

# Newsletter for 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2020

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 2 February		Presentation in the Temple		
Wilsden	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Malachi 3:1-5	Luke 2:22-40
Wilsden	11.00 am	Cafe Church		
Harden	11.15 am	Holy Communion	Malachi 3:1-5 or Hebrews 2:14-18	Luke 2:22-40

Services Next Sunday			
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

Tues 4 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Deanery Synod at Keighley Shared Church		
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Holy Communion at St. Matthew's		
Thur 6 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 pm	PCC meeting at St. Matthew's		
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	2.00 pm	Craft & Chat at St. Matthew's with preparation of crafts for Pick'n'Mix		
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 pm	'Tartan Evening' at St. John's		

# Dates for your diary

Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	7.00pm	'Love' Auction at 34 Harden Lane, Wilsden in support of St Matthew's sponsored children
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.00 am	Coffee Morning at St. Saviour's
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10–12 noon	Fair Trade Coffee Morning at St. Matthew's
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> Mar	12.15pm	Lent Lunch at St. Saviour's
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> April		Annual Parochial Church Meetings

Would you like to see more children and young people in our churches?

The Deanery Synod meeting this Tuesday 4 February is on this theme and will be showcasing lots of ideas. It is open to anyone who wishes to come along and find out ways we can encourage children and young people to come to church. The meeting is at Keighley Shared Church on Tuesday, starting at 7.30pm.

If you would like to go and would like a lift contact Richard or Helen Ludkin

**Open the Book:** This is an excellent way for us to bring Bible Stories into schools. It is something that we would like to introduce with our friends across the Bingley Rural Churches Together.

It will mean meeting at the very most once a month to prepare a story to take into our local schools and then up to four times a month when we go into the schools to present the story.

There are no age limits and no great ability or talent is required. There is a training day run by Open the Book at St Mary's Church, Riddlesden on Wednesday 4 March from 10.30am to 3.30pm.

If you would like to go let Richard know. Transport can be arranged to get there and back! The day is free.

**Crafts for Pick'n'Mix** will be prepared in the Craft and Chat session at St. Matthew's on Friday February 7<sup>th</sup>.

Tartan Evening- Scottish Evening with Uell Kennedythis Friday 7th February at 7.00 pm at St John's, Cullingworth.<br/>3 Course meal and entertainment cost £15Wine, beer and soft drinks will be available to purchase.<br/>There is a sign-up sheet at the back of church or please contact<br/>robertandjasmine@btinternet.comrobertandjasmine@btinternet.com

**100 club** Winners of the January draw:£25 - 69 - Claire Richardson:£10 - 80 - Suzy Mc Carter.

**The Revision of St. Matthew's Electoral Roll** will commence on 2nd February, anyone who is not on the current roll and who would like to be, please ask Margaret Harrison for an application form.

Advance Notice that Annual Parochial Church Meetings (APCMs) will take place at St. Matthew's and St. Saviour's on 19th April 2020.

Election of churchwardens (annual appointments) and PCC members to fill vacancies (two in each church) will take place at these meetings.

This notice is intended to give all members of the congregations plenty of time to consider putting their names forward for election when the notices are posted nearer the date.

'New blood' is always welcome and of advantage to the churches.

**Churches Together Lent Groups** This year Lent Groups will start the first week in March. We will be following a programme called "In His Hands" prepared by Richard. A selection of times and venues will be available.

Look out for sign-up sheets which will be available shortly.

**Fair Trade Fortnight 2020** runs from 24<sup>th</sup> February to 7<sup>th</sup> March. We plan a special Coffee Morning in St. Matthew's on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February, from 10am to 12 noon.

# Prayers for the week beginning Sunday 2<sup>nd</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	02-Feb	Pray for all who lead and worship at Cafe Church
Mon	03-Feb	Pray for members of Wilsden WI meeting at Trinity Church this evening.
Tue	04-Feb	Pray for members of Wilsden Parish council.
Wed	05-Feb	Pray for all who come to the Wellbeing Cafe at St Matthew's.
Thu	06-Feb	Pray for the PCC meeting at St Matthew's this evening.
Fri	07-Feb	Pray for Cubs, Brownies, Scouts and Guides and their leaders throughout the benefice.
Sat	08-Feb	Pray for those in our communities or otherwise known to you who are in hospital at this time.

### 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 and all those no longer able to join our services Bob and Suzanne Evans Malcolm and Di Halliday

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 to Helen Ludkin) **Copy Deadline**: 12.00h on the **WEDNESDAY** before publication

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