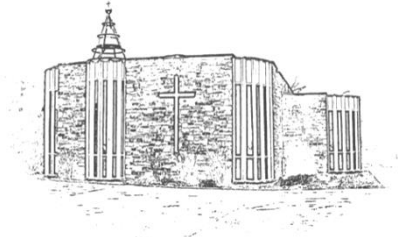


# Parishes of Harden and Wilsden



## Newsletter for 26<sup>th</sup> 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 Eva Grace Thompson, her parents, godparents and family, as they bring her for baptism at St. Saviour’s today.

Sunday 26 February			Sunday before Lent	
Wilsden	9.30 am	Morning Worship	2 Peter 1:16-end	Matthew 17:1-9
Wilsden	11.00 am	Cafe Church & Communion		
Harden	11.15 am	Morning Worship	2 Peter 1:16-end	Matthew 17:1-9
Wilsden	6.30 pm	Holy Communion		

### Next Sunday’s Services

Wilsden	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Wilsden	11.00 am	Cafe Church
Harden	11.15 am	Holy Communion

### This week’s diary

Wed	10.00 am	Holy Communion at St. Matthew’s
Wed	7.30 pm	Ash Wednesday Holy Communion at St. Saviour’s
Fri	2.00 pm	Women’s World Day of Prayer at St. Matthew’s
Sat	10.00am	Fair Trade Big Brew coffee morning at St. Matthew’s

**Ben Winter RIP**

Ben died in the early hours of Thursday morning following a very brave fight to live a normal life for as long as he could. Our thoughts and prayers are for Abigail, Virginia and the children.

**St Saviour's flowers** today commemorate what would have been the 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Doreen and Geoff Baxter. Donated by their daughter, Pat.

**Lent Study 2017.** Three groups have been formed, one meeting on Tuesday morning and two in parallel on Wednesday evenings. Details are displayed on the notice board. The first sessions will be on Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th March. It is not too late to join! Please contact Sandra Haigh if you are interested. [sandra@haigh.demon.co.uk](mailto:sandra@haigh.demon.co.uk) or 274225

**Fair Trade.** Celebrate Fair Trade Fortnight at our special event in St. Matthew's on Saturday 4th March from 10 till 12.30. We will set up the stalls on Friday afternoon from 4pm. All offers of help welcome!  
Sandra Haigh

**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 we take for granted. Buying products from Traidcraft we are sure that the producers have been paid a fair rate for their skills. Their development arm provides training and education in modern farming methods. One of many farmers benefitting from improved conditions is Adriano, a tea plucker in Tanzania. He says "I have been able to build a house using mud bricks and the Fair Trade Fund have given me iron sheets for the roof. I can pay for my daughter to go to school. Please ask people in the UK to keep buying our tea to help improve our life conditions."

**Women's World Day of Prayer** next Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

**James Scantlebury** has been admitted to Airedale hospital with a chest infection, he is a little short of visitors and would be really pleased to see any friends. He is on ward 7 section c12 bed 11.  
Doreen Baxter

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> April after the morning service. For St. Matthew's this is on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday evening of each month at the Cardamon in Bingley which would cost £7.95 for a three course 'Sunday Banquet'. Our first meal will be on 2<sup>nd</sup> April. (Have a word with us if you might be interested sometimes so we have a vague idea of how many).  
Bob

**St. Saviour's Coffee Mornings** – It was good to meet with new and old friends at our first coffee morning of 2017.  
Please make a note to join us on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March, when we plan to "STEP INTO SPRING" with a stall of items beginning with 'S' – e.g. soap, soup, socks, stationery, shampoo, satsumas etc!! All donations welcome.  
Margaret Hodgson

**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

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

**Newsletter** – a reminder that all items for the newsletter should be emailed to Pauline Stern and **copied to David Haigh and Bob Evans.**

### Dates for your Diary

Wed 8 March	2.30pm	Prayer and Cake at St.Saviour'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 James Scantlebury.

**Pray especially** for Abigail, Virginia, and the children.

**Please pray** for those to be baptised:

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.

**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 26<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 26 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for Bob and Suzanne, that they may feel encouraged and supported in their ministry.
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup>	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.'
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for the work of the Leprosy Mission, particularly for the needs of Purulia Hospital in West Bengal.
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup>	On Ash Wednesday pray that our observance of the season of Lent may bring a deeper understanding of the love of God.
Thur 2 <sup>nd</sup>	St Chad's Day. Pray for the clergy and congregation of St Chad's church in Toller Lane, providing their particular style of worship in our Episcopal Area.
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Pray for those taking part in the Women's World Day of Prayer on a theme of fairness and sharing.
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for a successful Fair Trade event at St Matthew's and for an increase in support for fairly traded products.

**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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