

**Parishes of St. Saviour's Harden & St. Matthew's Wilsden
IN THE BENEFICE OF
HARDEN AND WILSDEN, CULLINGWORTH AND DENHOLME
Newsletter for 4 February 2024
The Second Sunday before Lent
SERVICES THIS WEEK**

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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

10.00am Eucharist at Wilsden
10.00am BCP Eucharist at Cullingworth
2.30pm Personal Prayer at 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!





Come and Sing!

2pm on Sunday 18 February
St Matthew's, Wilsden
Come and have a sing!

A joyful afternoon with songs on the theme of "Love"



Only one session remaining!

Discussion Groups led by John Chuter

"I am the Way, the Truth and the Life"

These words spoken by Jesus some 2000 years ago still retain their power and immediacy for Christians today. But what do they mean for Christians in the 21st Century and how should we respond to them?

Following the three sessions in the autumn we have resumed with our pre Lent gatherings. Don't worry if you didn't make the ones before Christmas or the one last week, everyone will be very welcome.

We will be discussing Jesus' words drawing on scripture, contemporary sources and our own ideas and experience.

We meet on 8 February at 7.30pm in the St John's Room, Cullingworth.

Harden Lunch Club

Come along to St Saviour's Social Room on Thursday lunchtimes at 12 noon for a wonderful two course lunch followed by tea or coffee. Meet people and enjoy food and conversation for just £4. It's an offer not to be missed!

Messy Church at Wilsden

On Wednesday this week it will be

Messy Church at St Matthew's

7 February from 3.30pm

We are looking at the theme of Love!



Harden & Wilsden 100+ Club January Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the first draw of 2024

£25 was won by Liz Moy with No. 52

£10 was won by Joyce Drake with No. 19



Lent is fast approaching!!

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday 14 February is Ash Wednesday

Communion and Ashing Services

10am St Matthew's, Wilsden

10am St John's, Cullingworth

7.30pm St Saviour's, Harden

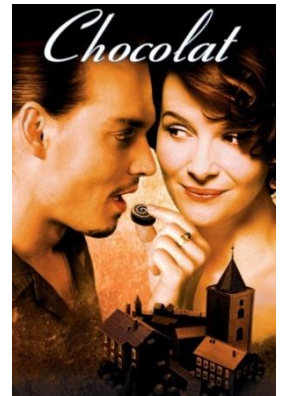
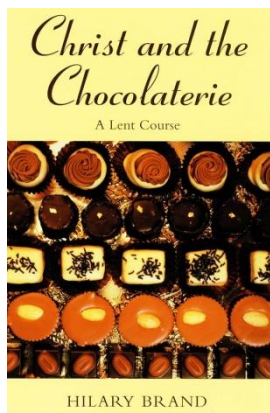


Psalms through Lent & Easter

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 will read 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

Watch out for more details next week about this year's Lent Course. 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. If you haven't seen the film, or would like a refresher then we will be screening it at St Matthew's, Wilsden at 2pm on Monday 12 February. Come for Soup at the noon Warm Space, then stay on for Chocolat for afters!!



Donations to our local churches

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

| Account name | Sort Code | Account No |
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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"

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.

Prayers for the week beginning Sunday 4 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.

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| Sunday 4 February | Pray for the leaders of nations, for peace and justice at home and for an end to conflict in the many troubled parts of the world. |
| Monday 5 February | Pray for members of our national parliament of all parties, for the wisdom and courage to support what is just and good. |
| Tuesday 6 February | Pray for Christians in Sudan and all the people suffering there as power struggles between rival factions continue. |
| Wednesday 7 February | Pray for our CMS partner Awais and for CMS workers Chris and Suzy in Ethiopia where they work with local Christian leaders and Chris travels around the country to train church leaders in refugee camps. |
| Thursday 8 February | In the 150th year since its formation, the Leprosy Mission ask for our prayers for people and communities affected by leprosy throughout the world. |
| Friday 9 February | Pray for any young people in our area who have not settled back into school or college after the disruptions of lockdown and school closures for structural repairs. |
| Saturday 10 February | Pray for the people who come to the places of warmth, company and refreshment provided by our churches and other village organisations through the winter months. |

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Clergy Days Off: Alison: Thursday, Friday & Saturday
Liz: Monday, Thursday & Saturday

Anna: Saturday
Richard: Saturday