

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

**Newsletter for 31 August 2025
Eleventh Sunday of Trinity**

**Today's Service
United Benefice Service**

Sunday 31 August is the fifth Sunday of August.
We have just one united service in the Benefice.
At 10.30am at St Saviour's Church, Harden

Midweek Services on Wednesday 3 September

10.00am Communion at St Matthew's, Wilsden
10.00am BCP Eucharist at Cullingworth
2.30pm Personal Prayer at Harden

Prayer for the appointment of a new Rector

There is a prayer group who meet to pray about our new Rector.
The next meeting will be next Monday 1 September at 7pm on at the
Vicarage in Cullingworth. Everyone is welcome to come along.





This is a prayer which the group have been using, please join with them
Gracious and Sovereign God,

You are the Good Shepherd who never leaves or forsakes His flock.

We thank You for the faithful ministry that has gone before, and we
entrust the future of our church into Your hands.

Raise up a Rector after Your own heart—someone filled with wisdom, humility,
courage, and compassion.

Give our selection committee discernment, patience, and unity.

Prepare the heart of the one You are calling even now, and prepare our hearts
to receive them with grace and support.

May Your Kingdom come and Your will be done in our church family.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

The results of the August 100 club draw

£25 Benjamin Pickersgill No 86

£10 Andrew & Margaret Robertshaw No 31



On Monday we will be in September already! Only 116 days till Christmas!

All the church activities which have taken a well needed (for the volunteers who
run them) summer break will resume -

Chatterbox Toddler Group

Tuesday, 9am at St Saviour's Church Hall. Come along and enjoy toys and chat,
snacks and songs. It is a wonderful gathering and a great place for parents,
grandparents or carers to bring toddlers for play and a chance to meet others.

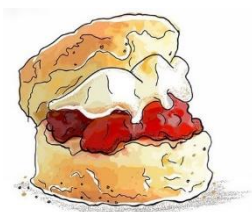


LUNCH CLUB

12noon on Thursdays at St Saviour's.

£4 for a two course meal

No booking required



Scones are back too as our Harden Welcome Space re-

opens! 11am on Tuesday morning, come to Harden Church Hall
for free scones, tea and coffee. Don't miss out, come and enjoy
fellowship and a lovely Tuesday Treat!



Lego Club Saturday 6 September

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!



Why not come and join us at St John's Cullingworth for Story Time

Wednesday 3 September 2 till 2.45 pm

For all pre-school age children

Come and listen to some stories and sing

some nursery rhymes. We have books in our library that you can borrow and take home. Meet other parents, grandparents and children



Messy Church Needs Your Help!

We're busy planning some brilliant crafts for Messy Church and could make good use of your empty cereal boxes. Instead of putting them in the recycling bin, please bring them to church (flattened if possible) and pop them in the collection box by the door. Your cereal box could become part of an amazing Messy Church creation.

We also need ribbons and sparkly fabric strips plus SMALL glass jars or little glass pots that some deserts are sold in and clean empty glass jars (jam jar size or smaller like baby food jars) for lantern making, also coloured magazine paper (magazines/supplements/catalogues etc) for collage making and pictures of food (from supermarket adverts etc) for harvest activities.

— thank you for your help - This is much appreciated, we will show you the results!

MESSY CHURCH NEEDS YOUR

We're looking for:

- cereal boxes
- small glass jars
- ribbons and sparkly fabric scraps



PLEASE BRING THEM TO CHURCH

MESSY CHURCH DATES FOR SEPTEMBER

Cullingworth: 3.45pm Sunday 14 September

Wilsden: 3.30pm Wednesday 10 September

Denholme: 3.30pm Wednesday 17 September



Prayers for the week beginning Sunday 31 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 31 August	As we worship together at St Saviour's, pray that our churches continue to grow in love and support for each other.
Monday 1 September	Pray for the charities our congregations support regularly or through special events.
Tuesday 2 September	Pray for children from our villages starting at new schools this week.
Wednesday 3 September	Pray for the work of CMS partners working in this country as well as overseas, particularly for Awais and others like her, working to help refugees settle and feel safe while far from their home and culture.
Thursday 4 September	Pray for the work of Christians Against Poverty.
Friday 5 September	Pray for members of aid agencies risking their lives to bring food and medical help to Gaza.
Saturday 6 September	Pray for compassion in our society and better times for the most needy and vulnerable.

Contributions for the next newsletter to Pauline: 01535 273814 psfern155@gmail.com

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Donations to our local churches

Donations or regular giving may be done by sending your gift to:

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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"