



**Parishes of St. Saviour's Harden & St. Matthew's Wilsden  
IN THE BENEFICE OF  
HARDEN AND WILSDEN, CULLINGWORTH AND DENHOLME  
Newsletter for 11 May 2025**

**The Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**Today's Services**

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| 9.30am  | All Age Service at St Matthew's, Wilsden               |
|         | <b>Followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting</b> |
| 9.30am  | Communion at St John's, Cullingworth                   |
| 10.30am | Sunday Service at Denholme Shared Church               |
| 11.15am | All Age Worship at St Saviour's, Harden                |
| 3.45pm  | Messy Church at St John's, Cullingworth                |



**Midweek Services this Wednesday**

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

**Anna's Licensing**

Anna is to be licensed in her new post in Honley with Brockholes next Sunday, 18 May at 3pm. Please hold her in your prayers as she prepares for her new role. If you are travelling and have spaces or would like to get there but do not have transport, please let Richard know and we will try to match people up! The Licensing is taking place at St Mary's, Honley. HD2 6AH.

# St Matthew's@50

Celebrating St Matthew's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
What a wonderful occasion last Sunday!  
Thank you to everyone who made it special.



St Matthew's Church was full last Sunday afternoon as we celebrated 50 years of gathering in this building. Bishop Toby, Bishop of Bradford, led the celebration with The King represented in the congregation by the Deputy Lieutenant. Among

those gathered we were also overjoyed to welcome the Rev'd Graham Bettridge and his wife Carol, along with several other former clergy. Astrid told the story of how the church was built over the course of thirteen months in 1974/75. The Bishop spoke about Graham's attitude of faith and hope and how the work that the congregation did in faith 50 years ago has blossomed and flourished. In the service we said goodbye to Anna too, before going outside into the Church Garden where the Bishop, the Deputy Lieutenant, Celia, the church warden and Wendy Driver each planted a new shrub. It was a great day!







## Harden Welcome Space

Now that Spring is here, there is a Welcome Space each Tuesday in the Hall at St Saviour's Church in Harden at 11am. This week there will be scones, coffee and tea! Come along to St Saviour's Church Hall and enjoy good fellowship and excellent refreshments. It's all free!

## Safeguarding Training

Domestic Abuse Awareness Training:

Denholme Shared Church

**7pm Tuesday 13 May 2025**

**Foundations Training:**

**St Matthew's Church, Wilsden**

**7pm Tuesday 3 June 2025**



No need to book, just come along and find out what to do about safeguarding

## **Christian Aid Week 2025 starts on Sunday May 11th.**

This year the headline focus is on support for indigenous people in Guatemala whose farms are under threat from climate change and loss of their land to industrial farming practices. In Wilsden the task of distributing envelopes will once again be shared between Trinity and St. Matthew's. Please help if you are able and encourage others to give generously.



**PLANT SALE: SAT 17 MAY: 10.30am to 12noon at Denholme Shared Church**

## Section 11 Meeting

Please pray for our Church Councils this week. On Thursday evening they are meeting with our Area Dean for a meeting to legally start the process to find a new Team Rector.



## Messy Church

3.45pm today at St John's, Cullingworth

3.30pm this Wednesday at St Matthew's, Wilsden

3.30pm Wednesday 21 May 2025 at Denholme Shared Church

## Prayers for the week beginning Sunday 11 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.

Sunday 11 May	Pray for all who have served as officers and PCC members at St Matthews during the past year and all who are elected today.
Monday 12 May	Pray for doctors, nurses and all who work with them in the medical centres serving our villages.
Tuesday 13 May	Pray for the volunteers keeping Wilsden library open.
Wednesday 14 May	Pray for employees and volunteers working to keep post office and banking services available in our villages, benefitting residents and local businesses.
Thursday 15 May	Pray for Margaret and all who help with the car service, and that more drivers will feel able to offer regular or occasional help.
Friday 16 May	Pray for farmers and food growers as they adjust to changing weather patterns.
Saturday 17 May	Pray for the leaders of nations, specially for those whose power can influence the course of events beyond their national borders.

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