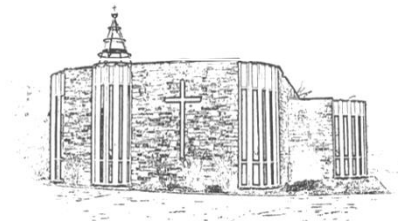


## Parishes of Harden and Wilsden



### Newsletter for 16<sup>th</sup> February 2020

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 16 February</b>		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent</b>		
Wilsden	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Genesis 1:1-2:3	Matthew 6:25-34
Wilsden	11.00 am	Cafe Church		
Harden	11.15 am	Holy Communion	Genesis 1:1-2:3 <b>or</b> Romans 8:18-25	Matthew 6:25-34

<b>Services Next Sunday</b>		
Wilsden	9.30 am	Morning Worship
Wilsden	11.00 am	Cafe Church & Holy Communion
Harden	11.15 am	Morning Worship
Wilsden	6.30 pm	Holy Communion

## Diary for the next week

Wed 19 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Holy Communion at St. Matthew's
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>	2.00 pm	Craft & Chat at St. Matthew's

## Dates for your diary

Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	7.00 pm	Ash Wednesday service at St Saviour's
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10–12 noon	Fair Trade Coffee Morning at St. Matthew's
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> Mar	6.45 pm	Curry evening at Cardamon in Bingley
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10.30 am	Open The Book training day at Riddlesden – please speak to Richard if you'd like to go.
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Mar	2.00pm	World Day of Prayer Service at Cullingworth Methodist Church
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> Mar	12.15pm	Lent Lunch at St. Saviour's
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> April		Annual Parochial Church Meetings

**Fair Trade Fortnight 2020** runs from 24<sup>th</sup> February to 7<sup>th</sup> March. During this period we think of farmers in developing countries and aim to ensure fair prices for their products. As a Fair Trade Church we plan a special Coffee Morning in St. Matthew's on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February, from 10am to 12 noon. A wide range of fairly-traded food items and fancy goods will be available. Do come along and bring your friends. We will set up on the Friday from 4pm. Offers of help welcome!

Sandra H

**The Revision of St. Matthew's Electoral Roll** is now taking place. Anyone who is not on the current roll and who would like to be, please ask Margaret Harrison for an application form.

**Advance Notice that Annual Parochial Church Meetings (APCMs)** will take place at St. Matthew's and St. Saviour's on 19th April 2020.

Election of churchwardens (annual appointments) and PCC members to fill vacancies (two in each church) will take place at these meetings.

This notice is intended to give all members of the congregations plenty of time to consider putting their names forward for election when the notices are posted nearer the date.

'New blood' is always welcome and of advantage to the churches.

**Malcolm Halliday** - Malcolm is at home but still attending St. James Hospital in Leeds for check-ups and any treatment he needs. Di and Malcolm both thank you all for your prayers and your kindness and concern at this time.

**Today's flowers** at St. Saviour's were donated by June Waddington remembering Jim.

**Churches Together Lent Groups** Sign-up sheets are now available. This year our Lent Groups will run for 5 weeks beginning the first week in March. We will be following a programme called "In His Hands" prepared by Richard. Do come along to join in discussions with members of other churches. A broad selection of times and venues has been offered:

**Cullingworth:** Mon eve @7.30 at St. John's, led by Richard B.

Wed morn @11am in St. John's, led by Suzy McC.

Thurs eve @7pm at 11 Ainsdale Grove, led by Judy Mason

**Denholme:** Thurs morn @10am in Shared Church, led by members of the lay team.

**Harden:** Wed aft @2.30pm in St. Saviour's, led by Richard B. and Liz Moy

**Wilsden:** Mon aft @2pm at St. Matthew's, led by Richard B.

Thurs morn @10am at 2 Birchlands Grove, led by Christine C.

Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in church.

Mark your first preference with '1' but tick other possible times you could be available so that viable groups can be organised.

### **National church agrees new carbon target of net zero by 2030**

Christians from across the national Church have agreed a bold new climate target this week, by committing to make the Church carbon 'net zero' by 2030.

At a meeting of General Synod, the Church's governing body, members voted in favour revising the date for this carbon target, encouraging all parts of the Church of England to take action and ramp-up efforts to reduce emissions.

A motion was approved calling for urgent steps to examine requirements to reach the new target, and draw up an action plan.

Jemima Parker, Diocesan Environment Officer, was at the debate, and said: "General Synod have taken a prophetic step in committing the Church of England to be carbon neutral by 2030. Creation is in crisis and to safeguard our common home radical transformation of all our lives, churches, and indeed our whole economy is needed in the next 10 years. It will of course be very challenging for each church and for the diocese as a whole to implement this, but we have all the technology we need to do so. It is now a question of putting it into practice. As a starting point I would urge every church to engage with the Eco Church award scheme and the #LiveLent: Care for God's Creation resources."

The motion follows the launch of the Church of England's first ever Green Lent campaign for 2020, featuring 40 days of prayers and actions to encourage care for God's Creation.

## **Prayers for the week beginning Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> 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	16-Feb	Pray for the troubled parts of the world, for refugees and displaced people and for an end to violence and destruction.
Mon	17-Feb	Pray for those in this part of the country, and particularly in Calderdale, affected yet again by storms and floods
Tue	18-Feb	Pray for doctors who work for the Leprosy Mission and that others will hear the call to this work as 'Hospital Heroes'.
Wed	19-Feb	CMS ask for prayers for mission partners working in South Asia, particularly in work with children and child protection.
Thu	20-Feb	Pray for our CMS partner Awais and her work with refugees and asylum seekers in Leeds.
Fri	21-Feb	Pray for retired people in our communities, particularly those helping and supporting younger members of their families.
Sat	22-Feb	Pray for newcomers to Harden and Wilsden, that they may find these pleasant and friendly places to live, that they may make new friends and find local activities to take part in.

### **Prayer Chains at St. Matthew's and St. Saviour's.**

St. Matthew's: Margaret Harrison 272305. (Reserve is Dorothy 01274 497898)

St. Saviour's: June Thompson 273787. (Reserve is Hazel 274234)

Please pray for: Beatrice Waddington and all those no longer able to join our services  
Bob and Suzanne Evans      Malcolm and Di Halliday

Please give contributions for the next newsletter to Pauline - Tel: 01535 273814  
email: pstern155@gmail.com (and copy to David Haigh: david@haigh.demon.co.uk  
and to Helen Ludkin) **Copy Deadline:** 12.00h on the **WEDNESDAY** before publication

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

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