

Parishes of St. Saviour's Harden and St. Matthew's Wilsden
IN THE BENEFICE OF HARDEN AND WILSDEN, CULLINGWORTH AND DENHOLME

Newsletter for 5th July 2020

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES:



TODAY: SUNDAY 5 JULY, TRINITY 4

11am Zoom Cafe Church

Café Church is open to everyone, not just those who have been before. So bring your coffee and click this link ready for the 11am start, and enjoy the discussions and breakout groups. Everyone is welcome.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82681954038>

6pm Evening Prayer with Sermon on Facebook & Church Webpage

Monday to Friday:

8am Morning Prayer 5pm Evening Prayer
9pm Night Prayer



Join the growing numbers who are praying with us each day. Readings, psalms and prayers, with a little bit of Bible explanation too. If you're late you can still watch on replay too.

Thursday Prayers

We have a zoom prayer group which meets on Thursdays at 11am. To join in just follow this link at 11am any Thursday:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83952757402?pwd=eEYrRGFkL3g1dzJLeUcvSDJueTlZdz09>

NEXT SUNDAY: 12 July - The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

11am Family and Pet Service on Zoom.

Bring your pets or if you don't have a pet, a teddy or a pet substitute.

The link is:

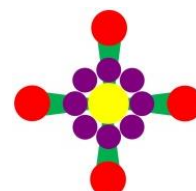
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89105329682?pwd=ZldVS1BrT1RQc05oc1ZJNE4xeHV1UT09>



6pm Evening Prayer with Sermon on Facebook & Church Webpage.



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



"I SPY JULY" began on Wednesday 1 July. It is very simple.

On 1 July take a photo of something beginning with the letter "A."

On 2 July it will be the letter "B" etc.

Post your photos on our Facebook Page and see what others have posted too!



Not on Facebook – Not a Problem.

You can see our livestreamed services by going to our church webpages:

www.stsavioursharden.org.uk or www.stmatthewswilsden.org.uk

and you will be able to see all that we are doing on Facebook there.

OPENING OUR CHURCHES Harden Church will be open for personal prayer on Mondays for an hour from 10am. Wilsden will remain closed for the present due to building works, but we hope to open for personal prayer at St. Matthew's soon.

Following the announcement by the government this week we will be looking at opening for collective worship on Sunday mornings. Look out for details coming soon.

Our top priority is safety not speed in reopening for worship.



Tuesday's Quiz was a tie won by Astrid and the Millers! Thank you to Suzy for a fun quiz. The next one is on Wednesday 8 July at 7pm. The link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84933475348?pwd=cEVtNVlJeXJkSFMxQUN1cXJYemllQT09>

The men's group are intending to meet for a socially distanced walk on 22 July, if you would like further information about this please contact Robert on 07758 193260

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

GORDON BASTOW Gordon was an active member of St. Matthew's for many years, serving God and the church faithfully throughout that time. Such service extended into the village and local community.

He was churchwarden at St Matthew's on several occasions, which added up to a total of 36 years, serving alongside a number of incumbents. It's hardly surprising he became known as Gordon the Warden, not just to those in church but to people further afield. His deep faith was lived out in many practical ways as he participated willingly in church activities both in Wilsden and in joint events with Harden. He loved making things and turned his hand to all sorts, including replacing the roof on the boiler room at St Matthew's. He used his skills to draw the initial plans of the present St Matthew's church and more recently to draw up plans for the memorial garden next to the church.

His love of walking and his easy rapport with people of all ages were true gifts. When he led the Pathfinders youth group in walks on the Moors, they would act out Bible stories, creating special memories for those young people. In more recent years, others remember him for helping with catering for WOT, worship on Tuesday, the forerunner of Messy Church.

He will be remembered as a kind, caring man, frequently combining an encouraging and reliable presence with the gift of brightening encounters as his sense of humour broke through. As we give thanks for Gordon's friendship and his steadfast witness to his faith over the years, we hold Jean, Ruth and all who miss him in our prayers.

Gordon's funeral will be at St. Matthew's on Thursday 9 July at 1.30pm. We are going to Zoom the service and the link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84849853427?pwd=MTVDWWI4OWFXOUNNTUQ2R3p6L01adz09>

Wad Medani Diocese is one of the five dioceses of the Province of Sudan. It is a sparsely populated, mainly rural area, approximately 400 miles long. In a recent letter Bishop Saman says 'Greetings from your friends in Wad Medani Diocese. Since the beginning of the coronavirus we kept our churches open and continue praying for you. As for us, we are all well and the problem is people are really suffering hunger because of lock down people can't go to work, specially the poor families. Please do pass our love to all our friends.'

Leeds Diocese Sudan group has been able to send some relief funds to the Province and plans to launch an appeal. I hope our parishes will find a way to respond to the on-going needs. Our planned June coffee morning went the way of so many local events this year.

Our PCC's met this week and we have been overwhelmed by the continued generous contributions in people's giving. THANK YOU!

Donations or regular giving may be done by sending your gift to:

| Account name | Sort Code | Account Number |
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| 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 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.

Prayers for the week beginning Sunday 5th July

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.

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| Sun | 05-Jul | Pray for all taking part in the Cafe Church Zoom gathering. |
| Mon | 06-Jul | Pray for those working to ensure that our church buildings are safe spaces as they open for private prayer. |
| Tue | 07-Jul | Pray for those who are working to find treatments and vaccines to combat covid19. |
| Wed | 08-Jul | Pray for local sports clubs, for those who encourage junior members to keep fit and to keep up their interest in their chosen sport. |
| Thu | 09-Jul | Pray for your neighbours, for those who are helping you and those you are able to help. |
| Fri | 10-Jul | Pray for Jean and her family as we remember with love and gratitude Gordon's long contribution to church and community life |
| Sat | 11-Jul | As more parks, gardens and country areas open for visitors, pray that they will be used carefully and unselfishly so that people can enjoy the benefits with minimum risk. |

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 **TUESDAY** 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