

## Parishes of St Saviour's Harden and St Matthew's Wilsden

IN THE BENEFICE OF HARDEN AND WILSDEN, CULLINGWORTH AND DENHOLME

### Newsletter for 19<sup>th</sup> April 2020



We are continuing to light a candle in a window each evening at  
**8.30pm.**

Make sure you light it safely!

If you have a pretend candle that would be even better.

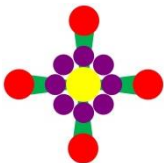
Light it and put it in a window at 8.30pm for half an hour each night.

“It will be a sign of solidarity and hope in the light of Christ that can never be extinguished.”

The clergy, ministry team and pastoral team are ready to respond to calls for help and support, whether it be food, prayer or a chat.



Richard continues to live-stream Morning Prayer at 8am and Evening Prayer at 5pm each weekday. You can join him live each weekday, or watch later. If you search in your app provider for “Daily Prayer Church of England” you will find the Free Daily Prayer app.



Follow our Benefice Facebook Page. Search for:  
“Harden, Wilsden, Cullingworth, Denholme Benefice”

There are lots of uplifting things in our Facebook community and there will be more regular features in this time when we cannot meet as we normally do!

## As the days are growing longer we are now lighting our candles at 8.30pm

**Neighbourhood Support Services** To help with these difficult times of self isolation and social distancing Bradford Council have set up a Neighbourhood Support Service and have identified, and are supporting points of contact in our villages.

If you are in need of support yourself or become aware of someone in the Bradford area who may need assistance then please contact the Council Contact Centre on 01274 431000

**Wilsden Coronavirus Volunteers** is a team of over 30 volunteers who are helping with shopping, collecting medicines or just providing someone to talk to. We have been working with Bradford Council Neighbourhood Support Service who have provided some funding and also the possibility for volunteers to access support for those with more complex needs from the neighbourhood support centre based at Wilsden Village Hall.

All the houses in the village have received a leaflet giving details of how to access the volunteer service and we have contacted some of those who we thought may need extra support in the current emergency. While more than 90 households have been paired with a volunteer we are sure that we will not have identified everyone who needs support. We are asking everyone in our community to keep an eye on their neighbours (from a distance) and if you become aware of anyone needing help (particularly those who do not have internet access) let them know about us or let us know about them.

Sending you all our love and prayers.

The volunteer scheme contacts are Jane Callaghan and Kelley Sutcliffe

[jane.callaghan@wilsdenparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:jane.callaghan@wilsdenparishcouncil.gov.uk) Mob 07986 294 757 (Jane)

[kelley@wilsdenvillagehall.co.uk](mailto:kelley@wilsdenvillagehall.co.uk)

The Neighbourhood Support Centre contact details are

[wvh@btinternet.com](mailto:wvh@btinternet.com) Phone 01535 272786

**In Harden** the Congregational Church is now our Neighbourhood Support Centre.

If you are self-isolating or vulnerable and you need help with shopping or collecting medicines or if you just need someone to talk to please call.

We are asking everyone in our community to keep an eye on their neighbours (from a distance) and if you become aware of anyone needing help (particularly those who do not have internet access) let them know about us or let us know about them.

As time passes we will become a central collection and distribution point for the village.

We are now delivering free fruit and vegetables each week to Harden residents who are finding it difficult to access them and to families whose income has stopped. Let us know if you would like this service. Sending you all our love and prayers.

Contact Helen Keighley on 07932156337 or 01535 271221

**Congratulations** to Chris and Jeanne Bendle who won the first Benefice Online Quiz last Tuesday! Everyone is invited to be part of our second Benefice Online Quiz this Wednesday evening at 7.00pm.

If you would like to join in just email Helen Ludkin: [beneficehwcd@gmail.com](mailto:beneficehwcd@gmail.com) and on Wednesday we will send you an email to let you know how it all works.

The May edition of the **Tittle Tattle newsletter** which has been produced by Harden Congregational Church for over 12 years has had to be cancelled.

To continue to keep everybody in touch with one another, a limited weekly edition will be produced and will be posted on the church website every Wednesday, for the foreseeable future. You can also pick up a copy at Harden Post Office.

Please pass details on to anyone who might be interested: [www.hardencongs.org.uk](http://www.hardencongs.org.uk)

### **An update from the Foodbank Manager at Bradford Central Foodbank**

Thanks to your support we've been able to respond quickly to the Covid crisis. On the day lock down started we moved our entire warehouse and food to bigger premises at Jubilee Centre just around the corner, thanks to CAP. This meant we were well prepared to upscale our service to meet the huge rise in demand. Since 23rd March, in 3 weeks we've fed 1563 people in 575 families providing 14,067 meals in our 3 day emergency food parcels - tripling our service! We have also moved to a home delivery service to reduce risk to volunteers and clients and we didn't want anyone to be trapped at home, alone with no food to feed their families. We made a decision to trust God that we would get enough food in to feed all these families. So far we've seen such an outpouring of generosity from the public and companies and we've met the need. So thank you.

If you'd like to join in please support our Gofundme page to reach £5000. Or maybe you could organise an online delivery slot (Jubilee Centre, Jermyn Street, BD1 4EJ on a Mon, Wed or Fri (11 and 3) – we need tea, coffee, tinned soup, rice pudding, UHT milk)

*'My husband mailed food bank on Thursday and we received our parcel today no words to say thanks. You people are helping in these hard times we r sharing your food to our neighbours. There are so many vulnerable people we drop your food to their doors and they r so happy with that .we keep some for us also because we don't have anything to eat except u have given thank you so much for helping us.'*

**Church Finances:** If you do not usually give your offerings electronically, but can do so during this time when we are not able to meet in church, it would really help our cash flow. Thank you.

Donations or regular giving may be done by sending your gift to:

Account name	Sort Code	Account Number
St Saviour's Church Harden PCC	05-02-42	32488873
Parish of St Matthews, Wilsden	40-23-05	42128918

Please include your name as a reference or we will be unable to thank you. We are wholly dependent on your generosity.

**Prayer Requests:** We have set up a dedicated email for prayer requests. Please let people know about it! Any requests can be sent to: [say14me@hotmail.com](mailto:say14me@hotmail.com) and we will be able to get people praying for the things on people's hearts and minds.

**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, Malcolm and Di Halliday, Linda White

**Prayers for the week beginning Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> 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	19-Apr	As annual meetings are postponed, pray for our churchwardens and PCC officers and members.
Mon	20-Apr	Pray for those who work at food banks and for those who need their help.
Tue	21-Apr	Pray for those in government, local or national, and for the medical and scientific experts who advise them.
Wed	22-Apr	Pray for local families where parents must work from home while looking after young children.
Thu	23-Apr	Pray for your near neighbours and their particular needs.
Fri	24-Apr	Pray for patients and staff at Manorlands and for Liz Maitland and the comfort she is able to offer in these difficult circumstances.
Sat	25-Apr	Pray for staff at Laurel Bank and other residential and care homes and for residents missing visits from family and friends.

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

email: [pstern155@gmail.com](mailto:pstern155@gmail.com) (and copy to David Haigh: [david@dshaigh.uk](mailto:david@dshaigh.uk) and to 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.*

<b>Websites:</b>	<a href="http://www.stmatthewswilsden.org.uk">www.stmatthewswilsden.org.uk</a>	<a href="http://www.stsavioursharden.org.uk">www.stsavioursharden.org.uk</a>
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**Clergy Days Off: Liz – Monday & Thursday, Suzy – Tuesday, Richard - Saturday**