



**Parishes of St. Saviour's Harden & St. Matthew's Wilsden
IN THE BENEFICE OF
HARDEN AND WILSDEN, CULLINGWORTH AND DENHOLME
Newsletter for 16 February 2025
The Third Sunday before Lent
Today's Services**

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| 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 Eucharist at Wilsden
- 10.00am BCP Eucharist at Cullingworth
- 2.30pm Personal Prayer at Harden

Warm Spaces this Week!

Free Meal and a Warm Welcome!

Monday 12noon at St Matthew's, Wilsden

Tuesday 12noon at St Saviour's, Harden

Wednesday 12noon at St John's, Cullingworth



Please keep praying for peace in Sudan



LUNCH CLUB

12noon on Thursdays at St Saviour's.
£4 for a two course meal
No booking required

'England and the Church'

Three Evenings with John Chuter

We have been enjoying a series of three talks covering early Christianity in England, its growth before and after the Reformation and the role of the Church of England. We have heard two talks so far. The first covered the coming of Christianity to England, the second the time from The Norman Conquest to the Reformation.

The Final talk is this Thursday 20 February at 7.30pm in the St John's Room at Cullingworth Church. The Subject will be:

'The Church of England – from the Reformation to the Present Day'

The talk will be followed by a time for questions and discussion.

Everyone is welcome. Attendance at the previous talks is not essential.



Wilsden Men's Shed

St Matthews Church, Wilsden

Thursday 27 February 10am

The Mobile Police Museum

A 60 minute talk about 120 years of UK Policing
by David Hardcastle.

£3, including Refreshments. All welcome!



Chatterbox Toddler Group

NO CHATTERBOX THIS TUESDAY AS IT IS HALF TERM

Tuesdays in term time we meet at 9am in St Saviour's Church Hall. Come along and enjoy toys and chat, snacks and songs. It is a wonderful gathering and a great place for parents, grandparents or carers to bring toddlers for play and a chance to meet others.



Messy Church

Wednesday 19 February 3.30pm, Denholme Shared Church

If you have any Bradford Council Issues ...

Our Local Councillor is Paul Sullivan. Paul holds regular surgeries and can be contacted by email at: paul.sullivan@bradford.gov.uk

Please pray for all our area and village councillors in their work as they take responsibility for our communities. And pray for our MP, Anna Dixon as she represents us in Parliament and for The Bishop of Leeds in his role in the House of Lords.



Craft & Chat is at St Matthew's

2pm to 4pm on Fridays

Come along to chat while you craft

Excellent refreshments and fellowship.

New craft and chatters always welcome!

LENT 2025

Ash Wednesday this year will be on Wednesday 5 March, beginning our journey towards Holy Week and Easter Day on Sunday 20 April.

During Lent we will be holding our Lent course on Thursday Mornings, 10.30 to 12noon at Denholme Shared Church and Thursday Evenings, 7.00pm to 8.30pm at St John's, Cullingworth.

Our Lent course will follow a resource called:

“Let me go there: The Spirit of Lent”

which is a course written by Paula Gooder.

Copies are available for £8.99.

And over the 96 days from Ash Wednesday to Pentecost Sunday Richard will be reading all four Gospels on our Benefice Facebook Page and YouTube Channel.



Donations to our local churches

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

| Account name | Sort Code | Account No |
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| 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

Prayers for the week beginning Sunday 16 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.

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| Sunday 16 February | Pray for your friends and neighbours and give thanks for the many blessings of the community in which you live. |
| Monday 17 February | Pray for charities that we support as individuals or through our churches. |
| Tuesday 18 February | Pray for the work of the Children's Society supporting vulnerable young people in our region. |
| Wednesday 19 February | Our CMS mission partner Awais asks us to pray for mission partners working in the UK and worldwide, that they bring hope to the lives of those who are pushed to the edges because they are powerless. |
| Thursday 20 February | Pray for the work of the Leprosy Mission bringing healing and hope in some of the world's most difficult situations. |
| Friday 21 February | Pray for the Sudanese people, remember our Christian brothers and sisters among the poorest who have lost so much. |
| Saturday 22 February | Pray for refugees and for those who work to resolve situations that drive people from their homes and countries. |

Contributions for the next newsletter to Pauline: 01535 273814 pstern155@gmail.com

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

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It's all in a name...

A little boy was drawing a picture of Joseph and Mary with the Baby Jesus. His Mum was rather surprised though to see that they, along with their donkey were in an aeroplane. "That's an interesting drawing?" said the mum. "It's the flight to Egypt" explained the little boy. And pointing to the cockpit he said, "and this is Pontius ... he's the pilot."