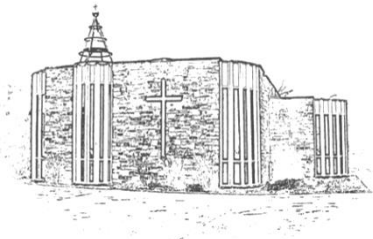


Parishes of Harden and Wilsden



Newsletter for 25 February 2018

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 25 February | | | 2nd Sunday of Lent | |
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| Wilsden | 9.30 am | Morning Worship | Isaiah 51:1-11 | Galatians 3:1-9,23-29 |
| Wilsden | 11.00 am | Cafe Church & Communion | | |
| Harden | 11.15 am | Morning Worship | Isaiah 51:1-11 | Galatians 3:1-9,23-29 |
| Wilsden | 6.30 pm | Holy Communion | Romans 4:13-end | Mark 8:31-end |

| Next Sunday's Services | | |
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| Wilsden | 9.30 am | Holy Communion |
| Wilsden | 11.00 am | Cafe Church |
| Harden | 11.15 am | Holy Communion |
| Harden | 1.30 pm | Baptism of Esther Fleur Hammond Harvey |

This week's diary

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| Mon | 7.00 pm | Lent Course at St. John's, Cullingworth |
| Tues | 10.15 am | Lent Course at 2 Birchlands Grove, Wilsden |
| Wed | 10.45 am | Home Communion at Laurel Bank |
| Wed | 2.30 pm | Prayer and Cake at St. Saviour's |
| Wed | 3.00 pm | Roots After School Club at St. Saviour's |
| Wed | 7.30 pm | Lent Group at Harden Congregational Church |
| Fri | 10.30 am | Lent Group at 64 Long Lane, Harden |
| Fri | 2.00 pm | Women's World Day of Prayer at Denholme |
| Sat | 10.00 am | Fair Trade Big Brew Coffee Morning at St. Matthew's |
| Sat | 1.00 pm | Lego Club at St. Matthew's |

Women's World Day of Prayer 2018 will be celebrated on Friday 2nd March. This year our local service will be at Denholme Shared Church at 2pm. Men and women are both welcome. On this special day those taking part are encouraged to become aware of other countries and cultures, to sympathize with their problems and to pray with and for them. They are further encouraged to recognise their own talents and use them in the service of society. This year the programme has been prepared by the church in Suriname in South America on the theme "All God's Creation is Very Good".

Fair Trade. Celebrate Fair Trade Fortnight at our special Big Brew Event in St. Matthew's on Saturday 3rd March from 10am till 12 noon. Do come along and bring a friend! **We will set up the stalls from 4pm on the Friday. All offers of help will be welcome.**

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 that we take for granted. Buying products from Traidcraft we can be sure that producers have been paid a fair rate for their skills. This year Traidcraft Exchange is focussing on supporting "hidden entrepreneurs" enabling them to establish small businesses. Every pound raised for this appeal until 11th April will be matched by the UK government.

The Electoral Rolls of the two parishes are currently posted on the inside doors of the respective churches. If you wish your name to be added to the list, please contact Dorothy Senior at St. Matthew's or Gary Dickinson at St. Saviour's.

The Maundy Thursday Meal will be at St. Matthew's at 6.30. If you wish to attend, please sign up on the list at the back of church.

Lent Appeal. This year Easter is not the earliest it can be, but nevertheless Lent does seem to have arrived hard on the heels of Epiphany. The Mission Support group is again asking the parishes to concentrate their giving during Lent on the work of the Church Mission Society. There will be boxes available to use throughout the season as well as our **traditional Lent Lunch at St. Saviour's on March 4th.**

CMS mission partners work in many places, in the UK and overseas, often at the request of local churches. We have undertaken to support the work of Awais Mughal who is working for social justice by helping asylum seekers and refugees in Leeds to improve their language skills. Many of these people have come from horrendous situations and although safer now, are feeling lost in their new surroundings. Please pray for Awais and give generously to enable CMS to continue with this and similar work wherever it is needed.

There is a new letter from Awais on the Mission noticeboard at St. Matthew's. It will be moved to St Saviour's in time for the Lent Lunch.

The Bible in a Day Explore the big story of the bible from Genesis to Revelation with the Revd. Canon John Bavington as part of the diocesan Lay Training. All are welcome at St. John's Church, Saint Street, Great Horton BD7 4AB on Saturday 14th April from 9.30- 3.45. Book by phone on 01133530281 or email carol.stenner@leeds.anglican.org
Drinks provided but bring your own lunch.

Dates for your diary

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| Sun 4 Mar | 12.15 pm | Lent Lunch at St. Saviour's in support of CMS |
| Sun 4 Mar | 6.45 pm | Curry night (names to Helen by 25/2) |
| Thur 15 Mar | 7.45 pm | St. Saviour's PCC meeting |
| Sat 17 Mar | 10.00 am | St. Saviour's Coffee Morning |
| Thur 22 Mar | 7.00 pm | St. Matthew's PCC meeting |
| Fri 20 Apr | 7.00 pm | Commonwealth Games Quiz night at St. John's |
| Sat 21 Apr | 10.00 am | St. Saviour's Coffee Morning |

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: Beatrice Waddington, Alice Griffiths, Edwina Butterfield, Jim Waddington and Shirley Helliwell Jones.

Please pray for Esther Fleur Hammond Harvey, to be baptised at St. Saviour's on Sunday 4th March 2018 and for Abigail Amelia Turley, to be baptised at St. Saviour's on Sunday 25th March 2018 and for their parents, families and godparents.

Prayers for the week beginning Sunday 25th 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.

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| Sun | 25-Feb | Pray for those who live near you and those you will meet through work or leisure activities during the coming week. |
| Mon | 26-Feb | Pray for the communities of Ryecroft and Hallas Bridge. |
| Tue | 27-Feb | Give thanks for the life of George Herbert, priest and poet, whose words continue to inspire. 'Teach me, my God and King, in all things thee to see.' |
| Wed | 28-Feb | Pray for single parent families in our villages. |
| Thu | 01-Mar | Pray for those from our communities or otherwise known to you who are in hospital at this time. |
| Fri | 02-Mar | Join worshippers everywhere for Women's World Day of Prayer with the theme 'All God's Creation is Very Good.' |
| Sat | 03-Mar | Pray for growth in the fair trade movement and for fair dealings with workers at all levels of food production at home and abroad. |

Please give contributions for the next newsletter to Pauline - Tel: 01535 273814

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