

**Parishes of St. Saviour's Harden & St. Matthew's Wilsden
IN THE BENEFICE OF
HARDEN AND WILSDEN, CULLINGWORTH AND DENHOLME
Newsletter for 2 March 2025
The Sunday before 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 on Ash Wednesday

- 10.00am Eucharist at Wilsden
- 10.00am BCP Eucharist at Cullingworth
- 2.30pm Personal Prayer at Harden
- 7.00pm Holy Communion with Ashing 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

Sunday 2 March 4pm at Denholme Shared Church



Please keep praying for peace in Sudan

LENT 2025

It is Ash Wednesday this week and we begin our journey towards Holy Week and Easter Day on Sunday 20 April. We have Ash Wednesday Ashing Services on Wednesday. During Lent, starting on Thursday 13 March, 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 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.



Congratulations to Anna!

The Rev'd Anna Lumb has been appointed as Incumbent of the Benefice of Honley with Brockholes in the Huddersfield Episcopal Area in the Leeds Diocese. We share in Anna's happiness while at the same time feeling sad that we will lose her presence here.



The Bluebird Singers

Concert at St Michaels Church, Cottingley Community Centre

Saturday 15 March 2025 7:30 – 9:00pm,

£10 pp including refreshments & humorous interludes

Tickets are available for purchase from Peter Mann or via Richard or one can just come and 'pay at the door'.

The proceeds from the concert are for Christian Aid



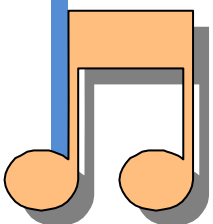
"Sounds In Town" Trinity Church, Wilsden

On Wednesday 5th March from 7pm until 9pm.

An evening with amateur musical performers.

Various items such as singers, musicians etc.

Entry is free but donations welcomed plus coffee and cakes.



Harden & Wilsden 100+ Club

Alison drew the numbers for February's 100 club draw last Sunday.
£25 was won by Pat Allsop with No. 28
£10 was won by Stuart Pickersgill with No. 37



World Day of Prayer

2pm Friday 7 March

Denholme Shared Church

As always this will be a very special service as we join with people across the world to pray together. This year the service comes from The Cook Islands

Diocesan Digital Learning Platform

At the Deanery Synod meeting on Monday we looked at Navigating the Diocesan Digital Learning Platform: what does it offer and how we can access it with Helen Collings; Diocesan Lay training team leader.

There is a wealth of information available for everyone via the platform which can be accessed at <https://learning.leeds.anglican.org>.

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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Fire Extinguisher Training



We have someone coming to St Matthew's Church on Tuesday 4 March at 7pm to give some training on how to use the fire extinguishers. There are a few spaces left on the course. If you would like to be there, please contact Celia Dawson to book a place.

Prayers for the week beginning Sunday 2 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 2 March	Pray for Anna as she begins to prepare for a new stage in her ministry.
Monday 3 March	Pray for all who are suffering in Gaza and all who are working to resolve the situation.
Tuesday 4 March	Pray for wisdom for those who must decide on responses to dangerous situations throughout the world.
Wednesday 5 March	Pray for all who are joining in worship, penitence and prayer in the churches of our benefice or at home.
Thursday 6 March	Pray for lonely or housebound people in our villages and for the volunteers and neighbours who provide help and support.
Friday 7 March	Pray for those recovering from illness, for patience if progress seems slow, and pray for those who care for ill relatives.
Saturday 8 March	As we give thanks for signs of spring and new growth, pray for care for our Earth and responsible use of natural resources.

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