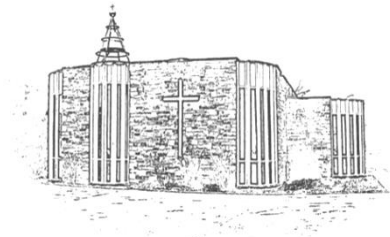


Parishes of Harden and Wilsden



Newsletter for 16th April

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 16 April		Easter Sunday		
Wilsden	10.30 am	Family Holy Communion	Acts 10: 34-43	John 20:1-18
Harden	11.15 am	Family Holy Communion	Acts 10: 34-43	John 20:1-18

Next Sunday's Services

Wilsden	9.30 am	Morning Worship
Wilsden	11.00 am	Cafe Church & Communion
Harden	11.15 am	Morning Worship
Wilsden	2.00 pm	Baptism
Wilsden	5.15 pm	Celtic Worship and hymns followed by APCM

This week's diary

Wed	10.00 am	Holy Communion at St. Matthew's
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Easter Greetings from Awais & Dominic May the peace and hope of Easter fill you with joy throughout this wonderful season.
With blessings. Awais & Dominic

St. Matthew's Annual Meeting is on Sunday 23rd April at 6pm after a Celtic service of prayers & hymns at 5.15pm. 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. There will be elections for two places on the Church Council, two Churches Together representatives, two Deanery Synod representatives for our new Aire and Worth Deanery, and for two Church Wardens. Please consider standing and representing your Church. There will be a bring and share meal following the meeting.

From Ian Slater - This summer Joan and I are doing a short term mission to Tanzania. As part of our fund raising I am organising a men's evening to be held at St. John's Church Great Horton on Wednesday 26th April. The evening will include a meal and an after dinner talk from ex professional footballer Wayne Jacobs who now heads up the charity "One in a Million." The fund raising is not to cover our personal expenses but to help fund the work we will be doing while we are there. Tickets are free but there will be an opportunity during the evening to donate. Book through Ian Slater: 01274 831437.

Village Voice. Thanks to the stalwarts of St. Matthew's who delivered our share of the magazines to the village in time for Holy Week despite the late arrival from the printers.

Do you have a TV/DVD to lend? The church will have three Pilgrim courses running as a follow on to Alpha. One will be based in church and it would be extremely helpful if someone could lend us one of those portable TVs that have an inbuilt DVD player? Bob

Sudan News. The Mission Support group invite you to hear Mary Brooks talking about her recent visit to Sudan at St. Matthew's on Friday May 5th at 2.30pm, followed by tea and cake.
Admission free, donations welcome to support Christian schools in Sudan.

Astrid Hansen

Fair Trade. This year St Matthew's have chosen the charity to benefit from the profit made on sales. A cheque for £275 has been sent to Medecins sans Frontieres. During the year £200 has already been donated to Traidcraft Exchange. Thanks to everyone who supports the project. Sandra Haigh

Curry Night at the Cardamon As there were 32 of us last time, the restaurant has asked that we book earlier. The next Curry Night will be on Sunday May 7th. **Booking is via Helen by Sunday 30th April.** Helen Ludkin (pahardenwilsden@gmail.com), text or phone 07788 848830. Bob

Places of Welcome Discussions took place about 18 months ago between Bishop Toby and Bradford Council in the context of massive council cuts asking the question what can the considerable network of Anglican churches do to support communities? It was agreed by +Toby that he would encourage us to offer our resources as 'Places of Welcome'. This is an initiative that comes out of Birmingham and it is not limited to churches. At the recent St. Matthew's PCC we looked into this with the help of visiting speaker Liz Firth from WellSprings (a charity funded by the Church Urban fund and set up by the Diocese). It would entail St. Matthew's being open as a Place of Welcome at a set time for a few hours EVERY WEEK. Refreshments would be served FREE of charge and volunteers would be available to befriend visitors as well as to signpost them to other agencies if appropriate. We could issue food bank vouchers (I already do this). One of the key values of Places of Welcome is that it is not an 'us and them' scenario – no-one wears badges, and everyone who comes is encouraged to take responsibility for welcoming others and serving themselves and others with refreshments. Simple activities are also made available like magazines to read, or maybe simple crafts. Wellspring would support us in providing publicity material. The PCC decided to explore this by investigating what time slots would work best in Wilsden bearing in mind other provision, and by establishing if we might be capable of supplying enough volunteers (minimum of two per week and continuity of volunteers is much the best as relationships are made with regular visitors.) If you might be willing to be a regular volunteer (subject to time of week) please have a word with me. Bob

Dates for your Diary

Sun 23 April	6.00 pm	APCM at St. Matthew's
Wed 26 April		Men's evening at St John's, Great Horton
Fri 5 May	2.30 pm	Sudan Event at St Matthew's
Sun 7 May	6.45 pm	Curry Night
Thurs 18 May	7.00 pm	PCC at St. Saviour's
Thurs 25 May	7.00 pm	Ascension Day service at the cathedral

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 Edwina Butterfield.

Please pray for those to be baptised:

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

Ollie Simon Skwarek at St. Saviour'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 16th April

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 16 th	The angel said 'He is not here; he has been raised again as he said he would be.' Give thanks for the great gifts we have received, not least for the freedom to gather together to celebrate our faith.
Mon 17 th	Pray for those who are travelling on this busy holiday weekend.
Tues 18 th	Pray for the mission support group meeting today, that they may find ways of spreading prayer and caring among the whole congregation for the causes we support.
Wed 19 th	Pray for the clergy and lay leaders who have led our acts of worship through Holy Week and Easter.
Thur 20 th	Pray for those in need in our seemingly comfortable communities and that we may feel moved and guided to help when we encounter need.
Fri 21 st	Pray for those you know who are ill and for those who care for them and worry about them.
Sat 22 nd	Pray for the peace of the world, for peace with justice in troubled times and troubled places.

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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