



**Parishes of St. Saviour's Harden & St. Matthew's Wilsden
IN THE BENEFICE OF
HARDEN AND WILSDEN, CULLINGWORTH AND DENHOLME
Newsletter for 4 May 2025
The Third Sunday of Easter**

St Matthew's@50

Celebrating St Matthew's 50th Anniversary

TODAY at 4pm

Bishop Toby is coming to Preach.

The Rev'd Graham Bettridge is coming.

The Deputy Lieutenant will be with us.

It will also be Anna's final service with us.

Everyone is welcome to come along for a special service.



CALLING ALL PAST MEMBERS OF ST.MATTHEW'S CHOIR!

Come and sing to help us celebrate St Matthew's 50th birthday

For everyone attending there will be a free celebratory gift; There will be celebratory shrub planting in the Church Garden; a new lectionary will be dedicated and Special celebration cakes are being made by Yorkshire Treats!

FAITH SUPPER!

There will be a Faith Supper celebration following the service. Please bring some food to share if you are able. If you are from Harden and Cullingworth please bring Desserts, If you are from Wilsden or Denholme, please bring something Savoury. Although all offerings will be gratefully received ... and enjoyed!

Today's Services

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
4.00pm	St Matthew's 50 th Anniversary Service

Midweek Services this Wednesday

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

Safeguarding Training

Domestic Abuse Awareness Training:
Denholme Shared Church

7pm Tuesday 13 May 2025

Foundations Training:
St Matthew's Church, Wilsden
7pm Tuesday 3 June 2025



No need to book, just come along and find out what to do about safeguarding

Anna's Licensing Date

Anna is to be licensed in her new post in Honley with Brockholes on Sunday 18 May at 3pm. Please hold her in your prayers as she prepares for her new role.

Harden & Wilsden 100+ Club

Richard drew the numbers for April's 100 club draw last Sunday.
£25 was won by Richard Burge with No. 47
£10 was won by Tony Caunt with No. 82





Welcome Space Scones

Tuesday Warm Space Soup may have finished at Harden now that Spring is here, but there is now a Welcome Space each Tuesday at 11am with Scones, jam and cream. Come along to St Saviour's Church Hall and enjoy good fellowship and excellent refreshments. It's all free!

Annual Meetings

St Matthew's, Wilsden on Sunday 11 May

It is on this date that we look back on the past year and we have lots to look back on from 2024! 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.

St Saviour's Annual Meeting took place last Sunday. Congratulations to Malcolm and Chris on their re-election as wardens. Thank you to them and to the PCC for all that they do in their responsibility for the church. P

Christian Aid Week 2025 starts on Sunday May 11th.

This year the headline focus is on support for indigenous people in Guatemala whose farms are under threat from climate change and loss of their land to industrial farming practices.

In Wilsden the task of distributing envelopes will once again be shared between Trinity and St. Matthew's.

Please help if you are able and encourage others to give generously.



Next Sunday

Messy Church

3.45pm St John's Cullingworth

Harden Lunch Club

Two Course Meal for £4

Thursdays 12 noon in St Saviour's Family Room



Prayers for the week beginning Sunday 4 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 4 May	As we celebrate 50 years of worship at St Matthew's in this building, give thanks for those who have led and taught here and pray for the present and future life and work of the church in Wilsden.
Monday 5 May	Pray for the work of the Church Mission Society, remembering our mission partner Awais and her work with refugees and asylum seekers
Tuesday 6 May	Pray for the work of the Leprosy Mission, their work in Myanmar more difficult and urgent than ever.
Wednesday 7 May	Pray for the Children's Society working to protect vulnerable and abused young people.
Thursday 8 May	Pray for families receiving help and support through the work of our local food banks.
Friday 9 May	Pray for your friends and neighbours and give thanks for the many blessings of the community in which you live.
Saturday 10 May	Pray for all who work for peace in the many troubled areas of the world.

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