

**Parishes of St. Saviour's Harden & St. Matthew's Wilsden
IN THE BENEFICE OF
HARDEN AND WILSDEN, CULLINGWORTH AND DENHOLME
Newsletter for 18 August 2024
Twelfth Sunday of Trinity
Today's Services**

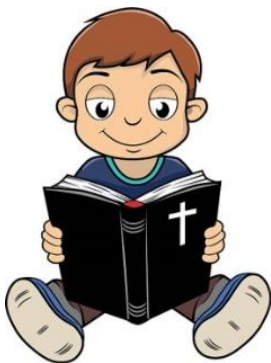
9.30am	Communion at St Matthew's, Wilsden
9.30am	Communion at St John's, Cullingworth
10.30am	Sunday Service at Denholme Shared Church
11.00am	Café Church at St Matthew's, Wilsden
11.15am	Communion at St Saviour's, Harden

Midweek Services on Wednesday

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

Bible Book Group

There will be one more Bible Book Group this summer, meeting on Wednesday 11 September, 7pm at Denholme Shared Church. The subject for this meeting will be the books of Ruth and Esther, two significant stories of two very different Old Testament Women. You can see Richard read them on our [Benefice Facebook Page](#) and our [YouTube Channel](#) from 10am. You can also find an overview of the Books at [The Bible Project](#) .





Please keep praying for Sudan: Update

The United Nations are hosting peace talks in Switzerland in an attempt to broker an agreement which will end the war in Sudan. However, they have not started well, with representatives from the Sudanese army not expected to be present. The UN says that the talks will go ahead without them, but it seems destined for failure if one side is not there. Please continue to pray for all those who are working for peace and pray especially that all sides will invest in the peace process.

Men's Group Meeting



Last Wednesday the Benefice Men's Group met at Wilsden Bowls Club for their August meeting. It was a beautiful sunlit summer evening as members of the Bowls Club welcomed us and initiated us into the art of Crown Green

Bowls. We had a great evening, with each of us having moments of unexpected skill alongside many times watching our bowls disappear into the gutter! Having had lots of exercise and fresh air we headed back to St Matthew's for a takeaway from the Bengal Curry House next door which was a perfect end to a fantastic evening.

Great thanks to Robert and Clive for arranging the event, to the people from the Bowls Club for their welcome and expertise and to the Bengal Curry House for excellent food!



Chat & Craft Group

Each Friday afternoon from 2pm to 4pm there is a wonderful atmosphere in the church hall at St Matthew's, Wilsden when people bring their knitting, colouring, scrapbooking or just themselves for the craft and chat group. There is cake, tea and coffee to make a joyful afternoon. Come along and join in!

Fantasy Competitions Underway

See the first league table as the Benefice Fantasy Football kicks off and make your selections to be part of the Benefice Fantasy Strictly Come Dancing Competition! Both are attached to this newsletter.



Quiet Day



Last Saturday was the Benefice Quiet day and it was a very peaceful time at Denholme Shared Church. We reflected on the voice of God and had the opportunity to explore various activities set out in the church. There was a chance to paint or model clay, to weave baskets and crosses, to use pastels or to colour, to weave bracelets and to enjoy the church eco garden.

After a joyful lunch we shared a simple lunch before heading home refreshed!

Well being Café 27 August

The Well Being Café meets again at St Matthew's in Wilsden on Tuesday 27 August from 2.00pm to 3.30pm. It is a great afternoon for people who would like to share a bit of time with others. It is ideal for those with memory issues and their carers. There is cake, tea and coffee, a chance to chat or to help with the jigsaw!

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
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PRAYER REQUESTS TO: say14me@hotmail.com

Please continue to pray for the situation in the Holy Land and in Ukraine. Pray too for peace in our own country, for care and respect for all people.

Prayers for the week beginning Sunday 18 August

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 18 August	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.
Monday 19 August	Pray for members of our national parliament of all parties, for the wisdom and courage to support what is just and good.
Tuesday 20 August	William & Catherine Booth are remembered today. Pray for the work of the Salvation Army based locally in Keighley, Shipley and Bradford.
Wednesday 21 August	Pray for people helped by our local food banks and for those who donate, organise and deliver supplies.
Thursday 22 August	Pray for those waiting for GCSE results today.
Friday 23 August	Pray for the work of Christians Against Poverty.
Saturday 24 August	Pray for couples preparing for their weddings in the churches of Hewenden Benefice in the coming weeks.

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Clergy Days Off: Alison: Thursday, Friday & Saturday
Liz: Monday, Thursday & Saturday

Anna: Saturday
Richard: Saturday