

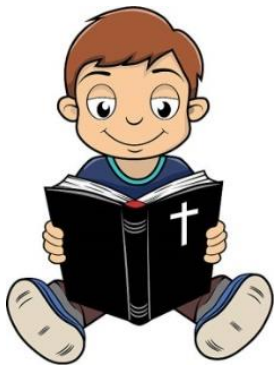
**Parishes of St. Saviour's Harden & St. Matthew's Wilsden
IN THE BENEFICE OF
HARDEN AND WILSDEN, CULLINGWORTH AND DENHOLME
Newsletter for 11 August 2024
Eleventh Sunday of Trinity
Today's Services**

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

Midweek Services on Wednesday

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

Bible Book Group



The Bible book group met on Tuesday evening for an excellent discussion inspired by the books of Ecclesiastes and Song of Songs. There will be one more Bible Book Group this summer, meeting on Wednesday 11 September, 7pm at Denholme Shared Church. The subject for this meeting will be the books of Ruth and Esther, two significant stories of two very different Old Testament Women.

You can hear Richard read their stories: Ruth will begin this Monday until Thursday, then Esther will begin the following week. You can see them on our [Benefice Facebook Page](#) and our [YouTube Channel](#) from 10am. You can also find an overview of the Books at [The Bible Project](#) .



Please keep praying for Sudan: Update

Over 11 million people have been displaced from their homes as the war continues in Sudan. Famine has been declared in some parts of the Northern Region of the country with aid agencies warning that nearly 26 million people now face acute hunger. Please pray for those trying to bring aid to those in need, especially in the face of great danger.

Food Bank Donations

Thank you to everyone who contributes to the boxes gathering food for our local food bank at Bingley. Sadly there is still much demand for the support of the food banks in our communities and we take help to several families in our villages. You might be surprised at just where help is requested! For some, the need for food is because of low income, but for others it is as a result rather of rising costs meaning that their income no longer meets their necessary expenditure. For all those who are struggling with their finances there is great mental stress so please pray for all those in need in our area.

We are an agency that can give out vouchers to people to take to the food bank to exchange for food parcels, but we tend rather to collect the food and bring it to those in need, saving the cost of travel to and from Bingley.

If you know of anyone in need please encourage them to get in touch with us. And if you are able, please keep donating through our church food bank boxes. There is always a need for tinned and dried food, toiletries etc, animal foods, cereals. And a tip to pass on is that it is better to buy several cheap items rather than an expensive one! Thank you for all your support.

Chat & Craft Group

Each Friday afternoon from 2pm to 4pm there is a wonderful atmosphere in the church hall at St Matthew's, Wilsden when people bring their knitting, colouring, scrapbooking or just themselves for the craft and chat group. There is cake, tea and coffee to make a joyful afternoon. Come along and join in!



Please save your stamps!

We hope that we have found a charity which is able to turn used stamps into funds for their good works. More news will follow when we are able to confirm this, but please start saving your used stamps!

Benefice Men's Group

The Benefice Men's Group is meeting this week on **Wednesday 14 August** for an evening of bowls followed by a curry. Meeting at St Matthew's at 6.00pm. If you are interested in going please let Robert know and he will let you have further information: louiseandrobort22@gmail.com

Welcome Space Coffee

What a great gathering we enjoyed last week for Tuesday morning coffee. Freshly made scones and good conversations brightened everyone's morning. Come along this Tuesday and enjoy the welcome space.

Tuesdays 11.15am - 12.15pm

St Saviour's Church Hall

It's Free!

Summer Break for our Daily Prayers on Facebook

There will be no Morning, Evening and Night Prayer on Facebook until September as we take a short summer break. Thank you to the wonderful group of people who lead the prayers online. We are still getting a good following as people join each weekday. Some watch live and others enjoy the recordings when it suits their daily routine. We are aware that we help some people to doze off at night as they listen to our night prayer! If you would like to have a go at leading our prayers online, please speak to Richard. Morning Prayer at 8am, Evening Prayer at 5pm and Night Prayer at 9pm will resume on Monday 2 September.

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 continue to pray for the situation in the Holy Land and in Ukraine. Pray too for peace in our own country, for care and respect for all people.

Prayers for the week beginning Sunday 11 August

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 11 August	Pray for an end to violence and hatred in the streets of our towns and cities.
Monday 12 August	Pray for emergency service workers often working in difficult and dangerous situations.
Tuesday 13 August	Octavia Hill died 1912, social reformer and one of the founders of the National Trust. At this summer holiday time give thanks for the work of the NT and pray that we may enjoy our lovely countryside with care and respect for the natural world.
Wednesday 14 August	Pray for the people of Sudan. Pray for the small Christian Church there, for whom our prayers are an important sign that they are not forgotten.
Thursday 15 August	Pray for young people in our communities getting their A level results, as they make choices about their futures.
Friday 16 August	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 17 August	Pray for all those suffering in Israel and Gaza and for calm and wise decisions by leaders with influence throughout the Middle East.

Contributions for the next newsletter to Pauline: 01535 273814 pstern155@gmail.com
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Clergy Days Off: Alison: Thursday, Friday & Saturday
Liz: Monday, Thursday & Saturday

Anna: Saturday
Richard: Saturday