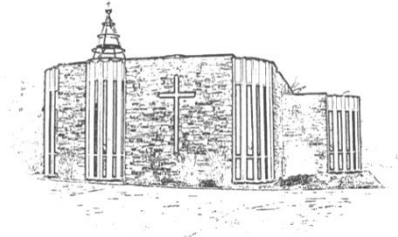


Parishes of Harden and Wilsden



Newsletter for 19th 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 Indiya Sophia Wright, her parents, godparents and family, as they bring her for baptism at St. Matthew’s at 2.00pm today.

Sunday 19 February			2nd Sunday before Lent	
Wilsden	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Romans 8:28-39	Matthew 6:25-end
Wilsden	11.00 am	Cafe Church		
Harden	11.15 am	Holy Communion	Romans 8:18-25	Matthew 6:25-end
Wilsden	2.00 pm	Baptism of Indiya Sophia Wright		

Next Sunday’s Services

Wilsden	9.30 am	Morning Worship
Wilsden	11.00 am	Cafe Church & Communion
Harden	11.15 am	Morning Worship
Wilsden	6.30 pm	Holy Communion

St. Matthew’s flowers today were given by Wendy Driver in memory of Jerry.

St. Saviour’s flowers today were given by Liz and Neil Hartley.

This week's diary

Weds	10.45 am	Home Communion at Laurel Bank
Weds	2.00 pm	Holy Communion at St. Saviours

Help on Weds 1st March with Roots. Due to the regular helpers being unavailable on Wednesday 1st March, an adult helper is needed as a one off with Roots the St. Saviour's after school children club – you would need to be available from 2.50pm in the Family Room to help walk the children around from school, to stay with them whilst Revd Suzy runs the event until 4.30. If no-one offers the group will be cancelled on that day. If you can help please let me know as soon as possible. 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.

Electoral Roll This is the list of those of us who have voting rights at the Annual Meetings for the election of our various Church Council and other representatives. If you consider yourself to be part of either St. Matthews or St. Saviours and are not already on the Electoral Roll please have a word with Dorothy Senior at St. Matthews, or Gary Dickinson at St. Saviours, about joining. It is free and very straightforward. Bob

Annual Meetings Although a little way off, please will everyone make a note of these important dates when we come together to receive our financial statement and various reports, also to elect your representatives for Church Warden, PCC, and Deanery Synod. For St. Saviour's this is on Sunday 2nd April after the morning service. For St. Matthew's this is on Sunday 23rd April at 6.00pm including a shared meal and a short service of evening prayer. Bob

Curry evenings When we were with our twin church at Lynchburg in the USA, Suzanne and I joined up with many church members for an informal meal out which they do once a month on a Sunday evening. We are thinking of giving it a go here on the 1st Sunday evening of each month at the Cardamon in Bingley which would cost £7.95 for a three course 'Sunday Banquet'. Watch this space for the launch date! (and have a word with us if you might be interested sometimes so we have a vague idea of how many). Bob

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

Winter Shelter at Gateway Christian Centre

We only have 6 weeks left of this year's Winter Shelter and the support from our amazing team of volunteers has been overwhelming! Thank you to everyone who has made endless cups of tea, cleaned, chatted with guests and all the other countless, often unseen, tasks that make our guests feel welcomed.

For the week of February 20th - February 27th Gateway Christian Centre have kindly offered us the use of their building so that we can keep the shelter running and we would really appreciate any extra volunteers who are able to help.

We particularly need people for **evening shifts** as befrienders and **overnight shifts**.

If you can offer us any time to volunteer that week then please get in touch with us on hanna@innchurches.co.uk or juli@innchurches.co.uk

Thank you so much for all your support!

The InnChurches team

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

Clergy meet with police and council officers Liz and I attended an event at the Cathedral for all clergy in our Bradford Area jointly with police and many council staff. The police presence was huge and ranged from the Chief Super' of the Bradford District to many PCSOs with every rank in between. The Inspector from every one of their five 'areas' was present. As the Bishop observed, it was a good day to rob a bank but a bad day to have a funeral! The chief exec. of Bradford Council was there, as were police ward officers, and council ward officers, council area co-ordinators and councillors. The speeches and conversations were about working together for the greater good of the communities we serve and it was humbling to experience the enthusiasm of all concerned to deepen relationships and to continue the conversations into the future. This is an example of the benefit of the new Diocesan Area system being based upon civic authority boundaries – the areas covered by Diocesan Episcopal Area, Police District, and Metropolitan Council are almost identical.

Bob

Dates for your Diary

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
Sat 18 March	10.00 am	Coffee Morning 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:

Eva Grace Thompson at St. Saviour's on Sunday 26th February

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 and for their parents and godparents.

Please pray

Hannah and Scott married at St. Matthew's on Friday.

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 19th 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 19 th	Pray for all at Cafe Church and for those who prepare and lead these services.
Mon 20 th	Pray for those looking for work, for the first time or following redundancy.
Tues 21 st	Pray for Scouts, Cubs, Beavers and their leaders.
Wed 22 nd	Pray for the After School club at St Saviour's. Continue to pray for all at the Alpha course.
Thur 23 rd	Pray for Rainbows who meet at St Matthew's, and their leaders.
Fri 24 th	Pray for Brownies and Guides in this area and their leaders.
Sat 25 th	Pray for single parent families in our villages.

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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