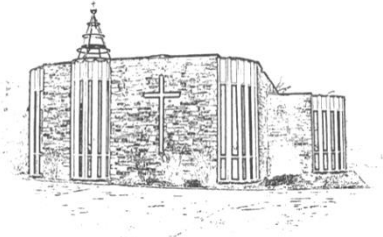


Parishes of Harden and Wilsden



Newsletter for 8th January

Welcome to church today. We hope and pray that you will enjoy your time here and that you may encounter the presence of the living God. If you are a visitor then the following information may be helpful.

- We have a loop system, if appropriate switch hearing aids to “T”.
- We have large print copies of most worship material – please ask.
- Gluten free wafers are available – please request before the service begins.
- Whatever your tradition, you are welcome to share in Holy Communion.
- Toilet facilities are available including baby changing and disabled facilities.
- We hope you will join us for refreshments after the service.

Please take this sheet home with you!

Happy New Year to Everyone!

Sunday 8 January		Epiphany		
Wilsden	10.30 am	Churches Together Joint Service at St. Matthew's	Ephesians 3:1-12	Matthew 2:1-12
Harden	10.30 am	Churches Together Joint Service at Harden Congregational Church		

The next Family Pick'n'Mix services will be next Sunday 15th January (**the third Sunday**) at the usual times on the theme: New Beginnings.

Next Sunday's Services –2nd of Epiphany

Wilsden	9.30 am	Pick 'n' Mix
Harden	11.15 am	Pick 'n' Mix
Wilsden	6.30 pm	Evening prayer

This week's diary

Wed	10.45 am	Home Communion at Laurel Bank
Wed	2.30pm	Prayer and Cake at St. Saviour's
Wed	3.30pm	Messy Church at St. Matthew's
Wed	6.45pm	Alpha course starts at St. Matthew's
Thurs	7.00pm	PCC Meeting at St. Matthew's
Sun	16.00pm	Licensing service to launch the new deaneries at the Cathedral

Alpha. There are about 18 people booked onto the Alpha course that begins this Wednesday evening, with a catering team of about 17 on the rota for cooking and washing up. Please keep the course in your prayers. Also, it is not too late to join. What about you? Maybe you have a friend you could ask? Just let me know if you decide to come please. Bob

The new Area Deans for the Bradford Episcopal Area are being licensed at Bradford Cathedral next Sunday 15th Jan at 4pm. Bishop Nick will be in attendance. This is a great opportunity for people to come and support their new Area Deans.

St. Saviour's Celebration service and Faith lunch

Please prioritise the 11.15 service at St. Saviour's on the **29th January**. We offer our new Plan for Growth to God as we worship. We shall also be launching the new Pastoral Care Scheme and commissioning various people as carers or co-ordinators. Bob will be speaking about our vision and priorities, where we are at and where we are going, and we shall be sharing lunch afterwards. Please will you bring savoury food to share in a cold knife and fork buffet, maybe 6-8 portions of one item – if you sign up on the list in the Family Room we can see that we bring some variety between us. Bob

The Leprosy Mission are still collecting used stamps, British and foreign, even the most ordinary ones. Please leave used stamps in the boxes in church. It is best if they are still on their backing paper, but trimmed with a border of about 5mm.

Inn Churches Well done everyone who got involved in hosting the Inn Churches project last week. An army of volunteers helped in all kinds of ways including driving and escorting the minibus, cleaning, cooking and washing up, night watchmen, hosting, administration and finance – it was wonderful teamwork, and together we provided great hospitality for 12 people. They were not all there every night, the numbers varied from nine to eleven. We found it especially sad that four of them were with us last year. We took two people in for whom this was their first experience of Inn Churches, and one man in particular was in a very sad and difficult situation due to his age and poor health. Inn Churches has now moved on to All Saints in Little Horton. Please continue to pray for them and especially the older man that he may find a suitable home soon. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way, or provided funding, or gave clothes or other items. Thank you also to the Beaver Scouts who made a goody bag for every visitor! Bob

Children's Society house boxes are due for collection now please return them:
St. Matthew's to Margaret Robertshaw or a Church Warden
St. Saviour's to Lorna Pickersgill or a Church Warden

100 Club December winners

£25 - 46 - Steven Thompson

£10 - 95 - Liz Moy.

The St. Saviour's flower rota for 2017 is now up on the noticeboard at the back of church. Please sign up if you are willing to donate flowers to mark a special occasion. Thank you to all who have given so generously throughout the past year.

