

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

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 this Wednesday



- 10.00am Eucharist at Wilsden
- 10.00am BCP Eucharist at Cullingworth
- 2.30pm Personal Prayer at Harden
- 3.30pm Messy Church at Denholme

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



**We have been asked to pray each day in Lent
for Peace and Justice in Sudan**



Guest Preacher this Sunday

At St Matthew's, Wilsden and St Saviour's, Harden
The Rev'd Dale Barton

Dale is a leading member of the Diocesan Sudan Link Working Group
And he will be speaking to us about the situation in Sudan.

While we are encouraged to pray throughout Lent for peace and justice in Sudan, Dale's words will encourage us, challenge us and inform our prayers.

LENT 2025

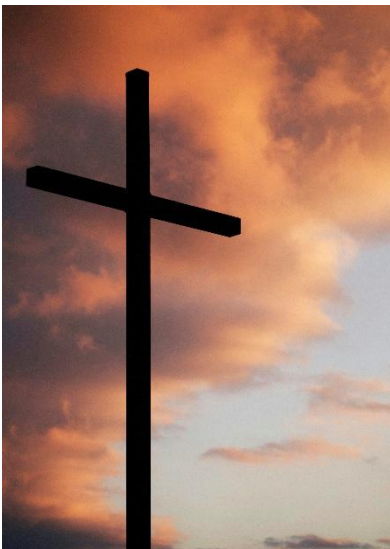
During Lent, we are holding our Lent course on
Thursday Mornings, 10.30 to 12noon at Denholme Shared
Church and Thursday Evenings, 7.00pm to 8.30pm at
St John's, Cullingworth.

Our Lent course will follow a book 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.



Lent Prayer Oasis

Come and find some quiet space to reflect.

Prayer Stations to think about the themes
of Lent and Holy Week

As we make our way through this time of preparation.

St Matthew's, Wilsden

Friday 21 March 2pm to 4pm

Friday 21 March 7pm to 9pm

Saturday 22 March 10am to 2pm

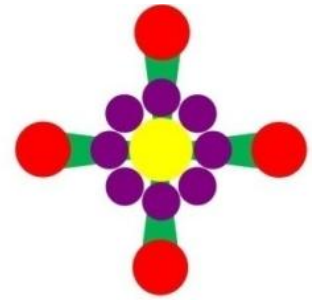
Help Needed!

We are looking for a volunteer to help in the running of the Chatterbox Toddler Group at Harden. The Group runs in Term Time on Tuesday mornings from 9am to 11am. We are looking for someone who is particularly able to get out the toys and games at the beginning and put them away at the end and be a presence in the group when it is on. DBS check will be required.

Safeguarding Training

Safeguarding Foundations Training:
St John's Church, Cullingworth
7pm Tuesday 22 April 2025

Domestic Abuse Awareness Training:
Denholme Shared Church
7pm Tuesday 13 May 2025



Don't feel that you have to wait for these dates if you wish to get some training immediately. We found it very useful to do the courses together, but if you go to: [This link on the Diocesan Website](#) you will find the same courses, which you can do on your own.

St Matthew's New Electoral Roll

Under the Church Representation Rules it is necessary every six years to prepare a completely new Electoral Roll and 2025 is the year for us to do this at St. Matthews.

If you are currently included in St. Matthew's Electoral Roll you will need to complete a new form to be included in the new roll. Margaret Harrison will give you a form to complete and return as soon as possible. Forms will also be available for anyone who would like to join the roll. Further information from Margaret Harrison 01535 272305. Being on the roll allows you to vote at our Annual Meeting which takes place this year on the 11th May.

St Saviour's New Electoral Roll

Under the Church Representation Rules it is necessary every 6 years to prepare a completely new electoral roll and 2025 is a year of preparation of a new roll for St Saviour's.

If you are currently included in St Saviour's Electoral Roll you must complete a new form by 1st April 2025 to be included in the new roll - there is a letter at the back of church for you. Forms are also available for anyone who would like to join the Electoral Roll for the first time. If you require any further information please contact Pauline Stern, St Saviours Electoral Roll Officer.

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Prayers for the week beginning Sunday 16 March

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 16 March	Pray for Bishop Nick and Bishop Toby.
Monday 17 March	Give thanks for those like St Patrick who have found faith during times of hardship and gone on to share that faith wherever they are called to serve.
Tuesday 18 March	Pray for CMS mission partners in Southeast Asia supporting young people by providing vocational training and Christian education. Pray for our CMS partner Awais and her work in Leeds.
Wednesday 19 March	Joseph of Nazareth is remembered today – a reminder to us to pray for all men in our communities who have sole or shared responsibility for the care and nurture of children.
Thursday 20 March	Pray for all at the Benefice Lent groups and for all who are following Lent readings and prayers at home.
Friday 21 March	Pray for Leprosy Mission work in Odisha, India where terrible living conditions and lack of healthcare are leading to the spread of leprosy.
Saturday 22 March	Pray for the work of the Children’s Society, particularly in preventing the abuse of children in the Bradford area.

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

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