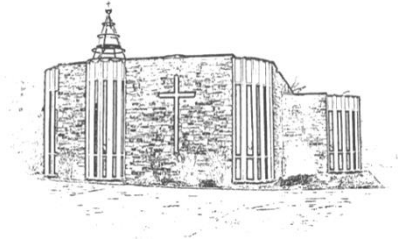
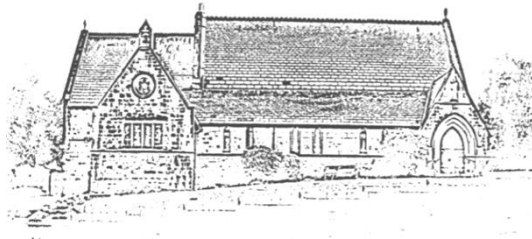


Parishes of Harden and Wilsden



Newsletter for 12th March

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!

Sunday 12 March		2nd Sunday of Lent		
Wilsden	9.30 am	Pick ‘n’ Mix	Be Prepared	
Harden	11.15 am	Pick ‘n’ Mix		
Wilsden	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Romans 4:1-5, 13-17	John 3:1-7

Next Sunday’s Services

Wilsden	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Wilsden	11.00 am	Cafe Church
Harden	11.15 am	Holy Communion followed by LENT LUNCH in aid of CMS

This week’s diary

Wed	10.00 am	Holy Communion at St. Matthew’s
Wed	6.30pm	Alpha course at St. Matthew’s
Thurs	7.00pm	PCC meeting at St. Saviour’s
Sat	10.00 am	Coffee Morning ‘Step into Spring’ at St. Saviour’s

Lent Lunch 19th March This is an annual event led by the joint St. Matthew's and St. Saviour's Mission Support Group. Everyone from both churches is invited to come to St. Saviours on 19th March at 12.25 (i.e. after the service at Harden) to share a simple lunch together; food is provided. This is a good way to keep in touch with each other, but also it is a fund raising event to support CMS. There will be a plate for donations – please come prepared to be really generous. Let's beat all records this year!

New Diocesan News As a cost saving measure, **from March 16th**, our copies of the newsletter will be delivered to Bingley All Saints parish office on Old Main Street, which is open Monday to Thursdays 9.00 to 1.00. We need a volunteer please to collect this for both Harden and Wilsden each month. I am assuming a notification will be sent out telling us when they are ready. Please will you let me know if you can do this for us? (I'm sure we can arrange holiday cover when needed). Bob

From the Mission Support Group. During Lent we focus on supporting the work of the Church Mission Society at home and abroad. Collection boxes are available at both churches, to be returned at Easter. Please take one. Astrid and Lorna

Fair Trade Festival Thanks to everyone who supported the event in St. Matthew's on Saturday 4th March. It was a successful social occasion and attracted a number of people from the wider community. The involvement of the Coop with their range of free samples was an unexpected bonus. There was a satisfactory volume of sales and generous donations. £100 has been sent to Traidcraft Exchange which provides education and training for farmers in the Third World.

The Real Easter Egg is now available. Each pack contains a Fair Trade chocolate egg, a 24 page Easter story/activity book and a Yummy Bar! For each egg sold a small donation is made to Traidcraft Exchange. Eggs can be ordered at the special price of £3.60 (RRP £3.99). Sign up on the order form in the family room or contact Sandra or Suzanne.

The Children's Society house box collection at St. Matthew's raised the sum of £360.19p which is an increase on last year. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this very worthy charity who do lots of work in our area. Margaret Robertshaw

Bingley Foodbank Thank you for all you are doing to keep the shelves well stocked; however, the following items are in short supply: meat and fish pastes, UHT milk, small bags sugar, tinned custard, jams and coffee. Please keep your donations coming as the need is as great as it has ever been. Suzanne

100 Club - The winners for February 2017 were:-

£25 - 19 - Pam Edwards:

£10 - 44 - Andrew & Margaret Robertshaw.

Alpha Course. Help still needed in the kitchen each Wednesday from 7.15.

Seeking strength though harmony of purpose in a hurting world

Next month, senior bishops from seven countries with partnership links to the Diocese of Leeds will meet together for the first time. Bishop Nick has invited the church leaders from Sri Lanka, Sudan, the USA, Tanzania, Sweden, Pakistan and Germany to spend 31 March-9 April in the diocese “celebrating the strength of global Christianity - a hugely positive message that runs counter to the current narrative of anti-globalisation”.

The global gathering begins with a diocesan welcome service at Wakefield Cathedral on Sunday 2 April at 3.30pm. Bishop Nick will preach and it will be an opportunity to hear from some of the link bishops and to pray for them and the dioceses they represent.

Dean Jonathan Greener says, “It would be great for as many people from the diocese as possible to come along to show how pleased we are that our visitors have made the effort to come to the UK, and to show how important our overseas links are to the life of the church here.”

Many more events are taking place including the bishops spending five days together on retreat at Parcevall Hall, as well as meeting with parishes and link supporters.

The bishops will pray, study and talk together, learning more about the diversity of our missional contexts. In essence, they will be asking what our links are for, and how they might be renewed. On Monday 10 April the bishops will travel to Canterbury to meet with Archbishop Justin Welby.

Bob

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.

Newsletter – a reminder that all items for the newsletter should be emailed to Pauline Stern and **copied to David Haigh and Bob Evans.**

Dates for your Diary

Sat 25 March	2.00 pm	Manorlands Spring Fashion Show at St. Saviour’s
Thurs 30 March	7.00pm	PCC at St. Matthew’s
Sun 2 April	12.15 pm	APCM at St. Saviour’s
Sun 23 April	6.30 pm	APCM 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 in Airedale Hospital, Alice Griffiths, Edna Weatherhead, Jackie Lancaster, Edwina Butterfield in B.R.I. and James Scantlebury.

Please pray for the family of Winnie Strowlger who died on 28 February.

Please pray for the family and friends of Ben Winter whose funeral was last Wednesday.

Please pray for those to be baptised:

Bobbi Alan Green at St. Matthew's on Sunday 26th March

George Arthur Staniland and Heidi Amelie Staniland at St. Saviour's on Sunday 2nd April

Riley James Lee at St. Matthew's on Sunday 23rd April

Eleanor May Meakin at St. Saviour's on Sunday 30 April

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 12th 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.

Sun 12 th	Pray for the work of the Church Mission Society in this country and throughout the world.
Mon 13 th	Pray for members of Harden WI meeting at St. Saviour's. Give thanks for the opportunities they provide for friendship, education and entertainment.
Tues 14 th	Pray for shops and businesses in Harden.
Wed 15 th	Pray for the mid-week services at St. Matthew's and St. Saviour's.
Thur 16 th	Pray for members of St. Saviour's PCC meeting this evening.
Fri 17 th	Pray for those in our villages who live alone, from choice or from changed circumstances.
Sat 18 th	Pray for the Friends of St Ives and those who work within this lovely area.

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

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