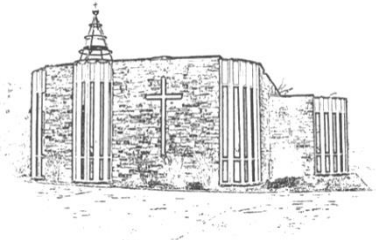


Parishes of Harden and Wilsden



Newsletter for 18 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 18 February		1st Sunday of Lent		
Wilsden	9.30 am	Holy Communion	1 Peter 3:18-end	Mark 1:9-15
Wilsden	11.00 am	Cafe Church		
Harden	11.15 am	Holy Communion	1 Peter 3:18-end	Mark 1:9-15

Next Sunday's Services		
Wilsden	9.30 am	Morning Worship
Wilsden	11.00 am	Cafe Church with Holy Communion
Harden	11.15 am	Morning Worship

This week's diary

Mon	7.00 pm	Lent Course at St. John's, Cullingworth
Tues	10.15 am	Lent Course at 2 Birchlands Grove, Wilsden
Tues	7.00 pm	Prayer Evening at Denholme
Wed	10.00 am	Holy Communion at St. Matthew's
Wed	3.00 pm	Roots After School Club at St Saviour's
Wed	7.30 pm	Men's group meeting at the Ling Bob, Wilsden
Wed	7.30 pm	Lent Group at 40 Stapper Green, Wilsden
Fri	10.30 am	Lent Group at 64 Long Lane, Harden

Denholme Church is organising a prayer evening for the vacancy and all the people involved in its successful promotion. The service is in Denholme on Tuesday 20th February starting at 7pm. Everyone across the Benefice is invited to join us to pray for the ministers who are thinking of applying for the position. To ask our Lord to guide the person we need to come to us and prayers for the Benefice.

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.

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.

Chatterbox St. Saviour's 'mums and toddlers' group has been running for 13 years and has been enjoyed by countless families. It has, until recently, been run on both Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. However, due to a lack of helpers, Wednesday has had to close. Please could you or someone you know help by being on a rota. The main tasks are setting up and making refreshments. If you could help please speak to or ring June Thompson on 01535 273787.

Liz Maitland will be speaking on "Dignity in Dependency," at Bradford Cathedral on Saturday 24th February at 2pm. This is part of a course entitled "End of Life Matters" which helps participants think about and prepare for the years when they may become dependent on others for care, when they may need to help provide care for others, or express their wishes about end of life care and funeral planning. All are welcome.

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.

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.

Dates for your diary

Fri 2 Mar	2.00 pm	Women's World Day of Prayer at Denholme
Sat 3 Mar	10.00 am	Fair Trade Big Brew Coffee Morning at St. Matthew's
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

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".

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 18th 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.

Sun	18 Feb	Pray for our congregations during Lent, for all who have started the various study programmes and all who may feel moved to join them.
Mon	19 Feb	Pray for Revd Suzy and all at the Lent group at St. John's.
Tue	20 Feb	Pray for Revd Christine and all at the Tuesday morning Lent group.
Wed	21 Feb	Pray for Robert and the Lent group in Wilsden and for all at the Benefice men's group also meeting this evening.
Thu	22 Feb	Pray for all at the Jesus Shaped People Lent group in Denholme.
Fri	23 Feb	Pray for Helen and the Lent group at St. Saviour's.
Sat	24 Feb	Pray for those who join in Lent prayers today with Bishop Paul Slater in Leeds Minster.

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