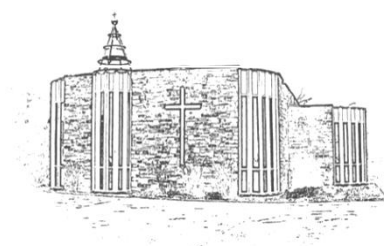
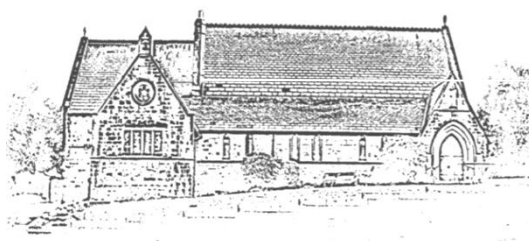


Parishes of Harden and Wilsden



Newsletter for 23rd February 2020

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 23 February			Sunday before lent	
Wilsden	9.30 am	Morning Worship	Exodus 34:29-end	2 Corinthians 4:3-6
Wilsden	11.00 am	Cafe Church & Communion		
Harden	11.15 am	Morning Worship	Exodus 34:29-end	2 Corinthians 4:3-6
Wilsden	6.30 pm	Holy Communion	Exodus 24:12-18 or 2 Peter 1:16-21	Matthew 17:1-9

Wednesday 26 February			Ash Wednesday	
Harden	7.00 pm	Holy Communion	Isaiah 58:1-12 or 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Services Next Sunday		
Wilsden	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Wilsden	11.00 am	Cafe Church
Harden	11.15 am	Holy Communion

Diary for the next week

Wed 26 th	10.45 am	Home Communion at Laurel Bank
Wed 26 th	2.30 pm	Prayer and Cake at St Saviour's
Fri 28 th	2.00 pm	Craft & Chat at St. Matthew's
Sat 29 th	10–12 noon	Fair Trade Coffee Morning at St. Matthew's

Dates for your diary

Sun 1 st Mar	6.45 pm	Curry evening at Cardamon in Bingley – names to Helen please.
Wed 4 th Mar	10.30 am	Open The Book training day at Riddlesden – please speak to Richard if you'd like to go.
Fri 6 th Mar	2.00pm	World Day of Prayer Service at Cullingworth Methodist Church
Sun 15 th Mar	12.15pm	Lent Lunch at St. Saviour's
Sun 19 th April		Annual Parochial Church Meetings

Fair Trade Fortnight 2020 runs from tomorrow 24th February to 7th March. During this period we think of farmers in developing countries and aim to ensure fair prices for their products. As a Fair Trade Church we plan a special Coffee Morning in St. Matthew's on Saturday 29th February, from 10am to 12 noon. A wide range of fairly-traded food items and fancy goods will be available. Do come along and bring your friends. We will set up on the Friday from 4pm. Offers of help welcome!
Sandra H

The Revision of St. Matthew's Electoral Roll is now taking place. Anyone who is not on the current roll and who would like to be, please ask Margaret Harrison for an application form.

The Revision of St. Saviour's Electoral Roll is now taking place. Anyone who is not on the current roll and who would like to be, please obtain a form from the Electoral Roll Officer, Gary Dickinson, or Malcolm Jones.

World Day of Prayer 2020 will be celebrated on Friday 6th March. Our local event will be held in Cullingworth Methodist Church at 2pm. This year the focus is on Zimbabwe. Do come along. All are welcome, men as well as women!

Adam in Africa Thank you to everyone who supported the Love Auction on Valentine's Day, especially to Tony C our auctioneer. It was a very successful evening and raised £250 for World Vision.

Churches Together Lent Groups Sign-up sheets are now available. This year our Lent Groups will run for 5 weeks beginning the first week in March. We will be following a programme called "In His Hands" prepared by Richard. Do come along to join in discussions with members of other churches. A broad selection of times and venues has been offered:

Cullingworth: Mon eve @7.30 at St. John's, led by Richard B.

Wed morn @11am in St. John's, led by Suzy McC.

Thurs eve @7pm at 11 Ainsdale Grove, led by Judy Mason

Denholme: Thurs morn @10am in Shared Church, led by members of the lay team.

Harden: Wed aft @2.30pm in St. Saviour's, led by Richard B. and Liz Moy

Wilsden: Mon aft @2pm at St. Matthew's, led by Richard B.

Thurs morn @10am at 2 Birchlands Grove, led by Christine C.

Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in church.

Mark your first preference with '1' but tick other possible times you could be available so that viable groups can be organised.

St. Saviour's Flower Rota for 2020 - Dates for 2020 are displayed on the noticeboard at the back of church. There are still plenty of slots available if you would like to arrange flowers or to make a donation for flowers to mark a celebration or to remember a loved one.

For data protection reasons if you would like the anniversary or special occasion mentioned in the church newsletter please ensure that you sign the box to give us permission to do so.

Donations should be given to Jean Crerer.

Update on Bob Evans - Surgery in January to remove two tumours has been a success. His next operation to remove two more is 10 March. Following that, his surgeon thinks he might have a run of two years without surgery. We thank God for his goodness, and also for your continued prayers, which are much appreciated.

Bob and Suzanne

Prayers for the week beginning Sunday 23rd 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	23-Feb	Pray for Mothers' Union leaders in Sudan, for their work providing literacy and health education programmes for women.
Mon	24-Feb	Pray for those who travel out of our villages to work, for safe travelling and a satisfactory day.
Tue	25-Feb	Pray for those looking for work, specially if it is hard to find what they are hoping to do.
Wed	26-Feb	On Ash Wednesday pray that our observance of the season of Lent may bring a deeper understanding of the love of God.
Thu	27-Feb	Give thanks for the life of George Herbert, priest and poet, whose words continue to inspire. 'Teach me, my God and King, in all things thee to see.'
Fri	28-Feb	Pray for those whose livelihoods have been affected by the recent floods.
Sat	29-Feb	Pray for increased awareness of the need for fairly traded goods and a more equitable distribution of wealth and profits.

Prayer Chains at St. Matthew's and St. Saviour's.

St. Matthew's: Margaret Harrison 272305. (Reserve is Dorothy 01274 497898)

St. Saviour's: June Thompson 273787. (Reserve is Hazel 274234)

Please pray for: Beatrice Waddington and all those no longer able to join our services
Bob and Suzanne Evans Malcolm and Di Halliday

Please give contributions for the next newsletter to Pauline - Tel: 01535 273814
email: pstern155@gmail.com (and copy to David Haigh: david@haigh.demon.co.uk
and to Helen Ludkin) **Copy Deadline:** 12.00h on the **WEDNESDAY** before publication

Please note we can only mention people, by name, in the newsletter with their consent.

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