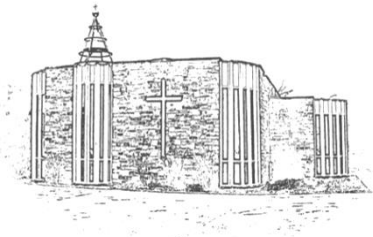
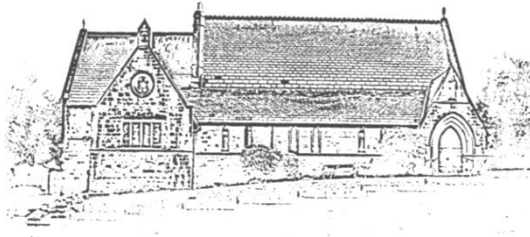


Parishes of Harden and Wilsden



Newsletter for 27 May 2018

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!

Sunday 27 May		Trinity		
Wilsden	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Romans 8:12-17	John 3:1-17
Wilsden	11.00 am	Café Church with Holy Communion		
Harden	11.15 am	Morning Worship	Romans 8:12-17	John 3:1-17
Harden	2.30 pm	Wedding		

Please note: There will be NO evening service today.

Next Sunday's Services - Trinity 1		
Wilsden	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Wilsden	11.00 am	Café Church
Harden	11.15 am	Holy Communion

This week's diary

Wed	10.00 am	Holy Communion at St. Matthew's
Fri	2.00-4.00pm	Craft and Chat at St. Matthew's
Sat	1.00 pm	Lego Club at St. Matthew's

Juliet Raine As we worship today, Anne and Chris Raine will be celebrating the wedding of their daughter to Gianfranco Comida in Tortoli, Sardinia, where they are now living.

Whilst Juliet continues her physiotherapy career, the happy couple are also starting a new business - bed and breakfast in their new home (go-comida.com). We all wish them well in their new and exciting life together.

Helen Keighley After 25 years at St. Saviour's, Helen is leaving us in June to take on her new role as Pastor at Harden Congregational Church. She would like to express her thanks to all the wonderful people at St. Saviour's and whilst she is sad to be leaving she is very excited about her new job. She looks forward to close links between the two churches and opportunities for shared worship.

Christian Aid Week. Thank you to everyone who helped deliver the envelopes in our villages. Let us hope there is a generous response.

Home Groups Would you like to join a home group? We are trying to set up some new ones throughout the Benefice/Churches Together. If you are interested (even if you wish to start in September) please email Helen Ludkin on pahardenwilsden@gmail.com with your preferred days and time of day.

Church flowers in St. Matthew's and St. Saviour's. The list is available at the back of church for you to offer to give flowers to celebrate a special occasion or to remember loved ones. The flower team would very much welcome offers of help to arrange the flowers. If you are able to help, please speak to Jean Crerar or Liz Hartley at Harden or Margaret Harrison at Wilsden.

Dates for your diary

Sunday 3 June	Curry Night. Names to Helen by 27 th May
Wed 27 June	Men's Group meeting

St. Matthew's Family Room: to discuss booking the Family Room please ring 07788848830

Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme

A polite reminder about how **non-taxpayers** can use the GASDS to augment their church giving.

How much we give to the church and the way in which we give is entirely a personal matter for each and every one of us.

However, **for those people who don't pay tax**, the following points may be useful:-

- The GASDS allows the church to claim back from the taxman an extra 25pence for every £1 given.
- The Gift Aid Secretary can only do this for cash gifts of £20 or less made during a church service.
- For cash gifts of £20 or less in an envelope – the extra money can be claimed.
- If more than £20 is put into an envelope and placed on the collection plate, the extra money cannot be claimed back. It is clearly a single gift of more than £20.
- If that same cash gift of more than £20 is placed on the collection plate – NOT in an envelope – the extra money can be claimed. The GA Secretary does not know that the money is a single gift, and is entitled to assume it is several gifts of less than £20.
- It therefore follows that it is financially better for the church if a non-taxpaying envelope giver wants to donate say, £30 (perhaps because they have been away and want to “catch up” their weekly gifts), it is better if the cash is placed directly onto the collection plate, not in an envelope.
- For cheque and standing order donations – the extra money cannot be claimed back. It is better to place cash on the plate, or in an envelope if £20 or less.

All of the above only applies to non-taxpayers.

People who do pay tax are urged to sign a Gift Aid Declaration that enables the GA Secretary to claim back 25 pence for every £1, no matter how the gift is made or whatever the amount of the gift.

Please talk to Michael Richardson if you need further information or guidance.

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 those who are no longer able to join us at our services.

Please continue to pray for **Bob** and **Suzanne**.

Please continue to pray for **John Hansen** who is comfortable in Cottingley Hall and still enjoying conversation and local news. He is deeply touched by the many visitors and messages of support.

Also please continue to pray for **Chris Mitchell**.

Prayers for the week beginning Sunday 27th 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	27-May	Pray for those leading our services today and that reflection on the glorious mystery of the Trinity may deepen our faith.
Mon	28-May	Pray for young people in our villages taking important exams this summer.
Tue	29-May	Pray for those who lead intercessions in our churches and that others may be called to this ministry.
Wed	30-May	Pray for those who read the scriptures in our services and that others may be called to join this ministry.
Thu	31-May	Pray for Liz Maitland and her work as chaplain at Manorlands.
Fri	01-Jun	Pray for our choirs and organists and give thanks for music to add to our worship.
Sat	02-Jun	Pray for the Church in Sudan, particularly for those who provide schools for Christian children.

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

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