

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

Newsletter for 25 August 2024

Thirteenth Sunday of Trinity

Today's Services

- 9.30am Morning Worship at St Matthew's, Wilsden
- 9.30am Communion at St John's, Cullingworth
- 10.30am Holy 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



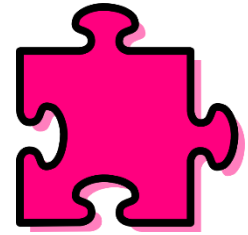
Please keep praying for Sudan: Update

The peace talks arranged by the United Nations seeking to end the war in Sudan continue. There is still no representative from the Sudan Army. With one side of the conflicting groups missing there is little hope for any real progress from the talks. In the last few days the United States called for a ceasefire, but there seems to be no real desire to take action to make meaningful change on the ground. Please keep praying for those who are facing the hardships of famine and homelessness and fear for their lives.

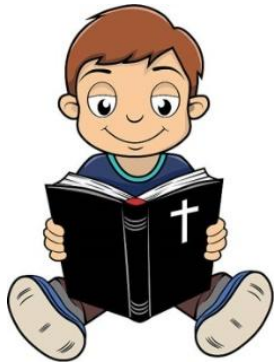


Well being Café 27 August

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!



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 discussion 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 weekdays on our [Benefice Facebook Page](#) and our [YouTube Channel](#) from 10am. You can also find an overview of the Books at [The Bible Project](#).

Fantasy Competitions Underway

The Benefice Fantasy Strictly Come Dancing Competition is now ready for you to make your selections. Peruse the list of celebrities and make your choices. The details are attached with this newsletter.



Also attached is the update for the Fantasy Football competition. Peter Sharp has taken the lead for Cullingworth this week, ahead of the Archdeacon in second place. Harden's Kevin Haley is in third place. At these early stages there is a good deal of up and down in the table so look to see where you are in the table!



The not to be missed “St John’s” Quiz Night

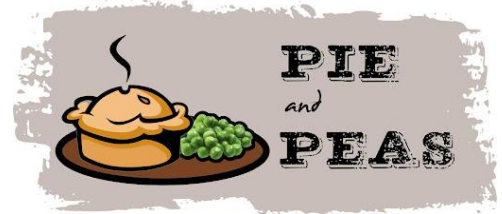
Saturday 14 September

in the St John’s Room

Raffle and Pie and Pea supper only £5

Come along for a good night
of fun and fellowship.

Let Jasmin know if you would like to join in!



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!

CONCORDIAMICI singing Choral Evensong



St John’s, Cullingworth

4pm on Saturday 21 September

The choir is directed by our own Dr Judy Blezzard

All the Benefice churches are invited to attend this lovely service.

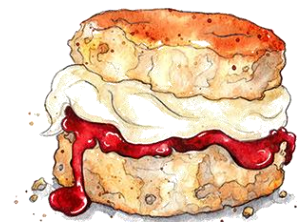


Welcome Space Coffee

Tuesday Mornings 11.15am

St Saviour’s Church

Family Room



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 continue to pray for the situation in the Holy Land and in Ukraine. Pray too for your families, friends and neighbours.

Prayers for the week beginning Sunday 25 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 25 August	Pray for wisdom for those who must decide on responses to dangerous situations throughout the world.
Monday 26 August	Pray for safe travel on this busy Bank Holiday.
Tuesday 27 August	Pray for all at the Wellbeing Cafe at St Matthew's today.
Wednesday 28 August	Pray for CMS mission partners working in North Africa and for our CMS partner Awais and her work in Leeds.
Thursday 29 August	Pray for Leprosy Mission workers in Ethiopia.
Friday 30 August	Pray for young people helped by the Children's Society..
Saturday 31 August	Pray for gardeners and all who have kept our public spaces looking bright and beautiful this summer.

Contributions for the next newsletter to Pauline: 01535 273814 pstern155@gmail.com
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Clergy Days Off: Alison: Thursday, Friday & Saturday
Liz: Monday, Thursday & Saturday

Anna: Saturday
Richard: Friday