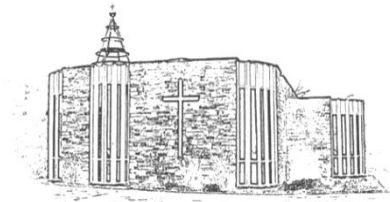




Parishes of Harden and Wilsden



Newsletter for 8th October

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 8 October		Trinity 17		
Wilsden	9.30 am	Pick ‘n’ Mix - Harvest		
Harden	11.15 am	Pick ‘n’ Mix - Harvest		
Wilsden	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Exodus 20:1-4,7-9,19-20	Matthew 21: 33-end

Next Week’s Services

Wilsden	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Wilsden	11.00 am	Café Church
Harden	11.15 am	Holy Communion followed by Autumn Lunch
Harden	1.30 pm	Baptism of Charlie Benjamin Sproson
Harden Congregational Church	6.30 pm	Churches Together service

<p>Churches Together will hold a joint evening service on Sunday 15th October at 6.30pm in Harden Congregational Church. The preacher will be Christian Allsworth, the pastor of River Church. Do come along to meet with friends from other churches.</p>
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Next week's diary

Weds 11 Oct	10.45 am	Home Communion at Laurel Bank
Weds 11 Oct	2.30 pm	Prayer and Cake at St Saviour's
Weds 11 Oct	3.30 pm	Messy Church at St Matthew's
Thurs 12 Oct	7.00 pm	St. Matthew's PCC

Farewell Service Bob and Suzanne are having their farewell service at 5.00pm on Sunday 29th October at St Saviour's Church and really hope that you will be able to come. There will be lots of favourite hymns to sing, a few stories, and a final short farewell message, and prayers and encouragement for the churches here. The car park will be open at Harden School. A hot supper will be provided afterwards and soft and alcoholic drinks will be provided, (generously donated by a St. Saviour's couple who have asked that we have a collection for Inn Churches). It would help those doing the food to know roughly how many are coming – please sign the list in your church a.s.a.p.

Bob's Induction at Heeley 22nd November: we are organising a coach to leave Harden and Wilsden by 5.00pm. Approximate cost £10 per person.
"First come first served." Reserve a seat!
Contact John Hansen 01535 275937 or janda@jandahansen.co.uk.

Beatrice Waddington. Beatrice's weekly shopping is currently done by Suzanne so Beatrice needs someone willing to continue from the end of October. This necessitates a trip to M & S due to their single portion meal range. Please can one or more people between them offer to Suzanne to take this on? Bob

St. Saviour's Coffee Morning. On Saturday 21st October we will be having a bargain 'pound stall' as well as our usual cake stall, all donations would be very welcome.
Margaret Hodgson

Autumn Lunch - Sunday 15th October. St. Saviour's are hosting a lunch after the service. This will be homemade soup and apple pie and cream. Donations for the meal will be for Christian Aid. Friends from St. Matthew's will be welcome. **Please sign up on the list today** if you will be attending or ring June Thompson on 01535 273787 so that we know how many to cater for. Thank you.

Fair Trade. Our Autumn Fair Trade event will be held in St. Matthew's on Saturday 4th November, 10am to 12noon. Save the date for some Christmas shopping!

Christmas is Coming - we hope to have arts and craft stalls at St. Matthew's on Nov 18th. If you know anyone who would be interested in having a stall, please contact Jean Bastow on 272805.

Yvonne Alden RIP. Her funeral will be at St. Matthew's at 1.00pm Tuesday 10th October. Some will remember her as a Guide Leader and active in Wilsden Village Society.

News from the Pre-vacancy meeting On Thursday evening about 40 members of the four benefice church councils met Andy Jolly (Archdeacon) in St. Matthew's family room. Andy said it was the best attended event of its kind that he has ever led. He gave us all chance to reflect on our feelings as I leave, and many of you said some very lovely things which I shall always treasure, even though I'm not sure they were fully deserved. The really good news is that a full time Team Rector will be sought! That was not a forgone conclusion! Each Church Council has already received a questionnaire asking for lots of factual information about the parish and the church. Towards the end it becomes more subjective as it asks what you are looking for in your next Team Rector. Andy said that this should only be pencilled in because the four parishes will need to agree what they need.

After that, a formal PCC meeting will adopt it, and also elect two people from the church membership to be on the interview panel. The Team Council will also work together to prepare the Parish Profile, a really attractive document selling the opportunity in such a way as to attract the right person. Only then will advertising begin for a new Team Rector. That process will probably take 3 months and a suitable candidate would have to give 3 months notice so the whole process may well take 9 months or longer.

Meanwhile, Revd Liz Moy has been asked to be the lead clergy person at Harden and Wilsden, supported by Mavis and Ian and Gordon and Helen; and Revd Suzy will do this at Cullingworth and also chair the Team Council.

The meeting lasted about 2 hours and much more was said, but that's my best shot at summarising what I heard!

Bob

Dates for your Diary

Sun 15 Oct	12.15 pm	Autumn Lunch in aid of Christian Aid at St. Saviour's
Sun 15 Oct	6.30 pm	Churches Together Service at Harden Congs.
Sat 21 Oct	10.00 to 12.00	Coffee Morning at St. Saviour's
Sun 29 Oct	5.00 pm	Farewell Service and party at St. Saviour's
Sat 4 Nov	10.00 to 12.00	Fair Trade Event at St. Matthew's
Sat 18 Nov		St. Matthew's "Christmas is coming" event
Sat 18 Nov	10.00 to 12.00	Coffee Morning at St. Saviour's
Tue 21 Nov		Bradford Episcopal Area Forum

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)

Please keep in prayer those who are not well and those who are no longer able to join us at our services: Karen Mottershead who will be undergoing surgery for recently diagnosed skin cancer, Beatrice Waddington, Alice Griffiths and Edwina Butterfield.

Please remember The family and friends of Yvonne Alden.

Please pray for:

Charlie Benjamin Sproson to be baptised at St. Saviour's on Sunday 15th Oct and

Ellie Winnie Smith to be baptised at St. Saviour's on Sunday 22nd Oct

Lyssa Winnie-May Johnson to be baptised at St. Saviour's on Sunday 5th November

Hudson Ronnie Hirst-Perrett to be baptised at St. Saviour's on Sunday 26th November and for their parents and godparents.

Prayers for the week beginning Sunday 8th October

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 8 th	Pray for all at our Harvest Festival services and those who will receive our harvest gifts.
Mon 9 th	Pray for officers and members of Harden WI
Tue 10 th	Pray for Mothers' Union leaders in the churches in Sudan
Wed 11 th	Pray for the work of the Leprosy Mission, particularly for affected communities in Mozambique where TLM is providing agricultural training to help them support themselves.
Thur 12 th	As we remember St Wilfrid, pray for church leaders in Ripon Episcopal Area.
Fri 13 th	Pray for the world of CMS and our mission partner Awais working with refugees and asylum seekers in Leeds.
Sat 14 th	Pray for the work of the Children's Society.

If you become aware of a date contact Pauline Stern so that we can keep the parish diary up to date and 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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