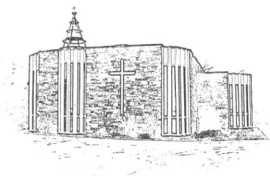


Parishes of Harden and Wilsden



Newsletter for 21 January 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 21 January			3rd of Epiphany	
Wilsden	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Revelation 19:6-10	John 2:1-11
Wilsden	11.00 am	Cafe Church		
Harden	11.15 am	Holy Communion	Revelation 19:6-10	John 2:1-11

Next Week's Services		
Wilsden	9.30 am	Morning Worship
Wilsden	11.00 am	Cafe Church & Holy Communion
Harden	11.15 am	Morning Worship
Wilsden	6.30 pm	Holy Communion

This week's diary

Weds	10.45 am	Home Communion at Laurel Bank
Weds	2.30 pm	Prayer & Cake at St. Saviour's
Weds	3.00 pm	Roots After School Club at St. Saviour's

Children's Society house-boxes are now due for collection. These should be given to Margaret Robertshaw at St. Matthew's, Lorna Pickersgill at St. Saviour's, or a church warden, in the next few weeks. Thank you.

St. Saviour's Coffee Mornings Just a reminder that there is no coffee morning in January. We look forward to a reunion with you all on Saturday 17th February. Spring cleaning time is approaching! Can you help us create a stall of useful cleaning items, ready for our February coffee morning? Soap, dusters, 1001, Cif, scrubbing brushes etc. may be left in the box labelled 'Coffee Morning' in the choir vestry. Many thanks!

Margaret Hodgson

Round Britain Quiz Only two entries got all the questions right. (49 out of 49 - the computer swallowed no.39 before printing them.) It seemed hard to put two into a draw so I took an executive decision to split the prize between Chris Moore and Jane Callaghan. Many thanks to all who entered. It raised £71 to add to the total for St. Matthew's Christmas event.

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Lay Eucharistic Training Course If you would be interested in going on this course at Bradford Cathedral on 10th February, even as a refresher, please contact one of the clergy.

Churches Together Charity Quiz. Thanks to everyone who supported this event presented by Intellectual Rescue. It proved to be an entertaining evening with a very close finish! The proceeds will be sent to MSF in support of their work fighting against diphtheria in the refugee camps in Bangladesh. Ticket sales realised £280. This has been augmented by 25% from CT funds to give a total donation of £350.

Revision of Electoral Roll The current Electoral Roll for St. Matthew's Church will be posted on the inside door of the church from Sunday 21st January, 2018 to Thursday 22nd March, 2018. If you are not currently on the Electoral Roll and wish to be added to it please see me at St. Matthews.

Dorothy P Senior

Maundy Thursday This year it is St. Matthew's turn to provide a meal for the Benefice. If you could help prepare food, set up, serve or clear up please let Jean Bastow know.

Lent 2018 Outline plans have been agreed for Churches Together study groups, running for six weeks, from week beginning 12th February. Sign-up sheets will be available shortly.

Two main options will be available.

1. Denholme Shared Church will be the venue for a JSP (Jesus Shaped People) course on Thursday mornings. This will look at the prayer life of Jesus with a special focus on the Lord's Prayer, closing with a soup and bread-roll lunch. If there is sufficient interest an evening session is also possible. Members of the other churches will be most welcome but advance booking will be essential for catering purposes.

2. The alternative study is *Finding a Voice: a Lent Course based on the film 'The King's Speech'*. This has already been trialled successfully by Rev. Christine Crabtree. The film will be used as a trigger for discussion of what the Bible has to say on many universal issues. Four parallel groups are planned:

Monday evening led by Rev. Suzy at St. John's Cullingworth.

Tuesday morning led by Rev. Christine (venue to be confirmed)

Wednesday evening led by Robert Waddington (venue to be confirmed)

Friday morning led by Helen Keighley at St. Saviour's

Each group will need at least one copy of the DVD of the film.

Do you have one that you could lend? If so please contact Helen Keighley or Sandra Haigh.

St. Saviour's Flower Rota

Dates for 2018 are displayed on the noticeboard at the back of church. Please sign if you are willing to arrange flowers or to make a donation to mark a celebration or to remember a loved one. Donations should be given to Jean Crerer.

Many thanks to all who gave so generously to enhance our church in 2017. Last week's flowers were donated by Michael Richardson in memory of Jean and her sister, Mavis.

Dates for your diary

Sat 3 Feb	1.00 pm	Lego Club at St. Matthew's
Sun 4 Feb	6.45 pm	Curry night (names to Helen by 28 January)
Sat 17 Feb	10.00 am	Coffee Morning at St. Saviour's
Sat 3 Mar	10.00 am	Fair Trade Big Brew Coffee Morning at St. Matthew's

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 her parents, family and godparents.

Please pray for Roy and all the family and friends of Margaret Lancaster who died on Monday 8th January and whose funeral will take place at St Saviour's on 29 January at 11.45 a.m.

Please pray for Stuart and Kath and all the family and friends of Irene Gabbitas who died on Friday 12th January.

Prayers for the week beginning Sunday 21st 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	21-Jan	Pray for our clergy, Suzy, Liz, Mavis, Ian and Paul.
Mon	22-Jan	Pray for Toby our Bishop and Andy our Archdeacon.
Tue	23-Jan	Pray for the Lay Readers of the Benefice, Chris, Malcolm and Gordon.
Wed	24-Jan	Give thanks for those who have nurtured us in our faith and pray that we will be able and willing to help others.
Thu	25-Jan	Pray for older people in the community, particularly if winter weather is causing problems.
Fri	26-Jan	Pray for parish councillors for Harden and Wilsden and give thanks for all their voluntary work for our communities.
Sat	27-Jan	Pray for all in government, local or national, that they will work compassionately and justly in the service of all whom they represent.

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