

Parishes of St. Saviour's Harden and St. Matthew's Wilsden
IN THE BENEFICE OF HARDEN AND WILSDEN, CULLINGWORTH AND DENHOLME
Newsletter for 2nd August 2020

It has been decided, in the light of the rapidly changing local situation, that the opening of the churches will be delayed for at least a week.

This Week's Services

Today: Sunday 2 August, Trinity 8

10am The Written Benefice Service

We worship in our homes to unite us as a church

11.15am Zoom Cafe Church **Note the new time.** The link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8995943147?pwd=cGxxV0ZoMXluSEVBLzZwNWJUVUczUT09>



Café Church is open to everyone, not just those who have been before. So bring your coffee ready for the 11.15am start, and enjoy the discussions and breakout groups. Everyone is welcome.

6pm Evening Prayer with Sermon on Facebook & Church Webpage.

Monday to Friday:

8am Morning Prayer 5pm Evening Prayer

9pm Night Prayer

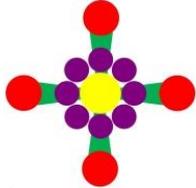


Join the growing numbers who are praying with us each day. Readings, psalms and prayers, with a little bit of Bible explanation too. If you're late you can still watch on replay too.

Thursday Prayers

There will be no Thursday prayers on 6 August. The next meeting will be on 13 August. Just follow this link at 11am:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83952757402?pwd=eEYrRGFkL3g1dzJLeUcvSDJueTlZdz09>

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|  | Follow our Benefice Facebook Page. Search for: "Harden, Wilsden, Cullingworth, Denholme Benefice" |  |
|  | Not on Facebook? – Not a Problem! You can see our livestreamed services by going to our church webpages: www.stsavioursharden.org.uk or www.stmatthewswilsden.org.uk and you will be able to see all that we are doing on Facebook there. | |

Harden Church will be open for personal prayer on Wednesdays for an hour from 2.30pm. Wilsden will remain closed for the present due to building works, but we hope to open for personal prayer at St. Matthew's soon. Our top priority is safety not speed in reopening for worship.



Congratulations to Astrid and Philip who won last week's quiz. They will set the questions for our next quiz on Tuesday, the 5 August at 7pm. The link is:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84933475348?pwd=cEVtNVIJeXJkSFMxQU1cXJYemllQT09>

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

At St. Matthew's we are hoping that fair weather holds into the beginning of August as the roof work is due to be done in the first full week. Once the works are completed we are looking to opening for Personal Prayer on a Wednesday afternoon from 2pm to 3pm. If you would like to volunteer as a steward for when the church is open or if you are available to move chairs at 3pm on Wednesdays in preparation for Sunday worship, please let Richard know so that we can put a rota together.

We have been overwhelmed by the continued generous contributions in people's giving.
THANK YOU!

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

| Account name | Sort Code | Account Number |
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| 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.

A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP TOBY

Dear friends and colleagues,

This comes with deep appreciation of all that you and your teams are doing in enabling our churches to open for worship. Thanks, too, for keeping me, Andy, Carmel and our Area Deans informed of your plans.

I have two urgent matters to share with you.

You will have read in an Ad Clerum from Bishop Nick about the Diocesan Appeal for Sudan that we launched this week. I am writing here to support that appeal. Please consider sharing this need with your congregation. Further information on how to give, and a short video can be found [here](#).

You may want to use the following quote from me:

"The need in Sudan is urgent and severe. Without state aid, people from the most disadvantaged communities, which includes most Christians, have either to work where they can, risking COVID-19 with no health care facilities, or face starvation. All western aid agencies were thrown out of the country by the previous government so that our diocesan link with the Episcopal Church is one of a very few channels of external support.

I know that many Christians and churches in the Bradford area, as well as many others in our communities; have taken a strong financial hit as a result of the COVID-19 lockdown. But I also meet some church members who tell me that their finances are in better shape because they have been spending less. So acknowledging the different situations that we are in and that some may not be able to give financially, may I urge you nevertheless, with me, to prayerfully and urgently consider your giving, and especially a gift to the Sudan Appeal."

I am also asking for prayer for Bradford at this time as COVID infection levels are rising. Please pray for the leaders and people of the city and our district as we look forward to hot, sunny weather tomorrow and as our Muslim neighbours celebrate Eid this weekend. We all need wisdom as we walk a fine line between a right encouraging of our local economies and a right caution with regard to a dangerous virus that continues to spread.

I continue to thank God for you and your leadership, and to pray for you at this challenging time. I trust that you will find time to rest over the coming weeks!

Yours in Christ,

+Toby

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

Prayers for the week beginning Sunday 2nd August

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.

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| Sun | 02-Aug | Pray for all those worshipping today whether using the written service or on-line |
| Mon | 03-Aug | During this world-wide epidemic please remember our Christian partners in Sudan where economic crisis, political uncertainty and sparse medical facilities add to their difficulties. |
| Tue | 04-Aug | Pray for those making decisions for this country and for those who advise them. |
| Wed | 05-Aug | Oswald, King of Northumbria is remembered today. A window depicting him commemorates one of the founder members of St. Saviour's. Give thanks for all who helped to provide places of worship in our villages. |
| Thu | 06-Aug | Pray for carers in residential and nursing homes, particularly for those looking after people who don't fully understand the present situation. |
| Fri | 07-Aug | Give thanks for the many acts of kindness in our communities. Pray for those you have helped and those who have helped you. |
| Sat | 08-Aug | The Leprosy Mission ask for prayers at this time for their workers in Nigeria, particularly that they will have the skill and equipment to provide mobility and restore independence. |

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 **TUESDAY** 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