

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

IN THE BENEFICE OF HARDEN AND WILSDEN, CULLINGWORTH AND DENHOLME

Newsletter for 26th 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.

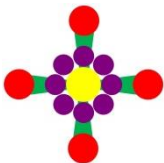
Light it and put it in a window at 8.30pm for half an hour each night.

“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!

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 and we will be able to get people praying for the things on people's hearts and minds.

Community Support Services To help with these difficult times of self isolation and social distancing Bradford Council have set up a Community 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 Community Support Service who have provided some funding and also the possibility for volunteers to access support for those with more complex needs from the Community 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 Mob 07986 294 757 (Jane)

kelley@wilsdenvillagehall.co.uk

The Community Support Centre contact details are

wvh@btinternet.com Phone 01535 272786

In Harden the Congregational Church is now our Community 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

Our Local Food Banks are playing a vital role during the present crisis. Many people are not working and are in financial difficulties. The Bingley Food Bank, which we traditionally support, has continued at its usual level although with some difficulty due to social distancing. In contrast, the central Bradford food banks are facing a huge increase in demand for their services and need our help. If you would like to contribute food items then in Harden these may be left on the doorstep at the Raine's home and in Wilsden at the Post Office. These will be forwarded to the Bradford Metropolitan Food bank, a local charity. However, financial contributions, especially with Gift Aid, would be particularly welcome. This allows the charity to buy the goods it needs at wholesale prices. The Bradford Metropolitan Food Bank's web-site has a donations page with a Gift Aid option. <http://www.bradfordfoodbank.com>

Benefice Online Quiz! The second Benefice Online Quiz saw the Bendle, Smith and Burge teams take the top three places! Thanks to Suzy for organizing the questions! If you would like to join the next quiz night, it is next Wednesday, 29 April at 7pm then please email Helen Ludkin: beneficehwcd@gmail.com and on Wednesday we will send you an email to let you know how it all works. Astrid is setting the questions for a Yorkshire Quiz

Happy 90th Birthday to Edna Weatherhead, not the circumstances she anticipated for her very special birthday. Edna says "Today is my 90th birthday and I would mark the day to give special thanks and praise to the Lord, for bringing me this far". Edna highlights some words from Psalm 27 that she especially wishes to share with us on her birthday. It is a wonderful Psalm: "The Lord is my light, my light and my salvation, whom then shall I fear. The Lord is the strength of my life, of whom then shall I be afraid." All Edna's church family join to wish her a very happy birthday.

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. We are also able to accept donations by cheque. 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 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 26th 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	26-Apr	Pray for Richard, Suzy, Liz and all the clergy and lay people who prepare Sunday services for us to share.
Mon	27-Apr	Pray for any who pass your house and see your candle, that it may be a sign of hope and togetherness.
Tue	28-Apr	Pray for our CMS partner Awais and that she can find ways of continuing to help the people she supports.
Wed	29-Apr	Pray for the volunteers at our Neighbourhood Support Centres.
Thu	30-Apr	Pray for NHS workers and other key workers who live in our villages.
Fri	01-May	While covid19 dominates our thoughts, other serious health needs have not disappeared. The Leprosy Mission ask us to pray for continued advances in surgical techniques to restore the use of clawed hands.
Sat	02-May	Pray for our Christian partners in Sudan as their government works to control covid19 infection with far less adequate health resources than we have.

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

email: pstern155@gmail.com (and copy to David Haigh: 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.

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Clergy Days Off: Liz – Monday & Thursday, Suzy – Tuesday, Richard - Saturday