

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

**Newsletter for 23 February 2025**

**The Second Sunday before Lent**

**Today's Services**

- 9.30am Morning Worship at St Matthew's, Wilsden
- 9.30am Communion at St John's, Cullingworth
- 10.30am Communion at Denholme Shared Church
- 11.15am Morning Worship at St Saviour's, Harden
- 6.00pm Holy Communion at St Matthew's, Wilsden
- 6.00pm BCP Holy Communion at St John's, Cullingworth

**Midweek Services on Wednesday**

- 10.00am BCP Eucharist at Cullingworth
- 2.30pm Prayer and Cake 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

Ash Wednesday this year will be on Wednesday 5 March, beginning our journey towards Holy Week and Easter Day on Sunday 20 April.

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.



## **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'.

## Wilsden Men's Shed

St Matthews Church, Wilsden

Thursday 27 February 10am

The Mobile Police Museum

A 60 minute talk about 120 years of UK Policing  
by David Hardcastle.

£3, including Refreshments. All welcome!



## Lego Club Saturday 1 March

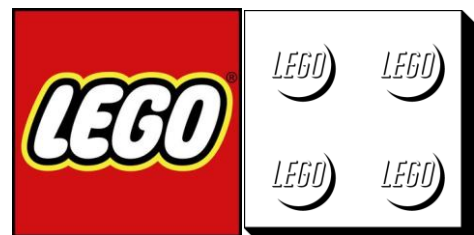
1pm to 3pm at St Matthew's Church, Wilsden.

Loads of Lego!

Great value, no booking required.

Free building and a challenge for a Lego prize!

And there is a community café too for those making Lego or for spectators!



## **HOLYHOLS** Looking for new fabulous holiday options?

HolyHols is a Christian organisation that enables Christians who own holiday properties to make them available to other Christians: at - [www.holyhols.co.uk](http://www.holyhols.co.uk)

## **WELL BEING CAFÉ**

**Tuesday 25 February**

**2pm to 3.30pm at St Matthew's, Wilsden**

Perfect for those with dementia and for carers or those who want a bit of company.

Coffee, tea, cake and chat, games and a jigsaw.



## **NEW BENEFICE DOMINO CHAMPION**



The Benefice Men's Group met on Wednesday at St Matthew's Church. This month saw the staging of the 2025 Benefice Men's Group Domino Competition. There were fifteen competitors. Four semi-finalists rose to the top in the tightly contested group stage. Following a meal break to enjoy great food from the Bengal Curry House next door to the church, the semi-finalists battled for the opportunity of glory in the final. Ian "Mighty" Maitland and Stuart "The Power" Pickersgill both won against the odds, beating the two group winners to claim their place in what became an epic final. Ian took an early lead, only to see the momentum swing towards Stuart who levelled the scores to take the final to a deciding hand. Stuart then delivered the title-winning tile to take the trophy. Last year's winner, David "Dynamite" Overend made the presentation. The Men's group will be meeting again in April to contend for the Darts Trophy!

## Prayers for the week beginning Sunday 23 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 23 February	Pray for wisdom for those who must respond to the national and international situations that fill our news media.
Monday 24 February	Pray for the world's poor, the underprivileged, the homeless, the hungry, and that all who have received God's bounty share generously with those in need.
Tuesday 25 February	Pray for people in need within our own villages and local towns who struggle to provide food and warmth for their families.
Wednesday 26 February	Pray for the people who organise and donate to local food banks and all who turn to them for help
Thursday 27 February	Pray for senior citizens groups in our villages, all who attend and those who organise their activities.
Friday 28 February	Pray for all who have enjoyed company, food and warmth at Warm Spaces provided by churches and others throughout our villages.
Saturday 1 March	Pray for residents and staff at Laurel Bank and other care and residential homes in our area.

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