



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

**Newsletter for 3 May 2026  
The Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Today's Services**

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| 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 Wednesday 6 May**

- 10.00am Eucharist at Wilsden  
10.00am BCP Eucharist at Cullingworth  
2.30pm Personal Prayer at Harden

**Messy Church in May**

- 3.45pm Sunday 10 May at St John's Cullingworth  
3.30pm Wednesday 13 May at St Matthew's, Wilsden  
3.30pm Wednesday 20 May at Denholme Shared Church



**Prayer House Group**

The Prayer House group will be meeting at Cullingworth Vicarage on Monday 4 May at 7pm.

## **New Team Rector for the Hewenden Benefice!**

Rev'd Daniel Furlong will be joining us soon as our Team Rector – here is a message from him -

*"I'm really excited to be joining you all in your parishes and discovering all God has for our churches and communities. I have been really impressed and encouraged by all I have seen, and I have been made to feel so welcome already by everyone I have met so far. I really look forward to getting stuck in, making friends, learning from you, and growing together.*

*I am currently serving as Associate Curate for West Bradford, having previously spent two years working as part of the Team at Girdlington, Heaton and Manningham, so I am no stranger to multi-parish ministry. I was originally born in Southport, Lancashire (for which I can only apologise), but I have been in Bradford since 2010. Prior to ordination, I spent 11 years working for Christians Against Poverty in various specialist and management roles within the Communications, Fundraising and Marketing Teams. As I spend so much of my job in God's house, I like to spend my free time in God's garden – particularly climbing and surfing.*

*My wife, Jo, is a Primary School Teacher by trade, but took time to work for Christians Against Poverty as a Senior Debt Advisor while the family were young. She is currently working in Early Years Provision within a Primary School. She is a keen walker and budding gardener.*

*Ariela (10) and Ezra (8) are both looking forward to a new adventure, but are probably getting to that age where anything dad says about them would be embarrassing, so I will let them introduce themselves when we land."*

## **Deanery Synod and BEAF meeting**

The next BEAF (Bradford Episcopal Area Forum) meeting will be held **on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May** at All Saints Church Ilkley.

Refreshments will be available from 9:30 and the morning will start at 10am with the Deanery Synods meeting separately for 30 minutes.

If you are not a member of your Deanery Synod you are more than welcome to sit in on these meetings.

For the rest of the morning we will be looking at how we relate to the International, National and Local church. The event will finish at 1pm.

If you would like to come along to this event, please have a word with one of the Deanery Synod Reps or the clergy

## Annual Meetings in April

St Matthew's Annual Meeting took place last Sunday. Celia Dawson was re-elected as our Church Warden and Ellen Woodthorpe joined PCC as a new member. All other representatives continued in office with our grateful thanks.

## St Saviour's Flowers



If you would like to provide flowers for the church during the year to mark a special occasion or in memory of a family member or friend please sign up on the sheet at the back of church or have a word with

Jean Crerar or Brenda Wilkinson.

Denholme Shared Church are having a

### **PLANT SALE**

On Saturday 16 May from 10.30am – 12 noon

Lots of bedding plants and other good quality plants  
for the garden



In aid of Denholme Shared Church and Christian Aid  
Come for a cuppa – Tea/Coffee and Cakes



## **100 Club**

The 100 club draw for April:

£20 was won by Janet Mann with No. 9

£10 was won by Andrew & Margaret Robertshaw with No. 44



There is a new YogaLates class at St Matthew's every Tuesday evening from 6.00pm. The perfect mix of Yoga and Pilates in one class

## **Prayers for the week beginning Sunday 3 May**

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 3 May	Pray for all who worship at Denholme Shared Church, for those who take on new responsibilities and those who continue in office at the Annual Meeting today.
Monday 4 May	Pray for people travelling on this Bank Holiday and for those working today and at other holiday times to provide essential services.
Tuesday 5 May	Give thanks for the appointment of our new Team Rector. Pray for Daniel and his family as they prepare for the changes the move will mean for all of them.
Wednesday 6 May	Pray for those who use social networking sites, that they can enjoy social contact without thoughtless or damaging contributions.
Thursday 7 May	Pray for candidates in today's elections and for thoughtful and responsible voting.
Friday 8 May	Remember Julian of Norwich and pray for those in our time called to a life of prayer and contemplation.
Saturday 9 May	Pray for those, employed or volunteers, who maintain the beauty of our area, those who repair walls, those who provide care for trees and flowers in public places.

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