

Parishes of Harden and Wilsden



Newsletter for 5 May 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 5 May		Easter 3		
Wilsden	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]	John 21:1-19
Wilsden	11.00 am	Café Church		
Harden	11.15 am	Holy Communion	Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]	John 21:1-19

Next Sunday's services		
Wilsden	9.30 am	Pick 'n' Mix
Harden	11.15 am	Pick 'n' Mix
Wilsden	6.30 pm	Holy Communion

Diary for the next week

Wed	10.45 am	Home Communion at Laurel Bank
Wed	2.30 pm	Prayer and cake at St. Saviour's
Wed	3.00 pm	Roots After School Club at St. Saviour's
Wed	3.30 pm	Messy Church at St. Matthew's
Fri	2.00 pm -4.00pm	Craft and Chat at St. Matthew's including preparation for Pick'n'Mix.

Dates for your diary

Sat 18 th May	Coffee Morning at St. Saviours 10.00 am to 12 noon
Sat 1 st June	Coffee Morning at St. Matthew's supporting the church in Sudan.
Sunday 2 nd June	Curry Night at the Cardamon. Names to Helen by 26 th May.

St. Saviour's flowers provided today by Mollie Wood in memory of her husband, Maurice.

Fountains Church is the name of a new Christian worship centre which will overlook Bradford's City Park. The Church of England initiative, to be created in a former nightspot near the city's famous fountains, was announced earlier this year. Its permanent location will be confirmed this summer, but the newly-christened church will start life at nearby Glyde House next month.

Revd Linda Maslen, who heads the project, explained the choice of name:

"Of course, Fountains Church refers to the wonderful fountains in front of City Hall, but also to "Fountains of Living Water" - one of the ways that God describes himself. And, like water, we want the church to be a blessing to the people of Bradford bringing life, hope and love. Easter also reminds us of our hope found in the resurrected Jesus and how life is springing up around us."

Archdeacon Andy Jolley said, "I'm delighted we can announce the name Fountains Church and we hope and pray it will give spiritual refreshment right in the city centre."

Bishop Toby added, "Fountains Church will have a strong Bradford identity: young, entrepreneurial, ethnically and culturally diverse and confident about holding out a clear religious offer and call in the public space. It will have a mandate from the start to grow and send folk out to plant new churches and revitalise existing congregations around the area."

Fountains Church will have its first prayer meeting at 7pm on Tuesday, May 7 at Glyde House, Little Horton Rd, Bradford and all are welcome.

For more details got to <https://fountainsbradford.org/>

Can you help with Harden After School Club? Suzy needs a supportive adult to assist her every 3rd Wednesday on a rota until the end of this school term.

Christian Aid Week 2019 begins on Sunday 12th May. This year the focus is on providing safer childbirth and care for newborns in the developing world. Please help by delivering envelopes which can then be returned to our local post offices or Wilsden Pharmacy. In Wilsden the task will be shared between Trinity Church and St Matthew's. In Harden, the Congregational Church will coordinate delivery. Please pick up a bundle today!

100 Club - The winning numbers for April were:- £25 – No 36 and £10 – No 93

The Revd Richard Burge, currently serving as Incumbent of Hartshead, Hightown, Roberttown and Scholes in the Huddersfield Episcopal Area, has been appointed as Interim Rector of Harden, Wilsden, Cullingworth and Denholme in the Bradford Episcopal Area. The licensing will take place in September, date to be confirmed. Bishop Toby will officiate.

The next preparing crafts for Pick'n'Mix session will be on Friday 10 May at 2pm within the Chat and Craft session at St. Matthew's. All are welcome. Refreshments will be provided.

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 5 May

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	05-May	Pray for Richard and Heather Burge as they prepare to come to us. Pray for the Hartshead, Roberttown, Hightown and Scholes group of churches and the friends Richard and Heather will be leaving.
Mon	06-May	Pray for the churches of our benefice and that we may support each other in strengthening our faith and enabling our outreach.
Tue	07-May	Pray for the helpers and all who go to Chatterbox.
Wed	08-May	May the words of Julian of Norwich be a source of comfort and strength to us at times of difficulty in our lives. 'All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well.'
Thu	09-May	Pray for those who use social networking sites, that they can enjoy social contact without thoughtless or damaging contributions, and pray for greater responsibility among those who control these sites.
Fri	10-May	Pray for leaders of youth groups in our villages.
Sat	11-May	Pray for your neighbours and those you meet as you go about the villages

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