Give thanks for their fellowship. |
| Tues 7 th | As volunteers prepare materials this morning, pray for those who plan and lead Pick'n'Mix services. |
| Wed 8 th | Pray for shops and businesses in Wilsden, helping to make this a community, particularly for those giving so much time and effort to re-establishing the post office. |
| Thur 9 th | Pray for those running businesses in the commercial units at Birkshead. |
| Fri 10 th | Pray for our choirs and organists. |
| Sat 11 th | Pray for the little communities at Ryecroft and Hallas Bridge. |

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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