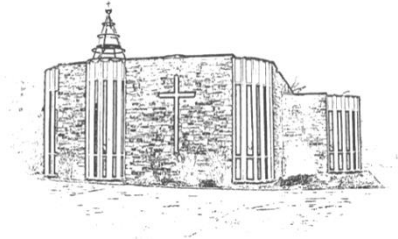


Parishes of Harden and Wilsden



Newsletter for 5th February

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!

Baptism - please pray for Tommy Michael Wright, his parents, godparents and family, as they bring him for baptism at St. Matthew’s at 2.00 today.

Sunday 5 February		4th Sunday before Lent		
Wilsden	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Malachi 3:1-5	Luke 2:22-40
Wilsden	11.00 am	Cafe Church		
Harden	11.15 am	Holy Communion	1 Corinthians 2:1-12	Matthew 5:13-20
Wilsden	2.00 pm	Baptism of Tommy Michael Wright		

Next Sunday’s Services – 3rd Sunday before Lent

Wilsden	9.30 am	Pick ‘n’ Mix on the theme: Love
Harden	11.15 am	Pick ‘n’ Mix on the theme: Love
Wilsden	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)

This week’s diary

Weds	10.45 am	Home Communion at Laurel Bank
Weds	2.00 pm	Prayer and cake at St Saviour’s
Weds	3.30 pm	Messy Church at St. Matthew’s
Weds	6.45 pm	Alpha Course at St. Matthew’s

Our new diocese – how's it going?

A message from Bishop Nick

So much has been achieved since the Diocese of Leeds was created just two and a half years ago. Bringing together three very different dioceses was a hugely complex procedure, but we are all now part of a large, coherent body, whose benefits are being increasingly revealed.

The bishops and archdeacons are working closely with their areas, and the combined spiritual wealth of 656 churches, over 240 church schools and three cathedrals has brought increased creative energy.

We now have a central office in Leeds (complete with a charitable coffee shop that's open to all), a new parish share system, new governance and further delegation of authority from the diocesan bishop to the area bishops.

Some of the challenges we face include: getting the right balance between one diocese and the five episcopal areas, tackling the anticipated fall in clergy numbers, growing our churches and maintaining parish share. And it remains vital to reach children and young people with the Gospel in order to build future generations of strong Christians.

At the heart of all we do are the values captured in our diocesan strap line, 'Loving, Living and Learning'. It's a useful list to check against everything we do. What does that mean for you and your church?

+Nick Baines, Bishop of Leeds

Loving, Living, Learning

We aim to:

Love God, the world and one another.

Live in the world as it is, but, drawn by a vision of something better, we want to help individuals and communities flourish.

Learn when we get things wrong, by listening and growing together.

Churches Together Lent Groups 2017. After positive feedback from 2016, it is proposed that inter-church discussion groups will run for 6 weeks starting week beginning 27th Feb. Three alternative times are available: Tuesday afternoon, Wednesday evening or Thursday evening. There will then be a joint closing event in Harden Congregational Church on Wednesday 12th April. The study topic is "God and You" based on extracts from Romans. If you would like to take part please sign the sheet on the church notice board by Sunday 12th Feb. Volunteers are also needed to act as hosts and group leaders.

Alpha Course. If anyone can help any of the small catering teams with washing up and tidying away on a one off basis please just come along to St. Matthew's on a Wednesday evening at 7.30/7.45 and lend a hand – many hands make light work! Thank you. Bob

Women's World Day of Prayer on Friday 3rd March is on the theme of: 'Am I Being Unfair to You?' The Christian women of the Philippines wrote the service. It has been translated into 1,000 different languages and dialects and will be used throughout the whole world, starting at sunrise over the island of Samoa, and continuing until sunset off the coast of American Samoa, including St. Matthew's at 2pm.

Unwanted toiletries. There is a need for toiletries to distribute to women who are rehoused in local refuges. There is a box at the back of each church for donations of small bottles of shower gel, shampoo, soap etc. All donations will be much appreciated.

Fair Trade Fortnight 2017 runs from Mon 27th Feb to Sunday 12th March. To mark this, there will be a Big Brew Coffee Morning in St. Matthew's on Saturday March 4th when a range of Fair Trade foods and fancy goods will be on sale. Save the date!

Revision of Electoral Roll for St Matthew's church. The current Electoral Roll will be posted on the inside door of the church from Sunday 22nd January 2017 to Sunday 26th March 2017. If you are not currently on St. Matthew's Electoral Roll and wish to be added to it please see Dorothy Senior.

100 Club January Draw winners

£25 no 36 – Astrid and John Hansen

£10 no 82 – Tony Caunt

Bingley Manorlands Support Group are having a Spring Fashion Show at St. Saviour's on Saturday 25 March from 2.00pm to 4.00pm
 Tickets are £5.00 including refreshments and are available from:
 Pauline Stern at Harden and Anne Raine at Wilsden.
 There will be an opportunity to see the clothes modelled then try and buy for yourself.

Dates for your Diary

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
Fri 3 March	2.00 pm	Women's World Day of Prayer at St. Matthew's
Sat 4 March	10.00am	Fair Trade Big Brew coffee morning at St. Matthew's
Wed 8 March	3.30pm	Messy Church at St. Matthew's
Thurs 16 March	7.00pm	PCC at St. Saviour's
Sun 19 March	12.30 pm	Simple Lent Lunch to support the work of CMS
Sat 25 March	2.00 pm	Manorlands Spring Fashion Show at St. Saviour's
Thurs 30 March	7.00pm	PCC at St. Matthew'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, Edna Weatherhead, Jackie Lancaster and Ben Winter and his family.

Please pray for those to be baptised:

Indiya Sophia Wright at St. Matthew's on Sunday 19th February
 Eva Grace Thompson at St. Saviour's on Sunday 26th February
 and for their parents and godparents.

Please pray for those getting married:

Hannah and Scott at St. Matthew's on Friday 17th February.

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 5th 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.

Sun 5 th	Pray for clergy and lay readers throughout the cluster of Cullingworth, Denholme, Harden and Wilsden.
Mon 6 th	Pray for ministers and lay leaders at Trinity and Harden Congregational Church.
Tues 7 th	Pray for the Butterfield trustees meeting in Crosshills today and for occupants of Butterfield Homes in Wilsden, Cottingley and Crosshills.
Wed 8 th	Pray for all taking part in the Alpha course this evening.
Thur 9 th	Pray for Dean Jerry and the clergy and lay leaders at Bradford Cathedral.
Fri 10 th	Pray for our Area Bishop Toby.
Sat 11 th	Pray for the Friends of Wilsden Park.

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) Tel: 01535 273814 Email: pstern155@gmail.com

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

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