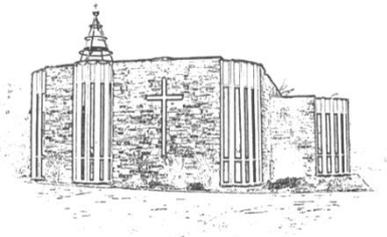


Parishes of Harden and Wilsden



Newsletter for 20 May 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 20 May		Pentecost		
Wilsden	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Acts 2:1-21	John 15:26-27, John 16:4b-15
Wilsden	11.00 am	Cafe Church		
Harden	11.15 am	Holy Communion	Acts 2:1-21	John 15:26-27, John 16:4b-15
St John's Cullingworth	6.00 pm	Churches Together Service for Pentecost Do come along to join with friends from other churches		

Next Sunday's Services Trinity		
Wilsden	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Wilsden	11.00 am	Café Church with Holy Communion
Harden	11.15 am	Morning Worship
Harden	2.30 pm	Wedding

Please note: There will be NO evening service on 27th May.

This week's diary

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
Fri	2.00-4.00pm	Craft and Chat at St. Matthew's
Sat	10.00 am	Coffee Morning at St. Saviour's

Christian Aid Week. Thank you to everyone who helped deliver the envelopes in our villages. Let us hope there is a generous response.

Home Groups Would you like to join a home group? We are trying to set up some new ones throughout the Benefice/Churches Together. If you are interested (even if you wish to start in September) please email Helen Ludkin on pahardenwilsden@gmail.com with your preferred days and time of day.

St. Saviour's May Coffee Morning. PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE!

This will now be held on Saturday 26th May, thus avoiding a clash with a royal wedding! Please make a note in your diary! Donations of jars and bottles (jam, sauce, squash, vinegar etc.) would be welcome! Thanks to everyone for their support!

Intercessors for Harden and Wilsden The intercessions teams would welcome new members to help with this crucial role in the life of our church. If you feel that you could join them in offering prayers in our services, please talk to the church wardens or to Liz Moy. Training would be offered to potential volunteers who would be gently eased into their new role. Do please think about this.

Church flowers in St. Matthew's and St. Saviour's. The list is available at the back of church for you to offer to give flowers to celebrate a special occasion or to remember loved ones. The flower team would very much welcome offers of help to arrange the flowers. Please speak to Jean Crerar or Liz Hartley at Harden or Margaret Harrison at Wilsden if you are able to help.

Dates for your diary

Sunday 3 June	Curry Night. Names to Helen by 27 th May
Wed 27 June	Men's Group meeting

St. Matthew's Family Room: to discuss booking the Family Room please ring 07788848830

Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme

A polite reminder about how **non-taxpayers** can use the GASDS to augment their church giving.

How much we give to the church and the way in which we give is entirely a personal matter for each and every one of us.

However, for those people who don't pay tax, the following points may be useful:-

- The GASDS allows the church to claim back from the taxman an extra 25pence for every £1 given.
- The Gift Aid Secretary can only do this for cash gifts of £20 or less made during a church service.
- For cash gifts of £20 or less in an envelope – the extra money can be claimed.
- If more than £20 is put into an envelope and placed on the collection plate, the extra money cannot be claimed back. It is clearly a single gift of more than £20.
- If that same cash gift of more than £20 is placed on the collection plate – NOT in an envelope – the extra money can be claimed. The GA Secretary does not know that the money is a single gift, and is entitled to assume it is several gifts of less than £20.
- It therefore follows that it is financially better for the church if a non-taxpaying envelope giver wants to donate say, £30 (perhaps because they have been away and want to “catch up” their weekly gifts), it is better if the cash is placed directly onto the collection plate, not in an envelope.
- For cheque and standing order donations – the extra money cannot be claimed back. It is better to place cash on the plate, or in an envelope if £20 or less.

All of the above only applies to non-taxpayers.

People who do pay tax are urged to sign a Gift Aid Declaration that enables the GA Secretary to claim back 25 pence for every £1, no matter how the gift is made or whatever the amount of the gift.

Please talk to Michael Richardson if you need further information or guidance.

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 no longer able to join us at our services:
Beatrice Waddington, Alice Griffiths, Edwina Butterfield and Shirley Helliwell Jones.

Pray for Bob and Suzanne

Please continue to pray for **John Hansen** who is comfortable in Cottingley Hall and still enjoying conversation and local news. He is deeply touched by the many visitors and messages of support.

Also please continue to pray for **Chris Mitchell**.

Prayers for the week beginning Sunday 20th May

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	20-May	Give thanks for the gift of the Holy Spirit and pray that we may grow towards the courage and inspiration of those who first experienced the wind and fire.
Mon	21-May	Following on from our joint worship yesterday, pray for the work of churches of all denominations throughout our benefice.
Tue	22-May	Pray for Revd. Christine and all at Trinity Church.
Wed	23-May	Pray for Robert Waddington and all at Harden Congregational Church.
Thu	24-May	John and Charles Wesley are remembered today. Give thanks for all they have contributed to Christian teaching and worship.
Fri	25-May	Pray for our Roman Catholic friends living in Harden and Wilsden and worshipping at Cottingley or Bingley.
Sat	26-May	Augustine, first Archbishop of Canterbury, is commemorated today. Give thanks for his life and pray for Archbishop Justin as he leads and guides the Anglican Communion.

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

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