

**Parishes of St. Saviour's Harden & St. Matthew's Wilsden
IN THE BENEFICE OF
HARDEN AND WILSDEN, CULLINGWORTH AND DENHOLME
Newsletter for 11 February 2024
The Sunday before Lent
SERVICES THIS WEEK**

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



Wednesday 14 February-Ash Wednesday

10am St Matthew's, Wilsden - Communion and Ashing Service
10am St John's, Cullingworth - Communion and Ashing Service
2.30pm Prayer and Cake at Harden
7.30pm St Saviour's, Harden - Communion and Ashing Service



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!



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"



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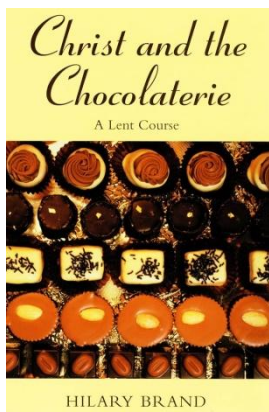
The final session of John Chuter's discussion group "I am the Way" is running this Thursday 15 February at St John's at 7.30pm having been postponed last week due to snow. All welcome!

Lent is fast approaching!!

Psalms through Lent & Easter

There are 150 Psalms in the Bible and there are 86 days between Ash Wednesday and Pentecost Sunday. Starting on Ash Wednesday, 14 February Richard will read the Psalms, one or two each day. The last Psalm, 150 will be on 19 May, Pentecost Sunday. You can watch on our Benefice YouTube Channel or on our Benefice Facebook Page. You can access them easily through our webpages: www.stmatthewswilsden.org and www.stsavioursharden.org

Lent Courses



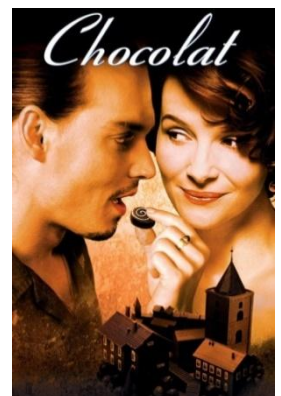
The Lent course runs for five weeks:

Tuesdays: 7pm at St Saviour's, Harden in the Church Hall from Tuesday 20 Feb

Thursdays: 10.30am at St Matthew's, Wilsden from Thursday 22 February

We are going to be looking at the themes of Lent and Easter through the film "Chocolat" and using the Lent course,

"Christ and the Chocolaterie"



by Hilary Brand. If you haven't seen the film, or would like a refresher then we will be screening it at St Matthew's, Wilsden at 2pm on Monday 12 February. Come for Soup at the noon Warm Space, then stay on for Chocolat for afters!!

Funeral of Jean Baudouin

We are sad to announce the news of Jean Baudouin's death last week. Jean was especially known to the St Saviour's congregation, but will be well known to others too through village activities including the WI. A service will be held for Jean at Oakworth Crematorium on Friday 23 February at 1pm.

CHAT & CRAFT

Do come along and join the chat & craft group at St Matthew's, Wilsden on Friday afternoons from 2pm to 4pm. Bring along some craft or just come along to chat!

A Couple of updates!



It has been wonderful to run the Warm Spaces again this winter. We were very grateful for the grant funding which have received to enable us to host people for soup and warm bread rolls, drinks and cakes each week. Across the Benefice we have served over 500 people in our Warm Spaces.

Each gathering has been great fun and we have seen people of all ages gathering at our tables. There is always good conversation and warm community. And it has been wonderful too to welcome our community wardens regularly too.

News too of our Messy Church congregations!

When we returned at Wilsden following the pandemic lockdowns we were seeing only a few people coming to our Messy Church gatherings at St Matthew's. With lots of prayer and patience we are now enjoying some busy gatherings when we meet on the second Wednesday of the month. This week we had 16 children and 18 adults as we thought about "Love".



At the same time we have found a great time to meet at Cullingworth on the Second Sunday in the afternoon. This time has proved very popular and last time we met with 25 children and 25 adults!

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 and for the situation in The Gulf.

Prayers for the week beginning Sunday 11 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.

Sunday 11 February	Pray for wisdom for those who must decide on responses to dangerous situations throughout the world.
Monday 12 February	Pray for all who come to see the film Chocolat today, that we may find themes in the story that will be helpful in our Lent reflections, whether or not we are able to come to the Lent courses.
Tuesday 13 February	Pray for all who organise, cook and serve at the lunch club at Wilsden village hall.
Wednesday 14 February	Pray for all at Ash Wednesday services throughout the Benefice and for those who mark the start of the season wherever they are.
Thursday 15 February	Pray for the people who cook and serve at the lunch club at St Saviour's and that more people may hear about it and benefit from good food and company.
Friday 16 February	Pray for residents and staff at Laurel Bank and other residential and care homes in the area.
Saturday 17 February	Pray for people in our villages who are in particular need of love and support at this time as they cope with loss or loneliness.

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