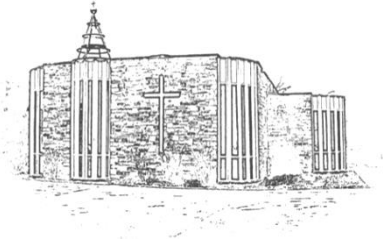
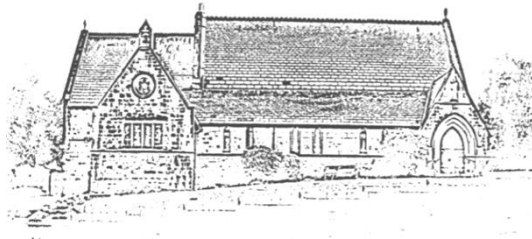


Parishes of Harden and Wilsden



Newsletter for 26th March

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 26 March			Mothering Sunday	
Wilsden	9.30 am	Morning Worship	1 Samuel 1: 20-end	Luke 2: 33-35
Wilsden	11.00 am	Cafe Church & Communion		
Harden	11.15 am	Morning Worship	1 Samuel 1: 20-end	Luke 2: 33-35
Wilsden	6.30 pm	Holy Communion	1 Samuel 16: 1-13	John 9

Please pray for Bobbi Alan Green, being christened at St. Matthew's today, and for his parents and godparents.

Next Sunday's Services

Wilsden	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Wilsden	11.00 am	Cafe Church
Harden	11.15 am	Holy Communion

This week's diary

Wed	10.00 am	Holy Communion at St. Matthew's
Wed	6.45 pm	Alpha Course at St. Matthew's
Thur	7.00pm	PCC meeting at St. Matthew's

D.E.C. appeal. I'm sure many of us will have already responded to the appeals by the DEC to assist with famine in Africa. The DEC says that 16 million people in East Africa are on the brink of starvation. 14 million people in Yemen do not know where their next meal will come from. Many children are suffering from malnutrition, the effects of which could be with them all their lives, if they even survive. There are collecting bowls out in church again this week – please be generous either through the church or directly. Remember to Gift Aid your donation. Bob

Lent lunch for CMS The mission support group would like to thank all those who generously supported the lunch on Sunday. It was most enjoyable and raised £332 towards our Lent Project.

A Fiver for St. Matthew's! Following a visit from a hygiene inspector, St. Matthew's kitchen was awarded a "Very Good" five star rating. Well done to Jean and her team and thanks again to Steve Rhodes for his advice and training.

The Harden Luncheon Club has lost a worker to Granny duties so one of the four teams urgently needs a new volunteer to assist the cook. The commitment would be once a month on a Thursday from 11am until 1pm. No serious cooking skills are required. Swaps are always possible. For more details contact Suzanne.

Celebrate Our Worldwide Community There will be a chance to celebrate and reflect on all we have done together with our link dioceses across the world in a special service **in Wakefield Cathedral on Sunday April 2.**

It is the first time every bishop from our seven link dioceses of Sri Lanka, Sudan, Mara, Rorya and Tarime in Tanzania, the USA, Sweden, Pakistan and Germany will come together in one place - unique in the Church of England.

All welcome – especially the link parishes.

Ask the Bishops: Leeds Minster - Sun 9 April 3.30pm

Come and ask the bishops about the challenges they face and what signs of hope they see in their very different global contexts. Find out what their impressions are of our Diocese and what they have learned in their time away together.

3.30pm - refreshments and an opportunity to browse stalls set up by the different link groups.

4pm - Panel discussion with the link Bishops, chaired by Bishop Nick.

5.30pm - Service at which Archbishop Ezekiel of Sudan will preach.

All welcome

Alpha Course. Help needed in the kitchen next Wednesday from 7.15.

Coffee Morning at St. Saviour's. Thank you to all those who attended the coffee morning on March 18th. It was wonderful to see the family room full to overflowing and to hear the buzz of happy chatter.

We hope to welcome you all again on Easter Saturday 15th April from 10am. Please donate home baking, Easter items or raffle prizes if you are able to do so.

Maundy Thursday. On Maundy Thursday evening (13th April) the Benefice service will be at St. Saviour's and the first part is by pre-booking only. This will be a lamb-based meal with pudding, wine or fruit juice, beginning at 18.30. During the meal there will be the occasional poem or other reading. It is primarily a social event. Donations will be requested to cover costs. There is a sign-up list on each church notice board to book your place. (This will be followed, for those who wish, by a Holy Communion service beginning at 20.00)

St. Saviour's Annual Meeting is on Sunday 2nd April after the morning service. 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. **Bring your own packed lunch to eat as we meet.** There will also be elections for two places on the Church Council, two Deanery Synod representatives for our brand new Aire and Worth Deanery, and for two Church Wardens. Please consider standing and representing your church.

Bob

St. Saviour's Easter Flowers There will be a plate at the back of church for donations towards the cost of Easter flowers. There are spaces on St. Saviour's flower rota (which is also at the back of church.) If you would like to donate flowers on a particular Sunday to commemorate a special occasion, please sign the list.

Jean Crerar

Curry Night. The first Curry Night will be at the Cardamom in Bingley on the evening of Sunday 2nd April at 18:45. Booking is via Bob before 9.00pm on Wednesday 29th March. Book by text, email, or phone, or by handing me a note. Three course set menu £7.95. Please don't assume previous expressions of interest are a booking! There is a limit to numbers – so first come, first served.

Bob

Newsletter – a reminder that all items for the newsletter should be emailed to Pauline Stern and **copied to David Haigh and Bob Evans.**

Dates for your Diary

Sun 2 April	12.15 pm	APCM at St. Saviour's
Sun 2 April	6.45pm	Curry Night
Sun 23 April	6.30 pm	APCM at St. Matthew's

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, Edna Weatherhead (now home), Jackie Lancaster and Edwina Butterfield.

Please pray for those to be baptised:

George Arthur Staniland and Heidi Amelie Staniland at St. Saviour's on Sunday 2nd April
 Riley James Lee at St. Matthew's on Sunday 23rd April
 Eleanor May Meakin at St. Saviour's on Sunday 30th April
 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 19th March

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 th	On this Mothering Sunday give thanks for the blessings of family life and pray for displaced and separated families in troubled parts of the world.
Mon 27 th	Pray for the children we have sponsored over many years. Give thanks for all that Wendy and her family have done to continue this.
Tues 28 th	Pray for residents and staff at Laurel Bank and other residential homes caring for people from our villages.
Wed 29 th	Pray for those leading the Alpha course and those attending.
Thurs 30 th	Pray for the PCC meeting at St. Matthew's this evening.
Fri 31 st	Pray for Christians in the countries with partnership links with the diocese of Leeds. They are listed in the March 12 newsletter.
Sat 25 th	Pray for the congregation of Grace Memorial Church and their rector Revd Alan Cowart.

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

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