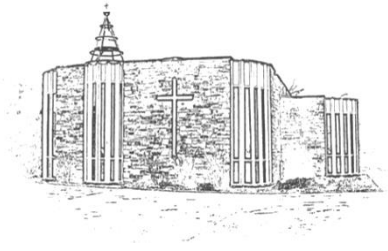


Parishes of Harden and Wilsden



Newsletter for 7 April 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 7 April		5th Sunday of Lent		
Wilsden	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Isaiah 43 :16-21	John 12 :1-8
Wilsden	11.00 am	Annual Parochial Church Meeting		
Harden	11.15 am	Holy Communion	Isaiah 43 :16-21	John 12 :1-8

Next Sunday's services – 6th Sunday of Lent		
Wilsden	9.30 am	Pick 'n' Mix
Harden	11.15 am	Pick 'n' Mix
Wilsden	6.30 pm	Holy Communion

Don't forget to take a Holy Week booklet so that you can plan your journey through this special time.

Diary for the next week

Wed	10.00 am	Mid-week Communion followed by Lent Group at St. John's
Wed	10.45 am	Home Communion at Laurel Bank
Wed	2.30 pm	Prayer & Cake at St Saviour's
Wed	3.30 pm	Messy Church at St Matthew's
Wed	3.00 pm	Roots After School Club at St. Saviour's
Weds	7.00 pm	Lent Group at St. John's
Thurs	10.00 am	Lent Group at Denholme (followed by optional lunch)
Fri	2.00 pm - 4.00 pm	Preparation for Pick'n'Mix at St. Matthew's
Sat	10.00 - noon	Coffee Morning at St Saviour's

Dates for your diary

Sun 28 th April	St. Saviour's Annual Parochial Church Meeting at 12.30 pm
Sun 28 th April	Thanksgiving for Life Service at St. Matthew's at 4.00 pm

St. Saviour's Coffee Morning Saturday 13th April from 10 a.m.

Come and join us for coffee and biscuits or try a slice of our "Cake of the Month"! Donations of prizes for an Easter raffle would be much appreciated!

March 100 club draw winners:

£25 Andrew and Margaret Robertshaw

£10 Judy Caunt

Crafts for Pick 'n' Mix. We will be preparing the craft materials for the next Pick'n'Mix service at St. Matthew's on Friday 12 April at 2pm. All help will be most appreciated. Tea and cakes will be provided.

Churches Together Lent Groups

- Wednesday morning at St. John's following on after the midweek communion
Leader Rev Suzy. (Arrive at 10am or just before 10.45)
- Wednesday evening at St. John's at 7pm.
Leader Judy Mason.
- Thursday morning at Denholme 10am to 12 noon followed by optional lunch.
Leader Chris Wilcock.

The Maundy Thursday meal this year will be held at Denholme Shared Church at 6.30pm. There is a form in Church, please sign up by 14th April if you would like to book a place.

Lent Lunch. Thank you to members of the Mission Support Group, and others, who prepared the very satisfying lunch. Thank you to those who attended and so supported the work of the CMS. Despite a low attendance the event raised £200. If you weren't able to attend the lunch, it is still possible to make a donation to CMS. Mavis

Decorating our Churches for Easter. Both churches will be decorated for Easter on Saturday 20 April from 10.00 am. Anyone who is able to help will be most welcome. Baskets will be available at the rear of church for the next two Sundays to take away, decorate at home, and return on the Saturday morning. There will be plates available at the back of the churches for donations towards the cost of the Easter flowers. Margaret Harrison and Jean Crerar.

Stainer's Crucifixion A performance of Stainer's Crucifixion in aid of Manorlands is taking place at 6pm on Palm Sunday, 14 April, at All Saints Church, Bingley

Bob Evans Following a recent scan, Bob has been told that even though treatment has been good so far, there are more small tumours appearing on his kidneys. None are big enough for immediate action, but there are serious concerns about the largest tumour. Please keep Bob and Suzanne in your prayers as they await the next visit to the consultant and pray for all those involved in Bob's medical care.

Bishop Toby Addressing the roots of extremist views in Bradford is one of the tasks now facing our bishop, Rt Revd Toby Howarth. He is to head the district's Stronger Communities Partnership Board. The Board is a partnership between strategic leaders, the voluntary, private and faith sectors and local people who live in Bradford. Its aim is to foster social harmony in education, employment and other areas - and also to work against negative radicalisation. It will also work towards the council-backed vision of a district where people "Get Along, Get Involved, Get On and Feel Safe." Bishop Toby, selected after an open invitation for applications and a rigorous interview process, will start his role this month. Steve Hartley, Bradford Council Strategic Director of Place, said: "We had some great applications for the role. It's fantastic that people with real skills and depth of experience want to freely give their time to lead this important partnership. Bishop Toby has tremendous respect locally and nationally and will be a wonderful leader and facilitator as the Partnership looks to deliver its ambitious strategy." Read more about this in the recent diocesan newsletter.

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 Gordon Nevill, Alexander Stirk-Wooley and for Bob Evans

Prayers for the week beginning Sunday 7 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	07-Apr	Pray for St Matthew's Annual Meeting today, particularly for officers and PCC members to carry forward the work of the church during the vacancy.
Mon	08-Apr	Pray for those who witness for Christ in places where Christians are marginalised and oppressed.
Tue	09-Apr	Remember Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Lutheran pastor martyred in 1945, and pray for those today who risk their lives for their faith and for the common good.
Wed	10-Apr	Pray for all at Messy Church, the children and adults who come and all who help.
Thu	11-Apr	Pray for lonely or housebound people in our villages and for volunteers and good neighbours who try to make a difference.
Fri	12-Apr	Pray for your friends and neighbours, for needs and anxieties we may not be aware of.
Sat	13-Apr	Pray for those you know who are ill and for those who care for them and worry about them.

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