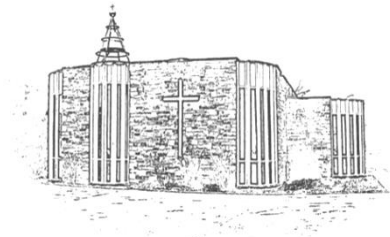


Parishes of Harden and Wilsden



Newsletter for 23rd April

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!

Please pray for Riley James Lee being baptised at 2.00pm at St. Matthew's today and Ollie Simon Skwarek being baptised at 2.30pm at St. Saviour's today, and for their parents, godparents, family and friends.

Sunday 23 April			2 nd Sunday of Easter	
Wilsden	9.30 am	Morning Worship	Acts 2.14a, 22-32	John 20.19-end
Wilsden	11.00 am	Cafe Church & Communion		
Harden	11.15 am	Morning Worship	Acts 2.14a, 22-32	John 20.19-end
Wilsden	2.00 pm	Baptism		
Harden	2.30 pm	Baptism		
Wilsden	5.15 pm	Celtic Worship and hymns followed by APCM	Exodus 12:1-17	1Corinthians: 5.6b-8

St. Matthew's Annual Meeting is this evening at 6pm after a Celtic service of prayers & hymns at 5.15pm. Please make it a priority to come along and support the officers, PCC members and clergy of your church. Hear what is happening and where we are going. There will be elections for two places on the Church Council, two Churches Together representatives, two Deanery Synod representatives for our new Aire and Worth Deanery, and for two Church Wardens. Please consider standing and representing your Church. There will be a bring and share meal following the meeting.

Next Sunday's Services

Wilsden	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Wilsden	11.00 am	Cafe Church
Harden	11.15 am	Holy Communion
Harden	1.30 pm	Baptism

This week's diary

Weds	10.45 am	Home Communion at Laurel Bank
Weds	2.30 pm	Prayer & Cake at St. Saviour's
Weds	7.00 pm	Tanzania fund raising men's evening at St. John's, Great Horton

This Sunday afternoon have a surprise at 3pm - from a church in Texas USA - Choral Evensong on Radio 3. Hear how beautifully they can sing Book of Common Prayer Evensong.
Astrid Hansen

From Ian Slater - This summer Joan and I are doing a short term mission to Tanzania. As part of our fund raising I am organising a men's evening to be held at St. John's Church Great Horton on Wednesday 26th April. The evening will include a meal and an after dinner talk from ex professional footballer Wayne Jacobs who now heads up the charity "One in a Million." The fund raising is not to cover our personal expenses but to help fund the work we will be doing while we are there. Tickets are free but there will be an opportunity during the evening to donate. Book through Ian Slater: 01274 831437.

Remembering our loved ones

The next Bereavement Service will be on Sunday 7th May at 4.30pm at St. Matthew's. Everyone is welcome. As you arrive you will be asked to add names to the list of those being remembered.

Sudan News. The Mission Support group invite you to hear Mary Brooks talking about her recent visit to Sudan at St. Matthew's on Friday May 5th at 2.30pm, followed by tea and cake. Admission free, donations welcome to support Christian schools in Sudan.

Astrid Hansen

CMS box If you took a box during Lent could you please return it to church now for emptying.

Astrid Hansen

Fair Trade. This year St. Matthew's have chosen the charity to benefit from the profit made on sales. A cheque for £275 has been sent to Medecins sans Frontieres. During the year £200 has already been donated to Traidcraft Exchange. Thanks to everyone who supports the project.

Sandra Haigh

Curry Night at the Cardamon As there were 32 of us last time, the restaurant has asked that we book earlier. The next Curry Night will be on Sunday May 7th. **Booking is via Helen by Sunday 30th April.** Helen Ludkin (pahardenwilsden@gmail.com), text or phone 07788 848830. Bob

Places of Welcome Discussions took place about 18 months ago between Bishop Toby and Bradford Council in the context of massive council cuts asking the question what can the considerable network of Anglican churches do to support communities? It was agreed by +Toby that he would encourage us to offer our resources as 'Places of Welcome'. This is an initiative that comes out of Birmingham and it is not limited to churches. At the recent St. Matthew's PCC we looked into this with the help of visiting speaker Liz Firth from WellSprings (a charity funded by the Church Urban fund and set up by the Diocese). It would entail St. Matthew's being open as a Place of Welcome at a set time for a few hours EVERY WEEK. Refreshments would be served FREE of charge and volunteers would be available to befriend visitors as well as to signpost them to other agencies if appropriate. We could issue food bank vouchers (I already do this). One of the key values of Places of Welcome is that it is not an 'us and them' scenario – no-one wears badges, and everyone who comes is encouraged to take responsibility for welcoming others and serving themselves and others with refreshments. Simple activities are also made available like magazines to read, or maybe simple crafts. WellSpring would support us in providing publicity material. The PCC decided to explore this by investigating what time slots would work best in Wilsden bearing in mind other provision, and by establishing if we might be capable of supplying enough volunteers (minimum of two per week and continuity of volunteers is much the best as relationships are made with regular visitors.) If you might be willing to be a regular volunteer (subject to time of week) please have a word with me. Bob

Dates for your Diary

Fri 5 May	2.30 pm	Sudan Event at St. Matthew's
Sun 7 May	4.30 pm	Bereavement Service at St. Matthew's
Sun 7 May	6.45 pm	Curry Night
Thurs 18 May	7.00 pm	PCC at St. Saviour's
Thurs 25 May	7.00 pm	Ascension Day service at the cathedral

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, Jackie Lancaster and Edwina Butterfield.

Please pray for those to be baptised:

Eleanor May Meakin at St. Saviour's on Sunday 30th April
William Oliver Mitchell at St. Saviour's on Sunday 11th June
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 23rd April

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 23 rd	On St George's day pray for those in government, local or national, that they may work compassionately and justly in the service of all they represent.
Mon 24 th	Pray for the churchwardens, officers and PCC members appointed to serve St. Matthew's for the coming year.
Tues 25 th	Pray for those who receive help from the food bank in Bingley.
Wed 26 th	Pray for Archbishops John Sentamu and Justin Welby.
Thur 27 th	Pray for Bishop Nick, Bishop Toby and the other area bishops in our diocese.
Fri 28 th	Pray for Archdeacon Andy Jolley and our Area Dean Sandra Benham.
Sat 29 th	Pray for Bob and Suzanne.

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

Copy Deadline: 12.00h on the **WEDNESDAY** before publication

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