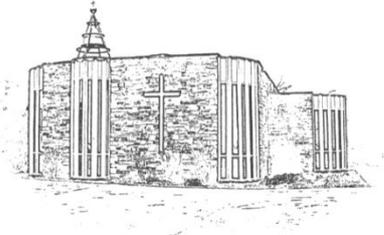


Parishes of Harden and Wilsden



Newsletter for 19th 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 19 March | | | 3 rd Sunday of Lent | |
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| Wilsden | 9.30 am | Holy Communion | Romans 5:1-11 | John 4:5-42 |
| Wilsden | 11.00 am | Cafe Church | | |
| Harden | 11.15 am | Holy Communion followed by our Lent Lunch in aid of CMS | Romans 5:1-11 | John 4:5-42 |

Next Sunday's Services

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| Wilsden | 9.30 am | Morning Worship |
| Wilsden | 11.00 am | Cafe Church & Communion |
| Harden | 11.15 am | Morning Worship |
| Wilsden | 6.30 pm | Holy Communion |

This week's diary

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| Wed | 10.45 am | Home Communion at Laurel Bank |
| Wed | 2.30 pm | Holy Communion at St. Saviour's |
| Wed | 6.30pm | Alpha course at St. Matthew's |
| Sat | 2.00 pm | Manorlands Fashion show at St. Saviour's |

D.E.C. appeal. I'm sure many of us will have already responded to the appeals by the DEC to assist with famine in Africa. The DEC says that 16 million people in East Africa are on the brink of starvation. 14 million people in Yemen do not know where their next meal will come from. Many children are suffering from malnutrition, the effects of which could be with them all their lives, if they even survive. There are collecting bowls out in church this week and next – please be generous either through the church or directly. Remember to Gift Aid your donation. Bob

Lent Lunch Today Everyone from both churches is invited to come to St. Saviours at 12.25 to share a simple lunch together; food is provided. This is a fund-raising event to support CMS so please come prepared to be really generous. Let's beat all records!

Our Clocks spring forward next weekend, so be prepared to lose an hour's sleep next Sunday morning. Don't be late!

The Harden Luncheon Club has lost a worker to Granny duties so one of the four teams urgently needs a new volunteer to assist the cook. The commitment would be once a month on a Thursday from 11am until 1pm. No serious cooking skills are required. Swaps are always possible. For more details contact Suzanne.

Maundy Thursday. On Maundy Thursday evening (13th April) the Benefice service will be at St. Saviour's and the first part is by pre-booking only. This will be a lamb-based meal with pudding, wine or fruit juice, beginning at 18.30. During the meal there will be the occasional poem or other reading. It is primarily a social event. Donations will be requested to cover costs. There is a sign-up list on each church notice board to book your place. (This will be followed, for those who wish, by a Holy Communion service beginning at 20.00)

St. Saviour's Annual Meeting is on Sunday 2nd April after the morning service. Please make it a priority to come along and support the officers, PCC members and clergy of your church. Hear what is happening and where we are going. **Bring your own packed lunch to eat as we meet.** There will also be elections for two places on the Church Council, two Deanery Synod representatives for our brand new Aire and Worth Deanery, and for two Church Wardens. Please consider standing and representing your church. Bob

St. Saviour's Easter Flowers There will be a plate at the back of church for donations towards the cost of Easter flowers. There are spaces on St. Saviour's flower rota (which is also at the back of church.) If you would like to donate flowers on a particular Sunday to commemorate a special occasion, please sign the list. Jean Crerar

Diocesan News We need a volunteer to collect our copies of the newsletter each month from Bingley All Saints parish office on Old Main Street. The current edition is there NOW! Please speak to Bob.

Curry Night. The first Curry Night will be at the Cardamom in Bingley on the evening of Sunday 2nd April at 18:45. Booking is via Bob before 9.00pm on Wednesday 29th March. Book by text, email, or phone, or by handing me a note. Three course set menu £7.95. Please don't assume previous expressions of interest are a booking! There is a limit to numbers – so first come, first served. Bob

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

The Real Easter Egg Last orders today!

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

Seeking strength though harmony of purpose in a hurting world

Next month, senior bishops from seven countries with partnership links to the Diocese of Leeds will meet together for the first time. Bishop Nick has invited the church leaders from Sri Lanka, Sudan, the USA, Tanzania, Sweden, Pakistan and Germany to spend 31 March-9 April in the diocese “celebrating the strength of global Christianity - a hugely positive message that runs counter to the current narrative of anti-globalisation”.

The global gathering begins with a diocesan welcome service at Wakefield Cathedral on Sunday 2 April at 3.30pm. Bishop Nick will preach and it will be an opportunity to hear from some of the link bishops and to pray for them and the dioceses they represent.

Many more events are taking place including the bishops spending five days together on retreat at Parcevall Hall, as well as meeting with parishes and link supporters.

The bishops will pray, study and talk together, learning more about the diversity of our missional contexts. In essence, they will be asking what our links are for, and how they might be renewed. On Monday 10 April the bishops will travel to Canterbury to meet with Archbishop Justin Welby. Bob

Dates for your Diary

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| Sat 25 March | 2.00 pm | Manorlands Spring Fashion Show at St. Saviour's |
| Thurs 30 March | 7.00pm | PCC at St. Matthew's |
| Sun 2 April | 12.15 pm | APCM at St. Saviour's |
| Sun 2 April | 6.45pm | Curry Night |
| Sun 23 April | 6.30 pm | APCM 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 (now home), Jackie Lancaster and Edwina Butterfield.

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

Eleanor May Meakin at St. Saviour's on Sunday 30th 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 19th 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 19 th | Pray for the work of CMS at home and abroad, remembering particularly our mission partner Awais and her work with refugees and asylum seekers. |
| Mon 20 th | Pray for those from the different churches in Harden and Wilsden who are meeting together in groups for study and prayer during Lent. |
| Tues 21 st | Continue to pray for the work of the Leprosy Mission at Purulia Hospital in West Bengal and give thanks for the recent donation of an ambulance by a local political leader. |
| Wed 22 nd | Pray for all at the Alpha course, that they are finding new understanding and insights drawing them closer to the Lord. |
| Thur 23 rd | Pray for your neighbours and for opportunities to show neighbourliness. |
| Fri 24 th | Pray for Christians in Sudan, particularly where their churches are under threat of demolition. |
| Sat 25 th | Pray for the work of Manorlands, for patients and staff and for Liz Maitland as chaplain there. |

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

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