



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



Newsletter for 20 April 2025

**Easter Day
Today's Services**

**5.50 am Sunrise Service and Holy Communion
at Denholme Shared Church
followed by breakfast!**



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

Doves for Peace



SATURDAY 26TH APRIL

**10.00am-3.30pm Dove Making Day
at Denholme Shared Church**

Denholme Shared Church is inviting all churches in the Benefice, together with community groups, to take part in their Doves for Peace project as part of Bradford's year as City of Culture 2025. Come along to be part of something very special! It's a very simple process. All materials will be supplied, with templates.

Contact Robert (07758 193260) or Janice (07807 627234)

St Matthew's@50

Celebrating St Matthew's 50th Anniversary

Sunday 4 May at 4pm

Bishop Toby is coming to Preach.

It will also be Anna's final service with us.

Everyone is welcome to come along for a special service.



CALLING ALL PAST MEMBERS OF ST.MATTHEW'S CHOIR!

Come and sing to help us celebrate St Matthew's 50th birthday

Please let Sue know if you can make it. (01535-273769)

FAITH SUPPER!

There will be a Faith Supper celebration following the service.

Please bring some food to share if you are able. If you are from

Harden and Cullingworth please bring Desserts, If you are from

Wilsden or Denholme, please bring something Savoury.

Although all offerings will be gratefully received ... and enjoyed!

Midweek Services this Wednesday

10.00am BCP Eucharist at Cullingworth

2.30pm Prayer and cake at Harden

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

No need to book, just come along and find out what to do about safeguarding

Anna is on the Radio!



Easter Day, 8pm on Radio 2, you can hear the Bradford Cathedral Choir with the Black Dyke Band. Listen out for Anna singing in the choir!

Anna's Licensing Date

Anna is to be licensed in her new post in Honley with Brockholes on Sunday 18 May at 3pm. Please hold her in your prayers as she prepares for her new role.



Welcome Space Scones

Tuesday Warm Space Soup may have finished at Harden now that Spring is here, but there is now a Welcome Space each Tuesday at 11am with Scones, jam and cream. Come along to St Saviour's Church Hall and enjoy good fellowship and excellent refreshments. It's all free!

Thank you

Our journey through Lent and Holy Week has been a very special time. Thank you to each of our churches for your hospitality and welcome. Thank you for very moving and thoughtful services each evening, for space to think and to reflect. Thank you too to everyone who has decorated our churches for our Easter celebrations. Now comes fifty days of Eastertide Joy to carry us to Pentecost. Follow Richard's continuing Lent, Holy Week & Eastertide journey through the Gospels. Our reading of Luke finishes today. Mark's Gospel begins on Thursday with Matthew to take us to Pentecost on 8 June. Follow on the benefice Facebook Page and on the Benefice YouTube Channel. Search for "HWCDBenefice"

St Matthew's New Electoral Roll - PCC members please note

There will be a very brief meeting of the PCC at St. Matthew's immediately after the morning service next week in order to approve the Electoral Roll in readiness for our Annual Meeting.

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 at 12.15 on Sunday 27 April

St Matthew's, Wilsden on Sunday 11 May

It is on this date that we look back on the past year and we have lots to look back on from 2024! 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.

Prayers for the week beginning Sunday 20 April

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 20 April	The Lord is risen. Alleluia. As we worship together in our village churches or in our homes, pray that wherever we are, we may continue to grow together as a visible presence of God's love in this little corner of Yorkshire.
Monday 21 April	Pray for all who serve and lead the church in the Diocese of Leeds, remembering Bishop Nick and Bishop Toby moving towards their changing roles.
Tuesday 22 April	Pray for clergy and Readers in our benefice who have had so much extra to do over the past few weeks, that they may feel loved and supported.
Wednesday 23 April	On St George's Day pray for our country and those who govern, for wisdom and compassion as they try to balance priorities.
Thursday 24 April	Pray for those who face the year ahead with uncertainty, those who are anxious about family, health or employment.
Friday 25 April	Pray for those who work at food banks and those they are able to help.
Saturday 26 April	Pray for the places where wars continue, for settlements that bring justice rather than revenge.

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