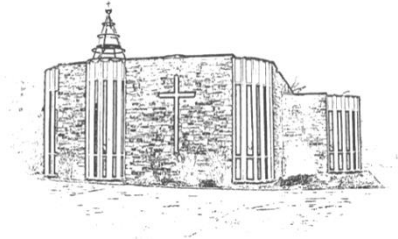


Parishes of Harden and Wilsden



Newsletter for 22nd 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!

Baptism - please pray for Nell Eugenie Quinlan, her parents, godparents and family, as they bring her for baptism at St. Saviour’s at 2.00 today.

Today is Homeless Sunday and we welcome Awais Mughal from CMS as our speaker.

Sunday 22 January		3rd of Epiphany		
Wilsden	9.30 am	Morning Worship	1 Corinthians 1:10-18	Matthew 4:12-23
Wilsden	11.00 am	Cafe Church & Holy Communion		
Harden	11.15 am	Morning Worship	1 Corinthians 1:10-18	Matthew 4:12-23
Harden	2.00 pm	Baptism of Nell Eugenie Quinlan		
Wilsden	6.30 pm	Holy Communion	Amos 3:1-8	John 1:1-4

Next Sunday’s Services –The Presentation of Christ

Wilsden	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Wilsden	11.00 am	Cafe Church
Harden	11.15 am	Holy Communion

This week's diary

Tues	7.30 pm	Men's group at the George, Cullingworth
Weds	10.45 am	Home Communion at Laurel Bank
Weds	2.30 pm	Prayer & Cake at St. Saviour's (Communion)
Weds	6.45 pm	Alpha Course at St. Matthew's

CMS does most of its work abroad but Awais Mughal, our speaker, is involved in working with asylum seekers through an ecumenical project called 'Beacon,' which is based in Bradford. We often feel quite helpless as to how we can help but through our giving to CMS we are already involved in a small way. I am hoping that Awais may give us an insight into the work of the project, hopefully with stories about real people, and that she may inspire us into deeper generosity. Do bring your questions. Bob

WHY are we spending today thinking about homeless people? How does this relate to our Christian commitment and values? How many times have we walked past a homeless person? Do we think that the homeless have chosen a lifestyle of living on the streets and that the "system" will look after them? Do we really know and understand what their stories are, what has led them into this situation and whether we can help in some way?

On this Homeless Sunday we join together with thousands of churches across the country to listen to what God has to say about homelessness; to **connect** with homeless people; to **challenge** accepted solutions; and to **commit** to practical action.

A Prayer for Homeless Sunday

Loving God, in your house there is room for everyone.

Help us as we strive for a world where everyone has a home that truly meets their needs.

Give us the grace to welcome strangers and refugees.

Give us the insight to see where inequality hurts.

Fill us with courage to do our part.

Save us from being overwhelmed by the scale of the housing crisis, and show us,

O Lord, where to begin.

Five Stars for the Luncheon Club! After a surprise visit from an Environmental Health officer on Thursday, the St. Saviour's luncheon club was given a "very good" 5 star rating. Well done to the teams and many thanks to Steve Rhodes for his advice and training. A Michelin star next?

Dates for your Diary

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

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

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

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

St. Saviour's coffee mornings. The first one in 2017 will be on Saturday 19th February from 10.00am. Please help by donating cakes, scones, tray bakes or other home-made 'goodies'. Any items for raffle prizes would also be appreciated. Most importantly, come along and join us and bring your friends.

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.

Website and email addresses

St. Matthew's: www.stmatthewswilsden.org.uk

St. Saviour's: www.stsavioursharden.org.uk

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admin@stmatthewswilsden.org.uk & admin@stsavioursharden.org.uk go to Helen

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:

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

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.

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 22nd 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 22 nd	On Homelessness Sunday pray for the men who slept at St Matthew's and for others that the Inn Churches programme wasn't able to help. Pray that our society may change in ways that reduce the causes of such need.
Mon 23 rd	Pray for the work of CMS, for mission partner Awais and her work with asylum seekers in the Bradford and Leeds area.
Tues 24 th	Pray for CMS partners who cannot be identified for safety reasons, including some in the Middle East working on Bible translation into local languages.
Wed 25 th	Pray for those helping with hospitality for the Alpha course and give thanks for the good response to the request for helpers.
Thur 26 th	Pray for refugees and for an end to the wars and causes of war that drive people from their homes.
Fri 27 th	Pray for the staff of the Leprosy Mission around the world providing care and compassion for those affected by leprosy.
Sat 28 th	Pray for a deep sense of gratitude and humility as we look honestly at our own situations and respond to the many needs around us.

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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