Many thanks to all those who have supported the St. Saviour's coffee mornings on the third Saturday of each month. We shall take a break in January, with the first coffee morning of 2017 being held on Saturday February 18th - a date for your new diary!

Manorlands Coffee Morning – Pauline would like to thank everyone who supported the coffee morning - a fantastic £586 was raised – enough to fund over 36 hours of hospice care.

Inspiring Faith is an event being held this month featuring our Sudan Link. It is intended to present challenging news from Sudan of active Church life, with a special focus on women's work.

Speakers will include some of the people who went to Sudan from our Diocese in October (the Revd Anne Russell, Ingleborough, the Revd Joanne Hustwick, Holmewood, and Mary Brooks, Burley in Wharfedale) but also a key-note speaker Johanna Fadipe, an MU International Programme Manager who was in Sudan last August. There are three venues:

Tuesday 17th January, 2:30 at Pudsey Parish Church, Church Lane, Pudsey LS28 8BE

Tuesday 17th January, 7:00 at St Mark's, Greenhead Road, Utley, Keighley BD20 6ED

Wednesday 18th January, 10:30 at St Mark's, Leeds Road, Harrogate HG2 8AY

Launch of a Men's Group A Christian Men's Group for the Benefice of Harden, Wilsden, Denholme and Cullingworth is being formed. The first meeting will be on Tuesday January 24th and will be held at the George Hotel, Cullingworth at 7.30 pm. The front room has been booked for a meal and a talk from the landlord Chris about his beers and the Old Spot Brewery. This will also give us the opportunity to meet over a meal and talk about how we all wish to progress. For catering purposes we will need to give numbers to Chris and Jo by the 17th January. Please will you let me know if you wish to attend. Robert Smith. robertandjasmin@btinternet.com 01535 273068

Changes to Web sites and emails The old joint parish web site at www.hardenwilsden.org.uk will close in the next few weeks.

Bob's email: vicar@hardenwilsden.org.uk will also become redundant.

The new ones are as follows:

St Matthew's: www.stmatthewswilsden.org.uk is now live.

St Saviour's: www.stsavioursharden.org.uk is also live.

Emails: vicar@stmatthewswilsden.org.uk and vicar@stsavioursharden.org.uk go to Bob. admin@stmatthewswilsden.org.uk and admin@stsavioursharden.org.uk go to Helen

Dates for your Diary

Thurs 19 Jan	7.00 pm	St. Saviour's PCC
Tues 24 Jan	7.30 pm	Men's Group at the George
Sun 29 Jan	11.15 am	Celebration Service and faith lunch at St. Saviour's
Sat 18 Feb	10.00 am	Coffee Morning at St Saviour's
Wed 1 March	7.30 pm	Ash Wednesday Holy Communion at St. Saviour's

Please keep in prayer those who are not well and those who are no longer able to join us at our services: Marjorie Craven, Beatrice Waddington, Alice Griffiths, Jackie Lancaster and Ben Winter and his family.

Please pray for those to be baptised:

Nell Eugenie Quinlan at St. Saviour's on Sunday 22nd January at 14.00.

Tommy Michael Wright at St Matthew's on Sunday 5th February 2017

and for their parents and godparents.

Prayer chains at St. Matthew's and St. Saviour's.

St. Matthew's: phone Margaret Harrison 272305. (Reserve is Dorothy 01274 497898)

St. Saviour's: phone June Thompson 273787. (Reserve is Hazel 274234)

Prayers for the week beginning Sunday 8th January

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.

Sun 8 th	Pray for all Christian congregations in Harden and Wilsden as we share in worship today.
Mon 9 th	Pray for Roman Catholics in Harden and Wilsden and for their congregations in Cottingley and Bingley.
Tues 10 th	Pray for Christians in places where they do not enjoy freedom to worship openly.
Wed 11 th	Pray for the Alpha course starting today, for all who lead and all who take part.
Thur 12 th	Pray for those suffering as a result of acts of terrorism.
Fri 13 th	Anniversary of the death of George Fox, founder of the Society of Friends (Quakers). Give thanks for the insights this denomination has brought to Christian faith and for good works pioneered by leading members.
Sat 14 th	Pray for opportunities to share our faith and confidence to do so.

If you become aware of a date please contact Pauline Stern or David Haigh so that we can keep the parish diary up to date.

Please give contributions for the next newsletter to Pauline (and copy to David Haigh and vicar Bob)

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Copy Deadline: 12.00h on the **WEDNESDAY** before publication

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