

**Parishes of St. Saviour's Harden & St. Matthew's Wilsden
IN THE BENEFICE OF
HARDEN AND WILSDEN, CULLINGWORTH AND DENHOLME
Newsletter for 21 January 2024
The Third Sunday of Epiphany
SERVICES THIS WEEK**

- 9.30am Communion at St Matthew's, Wilsden
- 9.30am Communion at St John's, Cullingworth
- 10.30am Sunday Service at Denholme Shared Church
- 11.00am Café Church at St Matthew's, Wilsden
- 11.15am Communion at St Saviour's, Harden

Midweek Services on Wednesday

- 10.00am BCP Eucharist at Cullingworth
- 2.30pm Prayer and Cake at Harden

Warm Spaces

Our Warm Spaces are now all running!

Monday at Wilsden: 12noon to 2pm

Tuesday at Harden: 12noon to 2pm

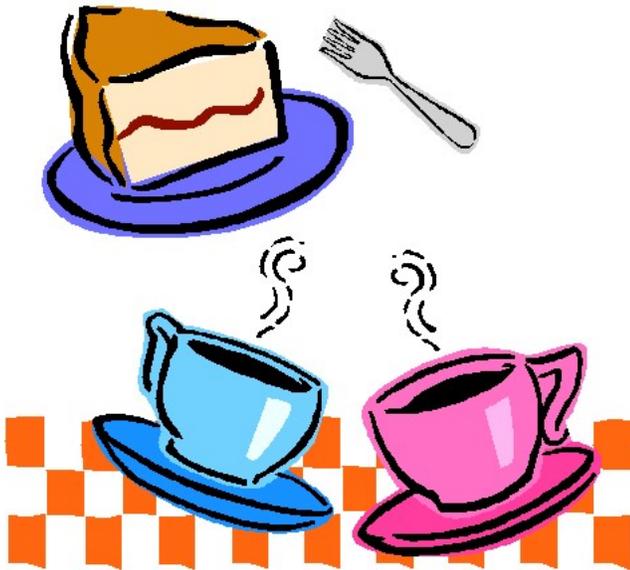
Wednesday at Cullingworth: 12noon to 2pm

Sunday at Denholme: 4pm to 7pm

We continue to welcome many people to each of our Warm Spaces. It is great to share food and fellowship together.

Why not join us this week!





The Benefice Well Being Café

Tuesday 23 January

from 2pm to 3.30pm

at St Matthew's, Wilsden.

All are welcome to come along for chat and games and cake!

This gathering is ideal for carers and for those with memory issues, for people who need a boost in these darker days and for those who wish to come and enjoy some company.



Come and Sing!

2pm on Sunday 18 February

St Matthew's, Wilsden

Come and have a sing!

A joyful afternoon with songs on the theme of "Love"



Penultimate Session this week!

Discussion Groups led by John Chuter

"I am the Way, the Truth and the Life"

These words spoken by Jesus some 2000 years ago still retain their power and immediacy for Christians today. But what do they mean for Christians in the 21st Century and how should we respond to them?

Following the three sessions in the autumn we have resumed with our pre Lent gatherings. Don't worry if you didn't make the ones before Christmas or the one last week, everyone will be very welcome.

We will be discussing Jesus' words drawing on scripture, contemporary sources and our own ideas and experience.

We meet on 25 January and 8 February at 7.30pm in the St John's Room, Cullingworth.

Harden Lunch Club

Come along to St Saviour's Social Room on Thursday lunchtimes at 12 noon for a wonderful two course lunch followed by tea or coffee. Meet people and enjoy food and conversation for just £4. It's an offer not to be missed!



It has been a great blessing to meet the guys who stayed with us. In a cold week they have enjoyed the hospitality in Wilsden as our guests.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered and helped in any way to make the shelter run. And a big thank you to the Co-ordinators and to Steve who has worked so hard to oversee the shelter this year. Thank you.

Please continue to pray for all those who are without a roof over their heads, especially in the cold weather, and pray too for those who seek to bring them help and support.

How about being a Chaplaincy Volunteer at Airedale Hospital?

You would be visiting people on the wards and supporting them in their faith or providing pastoral care. Training and support would be provided. You would be joining a multi-faith team where we all work together. Ideally you would need to be able to offer minimum of 2 hours per week and would need to be fairly physically fit. To find out more, email elizabeth.maitland@nhs.net or phone 01535 294088

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

This week we are called to pray for Christian unity in our communities, our nation and around the world.

It was wonderful to join with Trinity Church in Wilsden last weekend for their Covenant service while we hosted Inn Churches at St Matthew's. We are looking forward to hosting Trinity at St Matthew's one Sunday in the summer.

We had hoped to share together in a Bingley Rural Churches together service on Tuesday 23 January, but this has been postponed.

WILSDEN PCC MEETS ON WEDNESDAY: 7pm at St Matthew's, Wilsden

Donations to our local churches

Donations or regular giving may be done by sending your gift to:

Account name	Sort Code	Account No
St Saviour's Church Harden PCC	05-02-42	32488873
Parish of St Matthews, Wilsden	40-23-05	42128918

Please leave your name so we can send you a "thank you"

PRAYER REQUESTS TO: say14me@hotmail.com

Please keep praying for the people of Sudan, for those in Ukraine and for peace and justice for the people of Israel and Palestine.

Prayers for the week beginning Sunday 21 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.

Sunday 21 January	Pray for homeless people and those among us we may not realise are struggling to keep warm in this bitter weather.
Monday 22 January	Pray for those who have taken over the provision of Inn Churches support this week.
Tuesday 23 January	During this week of prayer for Christian unity, pray for the work of Churches Together throughout Harden, Wilsden, Cullingworth and Denholme.
Wednesday 24 January	Pray for the people of Sudan where this almost un-reported war continues to bring so much hardship. Pray for the small Christian Church there, for whom our prayers are an important sign that they are not forgotten.
Thursday 25 January	Pray for all caught up in the suffering in Israel and Gaza.
Friday 26 January	Pray for the victims of war in Ukraine, remembering those who have found refuge in and around Bradford but still have families in the war zones.
Saturday 27 January	Pray for Chaplaincy work in our local hospitals and that there may be more volunteers to help with this work at Airedale.

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Liz: Monday, Thursday & Saturday

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