

**Parishes of St. Saviour's Harden & St. Matthew's Wilsden
IN THE BENEFICE OF
HARDEN AND WILSDEN, CULLINGWORTH AND DENHOLME
Newsletter for 25 February 2024**

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

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	Communion at St Matthew's, Wilsden
6.00pm	BCP Communion at St John's, Cullingworth

Midweek Services on Wednesday

10.00am BCP Eucharist at Cullingworth
2.30pm Prayer and Cake 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

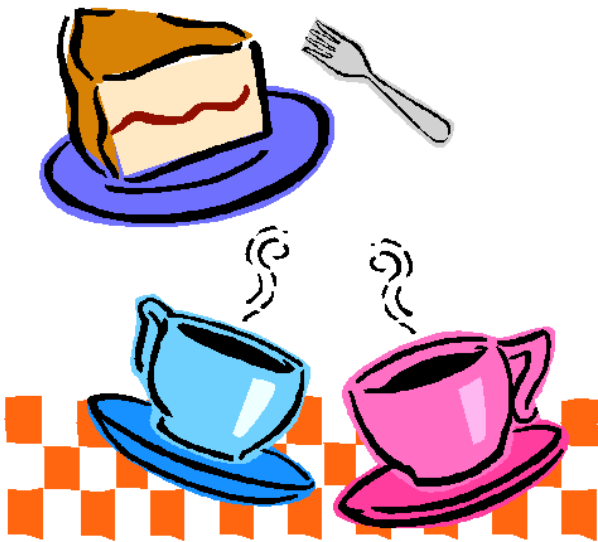
Sunday at Denholme: 4pm to 7pm

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!



WELL BEING CAFÉ

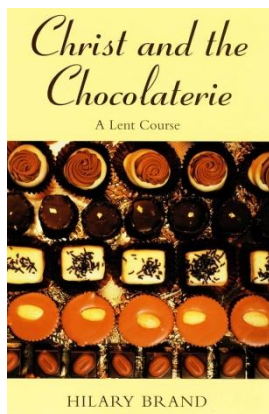


The next gathering of the Well Being Café will be at St Matthew's in Wilsden on Tuesday 27 February at 2pm until 3.30pm. It is a great place to come along if you are beginning to struggle with memory, if you have dementia or are caring for someone who has, or if you would just like some company on a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

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

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 has been reading 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:

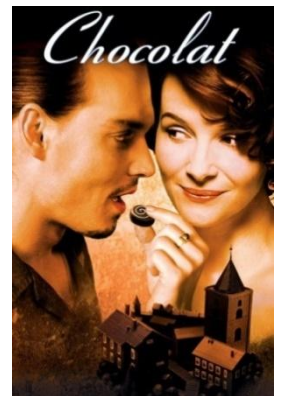
7pm St Saviour's, Church Hall

Thursdays:

10.30am St Matthew's, Church Hall

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.



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!

Lego Club

Saturday 2 March 1pm to 3pm
at St Matthew's Church, Wilsden
Come along and enjoy lots and lots of Lego!
There is a fun challenge for those who wish to enter.
And there is a wonderful Lego Club Café open to everyone!



World Day of Prayer



It is once again the World Day of Prayer, a day when churches of all denominations around the world gather together across the day to pray as one.

2pm Friday 1 March

We will be joining together at St Matthew's in Wilsden for a service. Each year we focus on the church in a particular part of the world. This year the focus is on Palestine. It was a theme picked many years ago, but it turns out to be a very poignant focus for our prayers.

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 25 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 25 February	Pray for people in our churches this morning and for all who join in worship through on-line and written services.
Monday 26 February	Pray for the work of CMS, our mission partner Awais working in Leeds and for mission partners in Cornwall supporting local churches in their ministry to children and young people.
Tuesday 27 February	Pray for all at the Wellbeing Café at St Matthew's this afternoon.
Wednesday 28 February	Pray for charities our parishes support, regularly or by responses to special needs or appeals.
Thursday 29 February	Pray for the work of the Children's Society, particularly for their work helping to support victims of abuse.
Friday 1 March	Pray for the work of the Leprosy Mission and their team working in India.
Saturday 2 March	Pray for all at the Lego Club this morning, helpers, children, parents and anyone who calls in for refreshments and company.

Contributions for the next newsletter to Pauline: 01535 273814 psstern155@gmail.com
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Clergy Days Off: Alison: Thursday, Friday & Saturday
Liz: Monday, Thursday & Saturday

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Richard: Friday