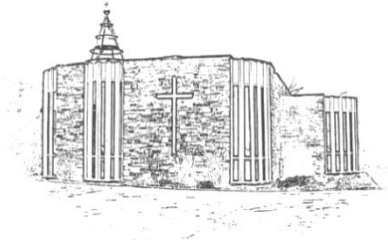
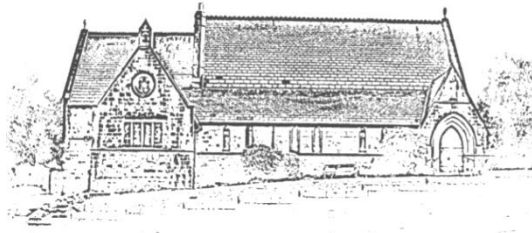


# Parishes of Harden and Wilsden



## Newsletter for 24 February 2019

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!*

<b>Sunday 24 February</b>			<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent</b>	
Wilsden	9.30 am	Morning Worship	Genesis 1:1-2:3	Matthew 6:25-end
Wilsden	11.00 am	Cafe Church & Communion		
Harden	11.15 am	Morning Worship	Genesis 1:1-2:3	Matthew 6:25-end
Wilsden	6.30 pm	Holy Communion	Revelation 4	Luke 8:22-25

<b>Next Sunday's services</b>		
Wilsden	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Wilsden	11.00 am	Cafe Church
Harden	11.15 am	Holy Communion

## Diary for the next week

Wed	10.45 am	Home Communion at Laurel Bank
Wed	2.30 pm	Prayer & Cake at St. Saviour's
Wed	3.00 pm	Roots After School Club at St. Saviour's
Fri	2.00 pm	World Day of Prayer service at Trinity Church
Fri	7.30 pm	Murder Mystery Evening at St. Matthew's

## Dates for your diary

Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Curry Night at the Cardamon. Names to Helen by the 24 <sup>th</sup> February
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Fair Trade Big Brew at St. Matthew's 10 – 12 noon
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> March	St. Matthew's PCC meeting at 7.00 pm
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Lent Lunch for CMS at St. Saviour's
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> March	St. Saviour's PCC meeting at 7.15 pm
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> April	Leprosy Mission Coffee Morning at St. Matthew's
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> April	St. Matthew's Annual Meeting at 11.00 am
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> April	St. Saviour's Annual Meeting at 12.30 pm

**World Day of Prayer 2019** will be celebrated on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March. This year the service has been prepared by the women of Slovenia. Our local service will be at Trinity Church, Wilsden at 2pm led by Rev. Christine Crabtree. Men and women are both welcome. On this special day those taking part are encouraged to become aware of other countries and cultures, to sympathize with their problems and to pray with and for them. They are further encouraged to recognise their own talents and use them in the service of society.

**Lent 2019 Discussion groups.** These will run for five weeks, from week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> March, with a final joint session at St Saviour's after the Wednesday evening service in Holy Week. The groups will follow a study guide "Lent with Luke".

There are three possible daytime slots: **Monday** afternoon in Harden,

**Wednesday** morning in St John's, or **Thursday** morning in Denholme (with lunch!)

Also two possible evenings: **Thursday** in St. John's or **Wednesday** in Wilsden.

If you would like to be involved and meet with members of other churches please sign the sheet at the back of church **today** indicating the times that would be possible for you.

Volunteers are also needed to act as hosts in Harden and Wilsden, not necessarily for the whole period.

**Statistics and Mission Support** There are a lot of statistics out there and many conflicting variations, sometimes depending on carefully defined base lines. You can look at numbers until you don't know what to think.

That is why the information Revd Liz Moy gave us in a recent sermon packed such a punch. "If you have food in the fridge, clothes on your back, a roof over your head and a place to sleep, you are richer than 75% of this world. If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture or the pangs of starvation, you are ahead of 500 million people in the world. If you can read this information, you are more blessed than over two billion people in the world who cannot read at all." Liz's statistics contained a lot more words than numbers and I am sure a whole range of pictures came into our minds as we listened. Perhaps we reflected on the enormity of the problems and how little impact we could have.

The charities our churches have chosen to support all play their parts in different ways. We are continuing our tradition of focussing on the Church Mission Society during Lent. Our CMS partner Awais is working specifically with people who have fled from battle, torture and starvation. You can contribute by supporting the Lent Lunch on March 24th and there will also be CMS boxes available in church throughout Lent.

Unusually we are including an event for the Leprosy Mission during this season in order to take advantage of the Government pledge to double donations at this time.

Astrid Hansen

**A big thank you** to all, from all over the benefice and further afield, who supported the Valentine Quiz at St Matthew's. It raised £400 for church funds.

**Fair Trade Fortnight 2019 runs from 25th February till 10th March.**

During Fair Trade Fortnight we are reminded that many of our foodstuffs are produced in developing countries where small farmers experience severe poverty and cannot afford basic things that we take for granted. Traidcraft plc was founded in 1979 and were pioneers in campaigning for guaranteed prices and improved conditions. This year marks their 40th anniversary and happily, after a restructuring, the company now looks set to continue this work.

**Celebrate the occasion at our Fair Trade Festival in St Matthew's on Saturday 9th March from 10am to 12noon.** Do come along and bring a friend!

We will set up the stalls from 4pm on the Friday. All offers of help welcome. Sandra

**New Electoral Rolls** All church members, old and new, are encouraged to include their names on the new Roll. You will need to complete a form, available in church, and return it to the relevant electoral roll officer: Dorothy Senior at St. Matthew's,

Gary Dickinson at St. Saviour's (or Malcolm Jones.)

Under GDPR regulations a completed Data Consent Form is also needed.

## 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)

Please keep in prayer Beatrice Waddington, Alice Griffiths and all those who are no longer able to join us at our services.

Please pray for Alexander Stirk-Wooley and for Gordon Nevill

Please pray for June, Robert, Richard and Andrew and all the family and friends of **Jim Waddington** who died on 1 February and whose service of celebration was at St. Saviour's last Monday.

### Prayers for the week beginning Sunday 24 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	24-Feb	Pray for Andy Jolley, Archdeacon of Bradford, and others who have the responsibility of making decisions which will shape future ministry in the parishes of Bradford Archdeaconry.
Mon	25-Feb	Pray for the work of the Leprosy Mission. They are asking particularly at this time for prayer for their work in Nepal.
Tue	26-Feb	Pray for the work of the Children's Society.
Wed	27-Feb	Give thanks for the life of George Herbert, priest and poet, whose words continue to inspire. 'Teach me, my God and King, in all things thee to see.'
Thu	28-Feb	Pray for the work of CMS, for our mission partner Awais and for an English couple working on Bible translation in the Middle East and who cannot be identified for security reasons.
Fri	01-Mar	Join in prayer with those at World Day of Prayer services, focussing on the needs and gifts of other countries and cultures.
Sat	02-Mar	On the day following St. David's Day give thanks for those who first spread the Gospel in these islands and pray for the work of their successors.

Please give contributions for the next newsletter to Pauline - Tel: 01535 273814

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*Please note we can only mention people, by name, in the newsletter with their consent.*

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