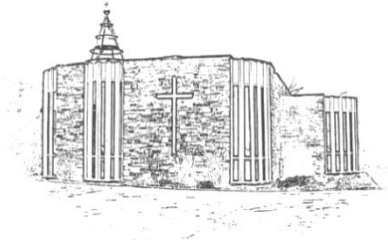
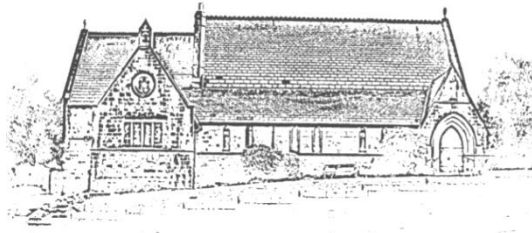


Parishes of Harden and Wilsden



Newsletter for 3 March 2019

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 3 March		Sunday before Lent		
Wilsden	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Exodus 34 :29-end	Luke 9 :28-36(37-43a)
Wilsden	11.00 am	Cafe Church		
Harden	11.15 am	Holy Communion	Exodus 34 :29-end	Luke 9 :28-36(37-43a)

Wednesday 6 March		Ash Wednesday
Harden	7.00 pm	Holy Communion

Next Sunday's services		
Wilsden	9.30 am	Pick 'n' Mix
Harden	11.15 am	Pick 'n' Mix
Wilsden	6.30 pm	Holy Communion

Diary for the next week

Wed	10.00 am	Holy Communion at St. Matthew's
Wed	3.00 pm	Roots After School Club at St. Saviour's
Fri	2.00pm	Preparation for Pick'n'Mix at St. Matthew's
Sat	10.00 - noon	Fair Trade Big Brew at St. Matthew's 10 – 12 noon

Dates for your diary

Thurs 21 st March	St. Matthew's PCC meeting at 7.00 pm
Sun 24 th March	Lent Lunch for CMS at St. Saviour's
Thurs 28 th March	St. Saviour's PCC meeting at 7.15 pm
Sat 6 th April	Leprosy Mission Coffee Morning at St. Matthew's
Sun 7 th April	St. Matthew's Annual Meeting at 11.00 am
Sun 28 th April	St. Saviour's Annual Meeting at 12.30 pm

Fair Trade Fortnight 2019 runs from 25th February till 10th March.

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 that we take for granted. Traidcraft plc was founded in 1979 and were pioneers in campaigning for guaranteed prices and improved conditions. This year marks their 40th anniversary and happily, after a restructuring, the company now looks set to continue this work.

Celebrate the occasion at our Fair Trade Festival in St Matthew's on Saturday 9th March from 10am to 12noon. Do come along and bring a friend!

We will set up the stalls from 4pm on the Friday. All offers of help welcome. Sandra

Churches Together Lent Groups 2019 After consultation we are able to offer three options for Lent Groups, as follows:

Wed morning at St. John's following on after the midweek communion

Leader Rev Suzy. (Arrive at 10am or just before 10.45)

Thursday morning at Denholme 10am to 12 noon followed by optional lunch.

Leader Chris Wilcock

Thursday evening at St. John's at 7pm. Leader Judy Mason

First meetings will be on Wed 13th and Thursday 14th March

It is not too late to sign up to join in any of these sessions, but please let Judith Drake know in advance if you would like lunch at Denholme.

Statistics and Mission Support There are a lot of statistics out there and many conflicting variations, sometimes depending on carefully defined base lines. You can look at numbers until you don't know what to think.

That is why the information Revd Liz Moy gave us in a recent sermon packed such a punch.

"If you have food in the fridge, clothes on your back, a roof over your head and a place to sleep, you are richer than 75% of this world. If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture or the pangs of starvation, you are ahead of 500 million people in the world. If you can read this information, you are more blessed than over two billion people in the world who cannot read at all."

Liz's statistics contained a lot more words than numbers and I am sure a whole range of pictures came into our minds as we listened. Perhaps we reflected on the enormity of the problems and how little impact we could have.

The charities our churches have chosen to support all play their parts in different ways. We are continuing our tradition of focussing on the Church Mission Society during Lent. Our CMS partner Awais is working specifically with people who have fled from battle, torture and starvation.

You can contribute by supporting the Lent Lunch on March 24th and there will also be CMS boxes available in church throughout Lent.

Unusually we are including an event for the Leprosy Mission during this season in order to take advantage of the Government pledge to double donations at this time.

Astrid Hansen

A big thank you to all, from all over the benefice and further afield, who supported the Valentine Quiz at St Matthew's. It raised £400 for church funds.

News from Sudan

Bradford Cathedral March 16th 2pm-4pm with Rt Revd Toby Howarth

Revd Canon Paul Maybury reports on recent visit

With Yorkshire Sudanese (Cush) Fellowship

News of how our diocese is supporting the Church in Sudan.

Astrid Hansen

New Electoral Rolls All church members, old and new, are encouraged to include their names on the new Roll. You will need to complete a form, available in church, and return it to the relevant electoral roll officer: Dorothy Senior at St. Matthew's, Gary Dickinson at St. Saviour's (or Malcolm Jones.)

Under GDPR regulations a completed Data Consent Form is also needed.

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 Beatrice Waddington, Alice Griffiths and all those who are no longer able to join us at our services.

Please pray for Alexander Stirk-Wooley and for Gordon Nevill

Please pray for June, Robert, Richard and Andrew and all the family and friends of **Jim Waddington** who died on 1 February and whose service of celebration was at St. Saviour's on 18 February.

Prayers for the week beginning Sunday 3 March

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-Mar	Pray for the five people from St. John's congregation being confirmed there today and for those affirming their faith at that service.
Mon	04-Mar	Pray for members of Wilsden WI meeting at Trinity Church this evening.
Tue	05-Mar	Pray for Friends of Wilsden Park
Wed	06-Mar	On Ash Wednesday pray that our observance of the season of Lent may bring a deeper understanding of the love of God.
Thu	07-Mar	Pray for our Benefice and for the right person to come forward as our Team Rector
Fri	08-Mar	Pray for the Friends of St. Ives and give thanks for this lovely recreational area
Sat	09-Mar	Pray for a successful Fair Trade event at St. Matthew's and for an increase in support for fairly traded products.

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 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.

Websites: www.stmatthewswilsden.org.uk www.stsavioursharden.org.uk

Parish Administrator: Helen Ludkin pahardenwilsden@gmail.com 07788848830

Team Vicar for Denholme, Cullingworth, Harden and Wilsden:

Rev Suzy McCarter suzanne_mccarter@msn.com 01535 270687