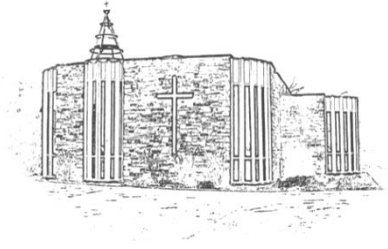


Parishes of Harden and Wilsden



Newsletter for 28 April 2019

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 28 April			Easter 2	
Wilsden	9.30 am	Morning Worship	Acts 15 : 27-32	John 20 :19-end
Wilsden	11.00 am	Café Church with Holy Communion		
Harden	11.15 am	Morning Worship	Acts 15 : 27-32	John 20 :19-end
Harden	12.30 pm	Annual Parochial Church Meeting		
Wilsden	4.00 pm	Bereavement Service		

Next Sunday's services		
Wilsden	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Wilsden	11.00 am	Café Church with Holy Communion
Harden	11.15 am	Holy Communion

There will be a **Thanksgiving for Life service at St. Matthew's** this afternoon at 4pm. This is a quiet service where we give thanks for the lives of those we have loved and who have died as well as prayerfully acknowledging our loss. Please do take an invitation to anyone you know who you feel may find this service helpful.

Diary for the next week

Wed	10.00 am	Holy Communion at St. Matthew's
Wed	3.00 pm	Roots After School Club at St. Saviour's
Fri	2.00 pm - 4.00 pm	Craft and Chat at St. Matthew's

Dates for your diary

Thurs 2 nd May	Churches Together A.G.M. at St. Matthew's at 7.30 pm
Sun 5 th May	Curry night – names to Helen by today please
Sat 18 th May	Coffee Morning at St. Saviours 10.00 am to 12 noon

The Leprosy Mission A big thank you from the Mission Support group to all who supported the coffee morning and sale. We took £126 on the day and this has been boosted by a very generous donation of £100 from the Lego Club which meets in St. Matthew's on the first Saturday of the month. Together with money from the collecting boxes in the two churches this will be sent to the Leprosy Mission in time to take advantage of the Government offer to double money raised by the charity.

Astrid Hansen

CMS Collecting boxes are now due to be returned, if you have one could you please bring it back to church. Thank you.

Astrid Hansen and Lorna Pickersgill

St. Saviour's flowers provided today by Joan Brown in memory of her husband, Bill and of their wedding anniversary.

Village Welcome Packs. Please continue to offer these useful guides to village life to newcomers in your neighbourhood.

Copies are kept in the vicar's vestry in St. Matthew's and in the choir vestry at St. Saviour's.

Fair Trade News. After the re-structure Traidcraft have issued a new Spring catalogue which will be available shortly. It is good to know that after 40 years they have found a way to move forward.

Thanks to everyone who supports our regular monthly stalls. This year Trinity Church have chosen the charity to benefit from our profit and we have sent £300 to MSF (Medecins sans Frontieres).

Alice - With the death of Alice Griffiths at the age of 100, we have lost the last member of the congregation to have worshipped in St. Matthew's at all four of its locations.

Born in 1918, Alice went to the Sunday School in Lane Side and to the original St. Matthew's Church almost opposite. She became a Sunday School teacher and an active member of the church drama group. In 1955, after the church had gone through a particularly unhappy period and the living was suspended, there were no men willing to be churchwarden. Alice and her friend Margaret Hemsley took on the office and saw the church through difficult times as the old building fell into disrepair and the Sunday School was altered for use for services.

The church moved again, to Royd Street and then to the present building and Alice continued to serve faithfully, adapting without complaint to changes in buildings, style of worship, patterns of services and changes of prayer and hymn books.

She was a member of the Mothers' Union for many years and served on the PCC, Churches Together and the Outreach Committee (now Mission Support group). She was our Children's Society representative for 30 years. She offered the hospitality of her cottage for many meetings and Bible study groups. As well as helping at countless events, Alice regularly led intercessions in Sunday worship.

In recognition of this quietly faithful life, Alice was a recipient of the Royal Maundy Money when the Queen came to Bradford Cathedral in 1997.

Although she has not been able to join us in church for the last few years, Alice continued to feel very much a part of us and will be much missed.

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 Beatrice Waddington and all those who are no longer able to join us at our services.

Please pray for all the family and friends of **Alice Griffiths** who died on 5th April and whose funeral service took place on Tuesday 23 April at St. Matthew's.

Please pray for Gordon Nevill and for Bob Evans

Prayers for the week beginning Sunday 28 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	28-Apr	Pray for those who take office at the Annual Meeting at St Saviour's today and for all at the Thanksgiving for Life service this afternoon.
Mon	29-Apr	Pray for the people of Sri Lanka and all who have suffered in the Easter Day attacks and pray for an end to terror and hatred in the world.
Tue	30-Apr	Our CMS partner Awais has recently joined the Pastoral Care committee of Seacroft parish. Join her in prayer that she may be a sign of God's love and comfort to vulnerable people living on the Seacroft council estate.
Wed	01-May	Pray for Christians in Sudan during this unsettled time of change of government
Thu	02-May	Pray for those who run activities based on Wilsden Village Hall, remembering particularly the Thursday Group.
Fri	03-May	Pray for those newly elected as councillors for Bingley Rural Ward.
Sat	04-May	Pray for all serving as parish councillors for Harden and Wilsden.

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

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