

Parishes of St Saviour's Harden and St Matthew's Wilsden

IN THE BENEFICE OF HARDEN AND WILSDEN, CULLINGWORTH AND DENHOLME

Newsletter for 3rd May 2020



We are continuing to light a candle in a window each evening at
8.30pm.

Make sure you light it safely!

If you have a pretend candle that would be even better.

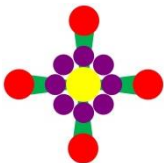
Light it and put it in a window at 8.30pm for half an hour each night.

“It will be a sign of solidarity and hope in the light of Christ that can never be extinguished.”

The clergy, ministry team and pastoral team are ready to respond to calls for help and support, whether it be food, prayer or a chat.



Richard continues to live-stream Morning Prayer at 8am and Evening Prayer at 5pm each weekday. You can join him live each weekday, or watch later. If you search in your app provider for “Daily Prayer Church of England” you will find the Free Daily Prayer app.



Follow our Benefice Facebook Page. Search for:
“Harden, Wilsden, Cullingworth, Denholme Benefice”

There are lots of uplifting things in our Facebook community and there will be more regular features in this time when we cannot meet as we normally do!

We bring you the sad news of **Paul White's** death. Paul died on Saturday 25 April in BRI. He and Linda have been coming to St. Saviour's since last summer and Paul was a member of the men's group. We remember Linda and the family in our prayers.

Neighbourhood Support Services To help with these difficult times of self isolation and social distancing Bradford Council have set up a Neighbourhood Support Service and have identified, and are supporting, points of contact in our villages.

Everyone in our community is asked to keep an eye on their neighbours (from a distance), particularly those without internet access. If they need help then let them know about the service or the service know about them.

In Harden, the Congregational Church is the contact point and to access the service phone Helen Keighley on 07932 156 337 or 01535 271221.

In Wilsden the service is being coordinated from the village hall by Jane Callaghan and Kelley Sutcliffe. Ring Jane on 07986 294 757 or email:

jane.callaghan@wilsdenparishcouncil.gov.uk or kelley@wilsdenvillagehall.co.uk

If you live outside the two villages and need help then the telephone number of the Bradford Met Centre is 01274 431000

VE DAY 8 May This coming Friday is the special Bank Holiday to mark 75 years since VE day. Sadly all the planned commemorations will not be taking place. There will be two minutes silence at 11am. If you are able to go to your doorsteps or stand at your window for that time it will help everyone to remember. In the afternoon we are encouraged to hold a 1940's style Tea Party in our homes! At 9pm the Queen will address the nation and then we are encouraged to go to our doorsteps for a national rendition of "We'll meet again!"

Our Local Food Banks are playing a vital role during the present crisis. Many people are not working and are in financial difficulties. The Bingley Food Bank, which we traditionally support, has continued at its usual level although with some difficulty due to social distancing. In contrast, the central Bradford food banks are facing a huge increase in demand for their services and need our help. If you would like to contribute food items then in Harden these may be left on the doorstep at the Raine's home and in Wilsden at the Post Office. These will be forwarded to the Bradford Metropolitan Food bank, a local charity. However, financial contributions, especially with Gift Aid, would be particularly welcome. This allows the charity to buy the goods it needs at wholesale prices. The Bradford Metropolitan Food Bank's web-site has a donations page with a Gift Aid option.

<http://www.bradfordfoodbank.com>

Bradford Central Food Bank has recently teamed up with Bankuet so that people can donate money on line to provide the food bank with items which are needed.

Log in at www.bankuet.co.uk/bradfordcentral



The Daily Hope Phone Line is a new development from the Church of England. For those who struggle to use online resources the church has now set up a free phone line called ‘Daily Hope.’

You can call it at any time, day or night on 0800 804 8044.

The whole system is pre-recorded so is always available.

The first thing you will hear will be the Archbishop of Canterbury welcoming you. You can listen to his whole message or move on through the options.

Option 1 takes you to Hymns We Love. This is a short 20 minute service based round a well-known hymn.

Option 2 takes you to Hymn line where you can listen to hymns.

Option 3 takes you to prayer line for a variety of prayers.

Option 4 gives you more options. (but I haven’t explored that yet!).

So remember 0800 804 8044

Fair Trade. Thank you to everyone who has supported our monthly stalls this past year. Four churches are involved: St. Matthew’s, St. Saviour’s, Trinity and Haworth Road Methodist Church, who have chosen the charity to benefit from our surplus this year. £300 has been donated to ‘All We Can’, the Methodist Overseas Relief and Development Charity. Trading has stopped temporarily but there is still stock in the cupboard! Let Sandra know if you have urgent requests. Perishables have been donated to the foodbank.

Edna Weatherhead would like to thank everyone for the flowers, cards and telephone calls to mark her 90th birthday last Sunday. She had a wonderful day despite lockdown! These words from a favourite hymn mean a lot to to her:
 “Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided, urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way, sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided: Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.”

Congratulations to the Allison’s who won the Benefice Online Quiz on Wednesday evening! Thank you to Astrid for an excellent Yorkshire quiz. Everyone is invited to be part of our Benefice Online Quiz this **Tuesday** evening at 7.00pm. If you would like to join in just email Helen Ludkin: beneficehwcd@gmail.com and on Tuesday we will send you an email to let you know how it all works.

Church Finances: If you do not usually give your offerings electronically, but can do so during this time when we are not able to meet in church, it would really help our cash flow. Thank you. Donations or regular giving may be done by sending your gift to:

Account name	Sort Code	Account Number
St Saviour’s Church Harden PCC	05-02-42	32488873
Parish of St Matthews, Wilsden	40-23-05	42128918

Please include your name as a reference or we will be unable to thank you. We are wholly dependent on your generosity.

Prayer Requests: We have set up a dedicated email for prayer requests. Please let people know about it! Any requests can be sent to: say14me@hotmail.com and we will be able to get people praying for the things on people's hearts and minds.

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, Malcolm and Di Halliday, Linda White and all the family.

Prayers for the week beginning Sunday 3rd May

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	03-May	As we appreciate the countryside around our villages and the wonderful works of nature we can see without going far from home, pray that people may learn how to cherish these gifts.
Mon	04-May	Pray for those making decisions for the nation and for those who advise them.
Tue	05-May	Pray for continued patience and sensible behaviour even as some become more anxious and frustrated.
Wed	06-May	Pray for those in our villages or otherwise known to you who have recently lost someone dear to them.
Thu	07-May	Pray for staff and residents at Laurel Bank and other nursing and residential homes in this area.
Fri	08-May	Mother Julian of Norwich is remembered today. This is one of her many inspired sayings: He did not say, 'You will never have a rough passage, you will never be over-strained, you will never feel uncomfortable,' but he did say, 'You will never be overcome.'
Sat	09-May	Pray for the work of the Leprosy Mission on the day on which the Harden & Wilsden mission support group had hoped to hold a fund raising coffee morning.

Please give contributions for the next newsletter to Pauline - Tel: 01535 273814
email: pstern155@gmail.com (and copy to David Haigh: david@dshaigh.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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Clergy Days Off: Liz – Monday & Thursday, Suzy – Tuesday, Richard - Saturday