

**Parishes of St. Saviour's Harden & St. Matthew's Wilsden
IN THE BENEFICE OF
HARDEN AND WILSDEN, CULLINGWORTH AND DENHOLME
Newsletter for 18 February 2024**

**The First Sunday of Lent
SERVICES THIS WEEK**

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



Come and Sing today!

2pm on Sunday 18 February
St Matthew's, Wilsden
Come and have a sing!



A joyful afternoon with songs on the theme of "Love"

Midweek Services on Wednesday

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

Warm Spaces

Our Warm Spaces are now all running!

Monday at Wilsden: 12noon to 2pm

Tuesday at Harden: 12noon to 2pm

Wednesday at Cullingworth: 12noon to 2pm

Sunday at Denholme: 4pm to 7pm

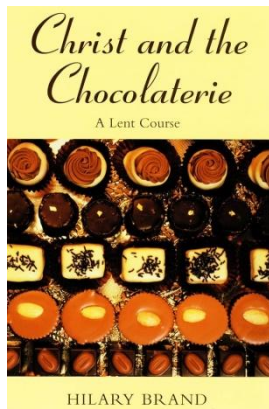


We continue to welcome many people to each of our Warm Spaces. It is great to share food and fellowship together.

Why not join us this week!

Psalms through Lent & Easter

There are 150 Psalms in the Bible and there are 86 days between Ash Wednesday and Pentecost Sunday. Starting on Ash Wednesday, 14 February Richard will read the Psalms, one or two each day. The last Psalm, 150 will be on 19 May, Pentecost Sunday. You can watch on our Benefice YouTube Channel or on our Benefice Facebook Page. You can access them easily through our webpages: www.stmatthewswilsden.org and www.stsavioursharden.org



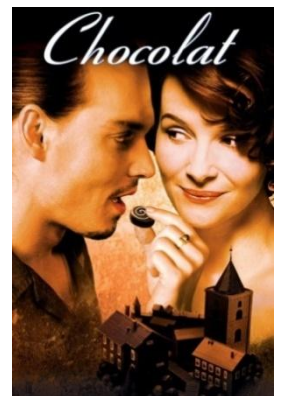
Lent Courses

The Lent course runs for five weeks:

Tuesdays: 7pm at St Saviour's, Harden in the Church Hall from Tuesday 20 Feb

Thursdays: 10.30am at St Matthew's, Wilsden from Thursday 22 February

We are going to be looking at the themes of Lent and Easter through the film "Chocolat"



and using the Lent course, "Christ and the Chocolaterie" by Hilary Brand.

CHAT & CRAFT

Do come along and join the chat & craft group at St Matthew's, Wilsden on Friday afternoons from 2pm to 4pm. Bring along some craft or just come along to chat!

HARDEN LUNCH CLUB

Come along to the Church Hall at St Saviour's on a Thursday lunch time for a wonderful two course meal for just £4. Good friendly conversations and good food. Come along and join in!

Funeral for Jean Baudouin

We are sad to announce the news of Jean Baudouin's death. Jean was especially known to the St Saviour's congregation, but will be well known to others too through village activities including the WI. A service will be held for Jean at Oakworth Crematorium on Friday 23 February at 1pm.

WELL BEING CAFÉ

The next gathering of the Well Being Café will be at St Matthew's in Wilsden on Tuesday 27 February at 2pm until 3.30pm. It is a great place to come along if you are beginning to struggle with memory, if you have dementia or are caring for someone who has, or if you would just like some company on a Tuesday afternoon!

We enjoy drinks and chat, sometimes with games or conversation starters. It's a very friendly afternoon! Come along and join in!

CHATTERBOX TODDLER GROUP

Meets in St Saviour's Church Hall on Tuesday mornings from 9am. Toys and chat, food and songs, finishing at 11am. Come and meet others and enjoy some time together. Perhaps pop for a walk then come back for soup at Warm Spaces starting at 12noon!

Annual Meetings Coming up in April and May

Each year we have an Annual Parochial Church Meeting in each of our churches. It is our annual meeting. This year the dates will be:

St Saviour's, Harden 12noon on Sunday 21 April

St Matthew's, Wilsden 11am on Sunday 28 April

It is on this date that we look back on the past year and we have lots to look back on from 2023! It is an opportunity too to thank the Churchwardens, the PCC members and all those who work so hard to make sure our churches run as they should. If you would like to join the Church Councils or are interested in other ways you can help in our churches then please contact Richard.

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
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

Please keep praying for the people of Sudan, for those in Ukraine and for peace and justice for the people of Israel and Palestine and for the situation in The Gulf.

Prayers for the week beginning Sunday 18 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.

Sunday 18 February	Pray for the work of World Vision and other organisations providing access to education and bringing hope to some of the poorest communities in the world.
Monday 19 February	Pray for our clergy and the contact they have with schools in our parishes.
Tuesday 20 February	Pray for those leading and taking part in the Lent course starting at St Saviour's this evening.
Wednesday 21 February	Pray for compassion in our society and better times for the most needy and vulnerable.
Thursday 22 February	Pray for those leading and taking part in the Lent course starting at St Matthew's this morning.
Friday 23 February	Pray for the people of Israel and Palestine, for all who suffer loss and live in fear. Pray for all who work to find acceptable solutions.
Saturday 24 February	Pray for bishops, priests and people in Sudan, for their safety during this ongoing dangerous time of conflict.

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