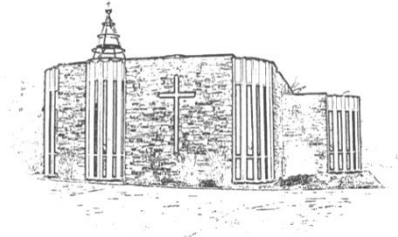


Parishes of Harden and Wilsden



Newsletter for 2nd April

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!

Please pray for George Arthur Staniland and Heidi Amelie Staniland being baptised at 2.00pm at St. Saviour's today, and for their parents, godparents, family and friends.

Sunday 2 April			5th Sunday of Lent	
Wilsden	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Romans 8.6-11	John 11.1-45
Wilsden	11.00 am	Cafe Church		
Harden	11.15 am	Holy Communion	Romans 8.6-11	John 11.1-45

St. Saviour’s Annual Meeting follows the morning service. Please make it a priority to stay for the meeting and to support the officers, PCC members and clergy of your church. Hear what is happening and where we are going. There will also be elections for two places on the Church Council, and for two Deanery Synod representatives for the brand new Aire and Worth Deanery, also for two Church Wardens.

Next Sunday’s Services – Palm Sunday

Wilsden	9.30 am	Pick ‘n’ Mix on the theme “Triumphal Entry”
Harden	11.15 am	
Wilsden	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer

This week's diary

Wed	10.00 am	Holy Communion at St. Matthew's
Wed	3.30 pm	Messy Church at St. Matthew's
Fri	2.00 pm	Crafts for Pick 'n' Mix at St. Matthew's

Maundy Thursday. On Maundy Thursday evening (13th April) the Benefice services will be at St. Saviour's and the first part is by pre-booking only. This will be a lamb based meal and a pudding, also with 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. Matthew's Annual Meeting is on Sunday 23rd April. Please join us for Celtic Prayer and hymns at 5.15pm followed by the APCM at 6pm, including a shared meal. Bob

Crafts for Pick'n'mix - the next session for preparing crafts will be on Friday 7 April at 2pm in St. Matthew's. All are welcome. Tea and cakes will be provided.

St. Matthew's Easter Flowers – There will be a working party to decorate the church for Easter on Saturday 15 April from 10.00 am. Please come and help. Baskets will be available today and next Sunday. Please take one home and bring it back on the Saturday. A plate for donations towards the cost of Easter flowers will also be available.

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 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

Lent lunch for CMS The mission support group would like to thank all those who generously supported the lunch on Sunday 19 March. It was most enjoyable and raised £332 towards our Lent Project.

The March **100 Club winners** drawn last Sunday are:-

£25 - 100 - Jean Baudouin:

£10 - 110 - Andrew & Beverly Hurst.

Stainer's Crucifixion will be performed at Bingley Parish Church on Sunday 9th April at 6pm. All are welcome. Peter Mann. Organist at St. Matthew's

From Ian Slater - This summer Joan and I are doing a short term mission to Tanzania. As part of our fund raising I am organising a men's evening to be held at St. John's Church Great Horton on Wednesday 26th April. The evening will include a meal and an after dinner talk from ex professional footballer Wayne Jacobs who now heads up the charity "One in a Million." The fund raising is not to cover our personal expenses but to help fund the work we will be doing while we are there. Tickets are free but there will be an opportunity during the evening to donate. Book through Ian Slater: 01274 831437.

Host Households needed for Asylum Seekers With the support of Beacon's Hosting Project (<https://beaconbradford.org/projects/hosting/>), over the past eight years a number of local volunteer households have provided a spare room, meals and kindness to more than sixty 'refused' asylum seekers who would otherwise have been homeless. With help and support, many of these have gone on to submit successful fresh asylum claims and are now settled and working in the UK. One recently married an Anglican vicar! Without this help, many would have been forced into very dangerous and exploitative lifestyles; some would have been forced to return to the lands they had fled and to face possible death or imprisonment. However the project urgently needs more households able to host single men. For more details, or an informal conversation, please contact:
Will Sutcliffe: host.beacon@yahoo.com / 07505 053149

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

Dates for your Diary

Mon 10 April	7.30 pm	Evening Worship at St. John's Cullingworth
Tues 11 April	7.30 pm	Evening Worship at Denholme Shared Church
Wed 12 April	7.30 pm	Evening Worship at St. Matthew's
Thurs 13 April	6.30 pm	Maundy Thursday Meal at St. Saviour's
Thurs 13 April	8.00 pm	Holy Communion at St. Saviour's
Thurs 13 April	9.00 pm	Maundy Thursday Vigil at St. Saviour's
Fri 14 April	11.00 am	Hot Cross Bun service at St. Saviour's
Fri 14 April	2.00 pm	An Hour by the Cross at St. John's Cullingworth
Fri 14 April	7.30 pm	Good Friday Liturgy at St Matthew's
Sun 23 April	6.00 pm	APCM at St. Matthew's
Sun 7 May	6.45 pm	Curry Night

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, Jackie Lancaster and Edwina Butterfield.

Please pray for those to be baptised:

Riley James Lee at St. Matthew's on Sunday 23rd April

Ollie Simon Skwarek at St. Saviour'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 2nd 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 2 nd	Pray for Bishop Nick and leaders of our overseas partners at the service of welcome in Wakefield Cathedral today.
Mon 3 rd	Pray for the churchwardens, officers and PCC members appointed to serve St. Saviour's for the coming year.
Tues 4 th	Pray for the head teachers and staff at Wilsden and Harden primary schools and for opportunities for the churches to work with the schools.
Wed 5 th	Pray for members of Harden and Wilsden parish councils.
Thur 6 th	Pray for Mark, the warden at Wilsden Village Hall, the management committee and the volunteers running the library there.
Fri 7 th	Pray for those who run luncheon clubs and groups for senior citizens in Harden and Wilsden.
Sat 8 th	Pray for Margaret and all who help with the volunteer car scheme.

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

Copy Deadline: 12.00h on the **WEDNESDAY** before publication

TEXT reminder service for Pick'n'Mix: Text name to 07789 895949

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