



**Parishes of St. Saviour's Harden & St. Matthew's Wilsden
IN THE BENEFICE OF
HARDEN AND WILSDEN, CULLINGWORTH AND DENHOLME
Newsletter for 9 March 2025
The First Sunday of Lent
Today's Services**

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| 9.30am | All Age Worship, St Matthew's, Wilsden |
| 9.30am | Communion at St John's, Cullingworth |
| 10.30am | Sunday Service at Denholme Shared Church |
| 11.15am | All Age Worship, St Saviour's, Harden |
| 3.45 pm | Messy Church at St John's, Cullingworth |



Midweek Services this Wednesday

- 10.00am BCP Eucharist at Cullingworth
- 2.30pm Prayer and cake at Harden

Warm Spaces this Week!

Free Meal and a Warm Welcome!

Monday 12noon at St Matthew's, Wilsden

Tuesday 12noon at St Saviour's, Harden

Wednesday 12noon at St John's, Cullingworth



**We have been asked to pray each day in Lent
for Peace and Justice in Sudan**

LENT 2025

During Lent, starting on Thursday 13 March, we will be holding our Lent course on Thursday Mornings, 10.30 to 12noon at Denholme Shared Church and Thursday Evenings, 7.00pm to 8.30pm at St John's, Cullingworth.

Our Lent course will follow a book called:

“Let me go there: The Spirit of Lent”

which is a course written by Paula Gooder. Copies are available for £8.99.

And over the 96 days from Ash Wednesday to Pentecost Sunday Richard will be reading all four Gospels on our Benefice Facebook Page and YouTube Channel.



Congratulations to Anna!

The Rev'd Anna Lumb has been appointed as Incumbent of the Benefice of Honley with Brockholes in the Huddersfield Episcopal Area in the Leeds Diocese. We share in Anna's happiness while at the same time feeling sad that we will lose her presence here.



The Bluebird Singers

Concert at St Michaels Church, Cottingley Community Centre

Saturday 15 March 2025 7:30 – 9:00pm,

£10 pp including refreshments & humorous interludes

Tickets are available for purchase from Peter Mann or via Richard

or one can just come and 'pay at the door'.

The proceeds from the concert are for Christian Aid



Diocesan Digital Learning Platform

At the Deanery Synod meeting on Monday we looked at Navigating the Diocesan Digital Learning Platform: what does it offer and how we can access it with Helen Collings; Diocesan Laytraining team leader.

There is a wealth of information available for everyone via the platform which can be accessed at <https://learning.leeds.anglican.org>.



Messy Church in March

Sunday 9 March 3.45pm at St John's, Cullingworth

Wednesday 12 March 3.30pm at St Matthew's, Wilsden

Wednesday 19 March 3.30pm, Denholme Shared Church

St Matthew's New Electoral Roll

Under the Church Representation Rules it is necessary every six years to prepare a completely new Electoral Roll and 2025 is the year for us to do this at St. Matthews.

If you are currently included in St. Matthew's Electoral Roll you will need to complete a new form to be included in the new roll. Margaret Harrison will give you a form to complete and return as soon as possible. Forms will also be available for anyone who would like to join the roll. Further information from Margaret Harrison 01535 272305. Being on the roll allows you to vote at our Annual Meeting which takes place this year on the 11th May.

St Saviour's New Electoral Roll

Under the Church Representation Rules it is necessary every 6 years to prepare a completely new electoral roll and 2025 is a year of preparation of a new roll for St Saviour's.

If you are currently included in St Saviour's Electoral Roll you must complete a new form by 1st April 2025 to be included in the new roll - there is a letter at the back of church for you. Forms are also available for anyone who would like to join the Electoral Roll for the first time. If you require any further information please contact Pauline Stern, St Saviours Electoral Roll Officer.

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Denholme Voices

Merry March

A Celebration of Springtime
in music, verse and song!

Saturday 15 March

2.00pm to 4.30pm

Various Stalls – Hot and Cold Refreshments



Prayers for the week beginning Sunday 9 March

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 9 March	Pray for the people of Sudan suffering in this almost unreported war since April 2023, remembering specially our Christian brothers and sisters led by Archbishop Ezekiel.
Monday 10 March	Pray for our clergy and lay leaders. Pray for all who lead on-line worship for our Benefice.
Tuesday 11 March	Pray for our churchwardens and the people on duty rotas for our churches.
Wednesday 12 March	Pray for the Safeguarding Officers at each of our churches and that our buildings may always be safe and welcoming places.
Thursday 13 March	Pray for the leaders and those who attend the Benefice Lent courses starting today at Denholme and Cullingworth.
Friday 14 March	Pray for ecumenical work throughout the Benefice and that we may learn and support the best and most effective ways of working together.
Saturday 15 March	Pray for church growth and that we have confidence to share our faith with those we meet.

Contributions for the next newsletter to Pauline: 01535 273814 pstern155@gmail.com

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Note we can only mention people, by name, in the newsletter with their consent.

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