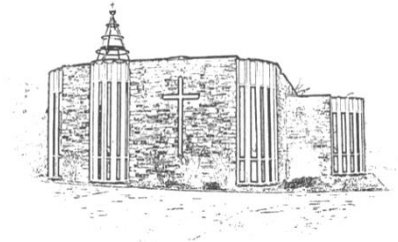


Parishes of Harden and Wilsden



Newsletter for 30th 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!

Please pray for Eleanor May Meakin being baptised at 1.30pm at St. Saviour's today, and for her parents, godparents, family and friends.

Sunday 30 April			3rd Sunday of Easter	
Wilsden	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Acts 2:14a,36-41	Luke 24:13-35
Wilsden	11.00 am	Cafe Church		
Harden	11.15 am	Holy Communion	Acts 2:14a,36-41	Luke 24:13-35
Harden	1.30 pm	Baptism		

Next Sunday's Services

Wilsden	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Wilsden	11.00 am	Cafe Church
Harden	11.15 am	Holy Communion
Wilsden	4.30 pm	Bereavement Service

This week's diary

Wed	10.00 am	Holy Communion at St. Matthew's
Wed	1.30 pm	Well Being Cafe at St. Matthew's
Fri	2.30 pm	Sudan Event at St. Matthew's
Sun	4.30 pm	Bereavement Service at St. Matthew's
Sun	6.45 pm	Curry Night at Cardoman in Bingley

Christian Aid Week 2017 begins on Sunday 14th May. Once again our four churches in Harden and Wilsden will endeavour to deliver an envelope to every household in the two parishes. Each envelope will have a label asking that it be returned to Harden or Wilsden Post Office or to Wilsden Pharmacy.

Bundles of envelopes will be available from next Sunday. Please help to get these out to the community.

Christian Aid Charity Concert. To raise a significant sum for Christian Aid, Churches Together have arranged a Grand Concert by Airedale Male Voice Choir on Saturday 20th May to be held in Trinity Chapel at 7.30pm. Tickets at £6 are available from Sandra Haigh, Helen Ludkin and Helen Keighley. This will be the final concert by the choir under its present conductor and accompanist so tickets are selling fast! Get yours today!

Remembering our loved ones The next Bereavement Service will be on Sunday 7th May at 4.30pm at St. Matthew's. This is a service for those who have been recently bereaved as well as those who lost loved ones some time ago. If you know of someone for whom this service may be helpful, please do take an invitation to them, or better still come to the service with them. Everyone is welcome. As you arrive you will be asked to add names to the list of those being remembered.

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

CMS box If you took a box during Lent could you please return it to church now for emptying.

Astrid Hansen

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 TODAY (Sunday 30th April).**

Helen Ludkin: pahardenwilsden@gmail.com, text or phone 07788 848830.

Dates for your Diary

Thurs 18 May	7.00 pm	PCC at St. Saviour's
Sat 20 May	10.00 am	Coffee Morning at St. Saviour's
Thurs 25 May	7.00 pm	Ascension Day service at the cathedral

St. Saviour's flowers were donated last week by Joan Brown in memory of her husband, Bill. This week's flowers have been donated by Daru Rooke and Stuart Faulkner.

The Diocesan e-news for April 27th is available via a link on the two parish websites.

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

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:
William Oliver Mitchell at St. Saviour's on Sunday 11th June
and for his 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 30th 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 30 th	Pray for all at Cafe Church
Mon 1 st	Pray for our churches to grow and that we have confidence to share our faith
Tues 2 nd	Pray for helpers, children and carers at Chatterbox.
Wed 3 rd	Pray for the guests, carers and helpers at the Well Being cafe today
Thur 4 th	Pray for all at the Wilsden Thursday Group
Fri 5 th	As we have the opportunity to hear first hand news from Sudan today, pray for the church there and particularly for their schools.
Sat 6 th	Pray for those throughout the Diocese of Leeds who maintain links with our overseas partners.

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

Copy Deadline: 12.00h on the **WEDNESDAY** before publication

TEXT reminder service for Pick'n'Mix: Text name to 07789 895949

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