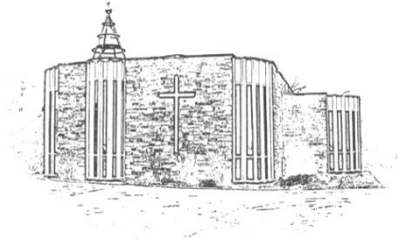


Parishes of Harden and Wilsden



Newsletter for 15th January

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 15 January		2nd of Epiphany		
Wilsden	9.30 am	Pick ‘n’ Mix	New beginnings	
Harden	11.15 am	Pick ‘n’ Mix		
Wilsden	6.30 pm	Evening prayer	1 Corinthians 1:1-9	John 1:29-42

Next Sunday’s Services –3rd of Epiphany

Wilsden	9.30 am	Morning Worship - Homeless Sunday – Speaker Awais Mughal
Wilsden	11.00 am	Cafe Church & Holy Communion
Harden	11.15 am	Morning Worship - Homeless Sunday – Speaker Awais Mughal
Harden	2.00 pm	Baptism of Nell Eugenie Quinlan
Wilsden	6.30 pm	Holy Communion

This week’s diary

Weds	10.00 am	Holy Communion at St. Matthew’s
Weds	6.45 pm	Alpha Course at St. Matthew’s
Thurs	7.00 pm	St. Saviour’s PCC

Please note that there is NO coffee morning at St Saviour's on 21st January. The next one is on February 18th.

Visiting speaker next week The 22nd January is Homeless Sunday. Please try to come next week to hear our visiting speaker Awais Mughal. Although she works for CMS, which does most of its work abroad, Awais is involved in working with Asylum Seekers through an ecumenical project called 'Beacon,' which is based in Bradford. We often feel quite helpless as to how we can help but through our giving to CMS we are already involved in a small way. I am hoping that Awais may give us an insight into the work of the project, hopefully with stories about real people, and that she may inspire us into deeper generosity. Do bring your questions. *Bob*

A Prayer for Homeless Sunday

Loving God, in your house there is room for everyone.

Help us as we strive for a world where everyone has a home that truly meets their needs.

Give us the grace to welcome strangers and refugees.

Give us the insight to see where inequality hurts.

Fill us with courage to do our part.

Save us from being overwhelmed by the scale of the housing crisis, and show us, O Lord, where to begin.

Alpha. 28 people turned up for Alpha last Wednesday and enjoyed the launch session, an introduction to what lies ahead. We have a great catering team of about 17 people in teams of four who cook, serve and wash up each week. The numbers involved make this a massive task for the caterers – please pray for them, but also please consider if you can help by offering another pair of hands at around 7.30/7.45 to clear away and wash-up. This is especially necessary as many of our caterers are also doing the course, so we often have just two people left in the kitchen with lots to do.

St. Saviour's Celebration Service and Faith Lunch

Please prioritise the 11.15 service at St. Saviour's on the **29th January**. We offer our new Plan for Growth to God as we worship. We shall also be launching the new Pastoral Care Scheme and commissioning various people as carers or co-ordinators. Bob will be speaking about our vision and priorities, where we are at and where we are going, and we shall be sharing lunch afterwards. Please will you bring savoury food to share in a cold knife and fork buffet, maybe 6-8 portions of one item – if you sign up on the list in the Family Room we can see that we bring some variety between us. *Bob*

Children's Society house boxes are due for collection now please return them:

St. Matthew's to Margaret Robertshaw or a Church Warden

St. Saviour's to Lorna Pickersgill or a Church Warden

100 Club December winners

£25 - 46 - Steven Thompson

£10 - 95 - Liz Moy.

St. Saviour's flowers this week have been donated by Michael Richardson in memory of Jean.

Inspiring Faith is an event being held this month featuring our Sudan Link. It is intended to present challenging news from Sudan of active Church life, with a special focus on women's work.

Speakers will include some of the people who went to Sudan from our Diocese in October (the Revd Anne Russell, Ingleborough, the Revd Joanne Hustwick, Holmewood, and Mary Brooks, Burley in Wharfedale) but also a key-note speaker Johanna Fadipe, an MU International Programme Manager who was in Sudan last August. There are three venues:

Tuesday 17th January, 2:30 at Pudsey Parish Church, Church Lane, Pudsey LS28 8BE

Tuesday 17th January, 7:00 at St Mark's, Greenhead Road, Utley, Keighley BD20 6ED

Wednesday 18th January, 10:30 at St Mark's, Leeds Road, Harrogate HG2 8AY

Launch of a Men's Group A Christian Men's Group for the Benefice of Harden, Wilsden, Denholme and Cullingworth is being formed. The first meeting will be on Tuesday January 24th and will be held at the George Hotel, Cullingworth at 7.30 pm. The front room has been booked for a meal and a talk from the landlord Chris about his beers and the Old Spot Brewery. This will also give us the opportunity to meet over a meal and talk about how we all wish to progress. For catering purposes we will need to give numbers to Chris and Jo by the 17th January. Please will you let me know if you wish to attend. Robert Smith. robertandjasmin@btinternet.com 01535 273068

Changes to Web sites and emails The old joint parish web site at www.hardenwilsden.org.uk will close in the next few weeks.

Bob's email: vicar@hardenwilsden.org.uk will also become redundant.

The new ones are as follows:

St. Matthew's: www.stmatthewswilsden.org.uk is now live.

St. Saviour's: www.stsavioursharden.org.uk is also live.

Emails: vicar@stmatthewswilsden.org.uk and vicar@stsavioursharden.org.uk go to Bob. admin@stmatthewswilsden.org.uk and admin@stsavioursharden.org.uk go to Helen

Dates for your Diary

Tues 24 Jan	7.30 pm	Men's Group at the George
Sun 29 Jan	11.15 am	Celebration Service and Faith Lunch at St. Saviour's
Sat 18 Feb	10.00 am	Coffee Morning at St Saviour's
Wed 1 March	7.30 pm	Ash Wednesday Holy Communion at St. Saviour'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, Jackie Lancaster and Ben Winter and his family.

Please pray for those to be baptised:

Nell Eugenie Quinlan at St. Saviour's on Sunday 22nd January
 Tommy Michael Wright at St. Matthew's on Sunday 5th February
 Indiya Sophia Wright at St. Matthew's on Sunday 19th February
 Eva Grace Thompson at St. Saviour's on Sunday 26th February
 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 15th January

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 15 th	Pray for our new Deanery of Aire and Worth and for our new Rural Dean Revd Sandra Benham.
Mon 16 th	Pray for our choirs and organists.
Tues 17 th	Pray for our link with the church in Sudan, particularly for the work of the Mothers' Union and for the empowerment of women in the Sudanese church and society.
Wed 18 th	Pray for all taking part in the Alpha course this evening.
Thur 19 th	Pray for the luncheon clubs in Harden and Wilsden providing opportunities for older people to meet and enjoy food and company.
Fri 20 th	Pray for Chatterbox and the groups for mothers and young children run by other churches in Harden and Wilsden.
Sat 21 st	Pray for Christian unity, for love and respect towards those with different emphases and practices as we worship the one Lord.

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)

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