



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

**Newsletter for 14 September 2025
Thirteenth Sunday of Trinity**

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 Worship at St Saviour's, Harden
3.45pm	Messy Church at St John's, Cullingworth



Midweek Services on Wednesday 17 September

10.00am Communion at St Matthew's, Wilsden

10.00am BCP Eucharist at Cullingworth

2.30pm Personal Prayer at Harden

3.30pm Messy Church at Denholme



Prayer for the appointment of a new Rector

There is a prayer group who meet to pray about our new Rector. The next meeting will be next Monday 15 September at 7pm on at the Vicarage in Cullingworth. Everyone is welcome to come along.





Together in the Vacancy – a message from Rev'd Alison

As you know, we are now in a time of vacancy. To help ensure that all the different aspects of our church life continue as smoothly as possible, I will be serving full-time across the benefice during this period. This will allow me to offer oversight and support for the many activities, services, and ministries that

are such an important part of our life together.

I know that each of our churches is in the very capable hands of our Churchwardens and PCCs, and I am deeply thankful, as I'm sure you are for their faithful service and leadership.

This is also a time to encourage all-member ministry. We are blessed with many gifts and skills across our congregations, and I would love to see them used in building up the life of our churches. If you have ideas, gifts, or talents you would like to offer during this time, please do get in touch with me.

Please continue to hold our benefice, and the process of appointing a new Team Rector in your prayers.



Messy Church Needs Your Help!

We're busy planning some brilliant crafts for Messy Church and could make good use of your empty cereal boxes. Instead of putting them in the recycling bin, please bring them to church (flattened if possible) and pop them in the collection box by the door. Your cereal box could become part of an amazing Messy Church creation.

We also need ribbons and sparkly fabric strips plus SMALL glass jars or little glass pots that some deserts are sold in and clean empty glass jars (jam jar size or smaller like baby food jars) for lantern making, also

coloured magazine paper (magazines/ supplements/catalogues etc) for collage making and pictures of food (from supermarket adverts etc) for harvest activities.

— thank you for your help - This is much appreciated, we will show you the results!

Cover for newsletter - holidays etc. Would someone either from St Saviours or St Matthews be willing to provide cover for producing and distributing (emailed, posted and delivered by hand) the weekly newsletters when I am not available. You would need to have access to a printer and be familiar with Word. If you are interested please contact Pauline – pstern155@gmail.com

Churches Together Charity Quiz.

Saturday 20th September at Trinity Church at 7pm.

Teams of 4 or 6 people

Light supper of baked potatoes with fillings.

Tickets are available from Brenda Wilkinson at St Saviours
and Margaret Harrison at St Matthews

There is no charge for the tickets but donations are requested on the night for
DEC (Disasters Emergency Committee)



Personal Growth & Leadership Course

Alison and a couple of others will be attending this course to be held at
Fountains Church in Bradford on Saturday mornings from 10.00am to 12.30

**Course Dates: • 20th September • 18th October • 29th November • 10th January
• 7th February • 7th March.**

Personal Growth and Leadership Programme 2025-26

Personal growth and leadership development are very much linked. Over the past seven years, a training team in the Diocese of Leeds have created a space for clergy and lay church teams to explore these areas together out of the rush of church life and parish ministry, to learn, share and put into practice some key principles around growth and leadership, encouraging confidence among lay and clergy teams. So far, over 300 people in the Diocese have done the programme. Personal Growth and Leadership is not just for people who are already leading; it's also about people who have the potential to lead but perhaps lack the confidence.

What Personal Growth and Leadership Looks Like

Personal Growth and Leadership involves six sessions. They each take place on a Saturday. This year there are two venues to choose from: Fountains Church Bradford on Saturday morning; and a Leeds city centre location on Saturday afternoon. Pre-session videos help to set the scene and get participants ready for discussion. The Saturday sessions then explore further the principles of personal growth and leadership outlined in the videos, through bible application, discussion and group work. As a clergy and lay group, you are also meet between sessions to continue sharing and developing further what you are learning. The work is built from John Maxwell's principles and one of our team, Neville Hilton is trained in this work. He works alongside Sharon Bavington and Andy Jolley in delivering the programme.

If you'd like to go or if you'd like further information please contact Alison

Prayers for the week beginning Sunday 14 September

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 14 September	Pray for organisers, carers and children at Messy Church at Cullingworth this afternoon.
Monday 15 September	Pray for all concerned in the search for a new team rector for this benefice.
Tuesday 16 September	Pray for all who are contributing to the ongoing worship and work in our churches.
Wednesday 17 September	Pray for all at Messy Church at Denholme this afternoon.
Thursday 18 September	Pray for the people of Ukraine, remembering those who have found refuge in and around Bradford but still have families in the war zones.
Friday 19 September	Pray for the leaders of nations, for peace and justice at home and for an end to conflict in the many troubled parts of the world.
Saturday 20 September	Pray for a happy and successful Churches Together event at Trinity this evening, supporting the work of the Disasters Emergency Committee.

Contributions for the next newsletter to Pauline: 01535 273814 psstern155@gmail.com

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

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