

**Parishes of St. Saviour's Harden & St. Matthew's Wilsden
IN THE BENEFICE OF
HARDEN AND WILSDEN, CULLINGWORTH AND DENHOLME
Newsletter for 21 April 2024
The Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Services Today

- 9.30am Communion at St Matthew's, Wilsden
9.30am Communion at St John's, Cullingworth
10.30am Sunday Service at Denholme Shared Church
11.00am Café Church at St Matthew's, Wilsden
11.15am Communion at St Saviour's, Harden

Followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Midweek Services on Wednesday

- 10.00am BCP Eucharist at Cullingworth
2.30pm Prayer and Cake at Harden

Annual Meetings

Each year we have an Annual Parochial Church Meeting in each of our churches. It is our annual meeting. This year the dates will be:

- St Saviour's, Harden 12noon on Sunday 21 April**
St Matthew's, Wilsden 11am on Sunday 28 April

It is on this date that we look back on the past year and we have lots to look back on from 2023! It is an opportunity too to thank the Churchwardens, the PCC members and all those who work so hard to make sure our churches run as they should. If you would like to join the Church Councils or are interested in other ways you can help in our churches then please contact Richard.

David “Dynamite” Overend dominates the Dominoes!

On Wednesday night the Benefice Men’s Group gathered at Denholme Shared Church for the annual Domino Competition. The challenge began with matches in two groups to whittle the competitors down to the semi-finalists. Two close fought games brought together David “Dynamite” Overend, in his first ever domino competition and Tony “Top Cat” Caunt, last year’s beaten finalist for the final.



In the best of seven games, David took an early lead and while he battled hard in a tense contest Tony was not able to recover, but took it to the very last domino before losing the game! So David holds the glorious trophy for the year. If you would like to join the Benefice Men’s group then please contact Richard for details. We meet every two months.

Psalms through Lent & Easter

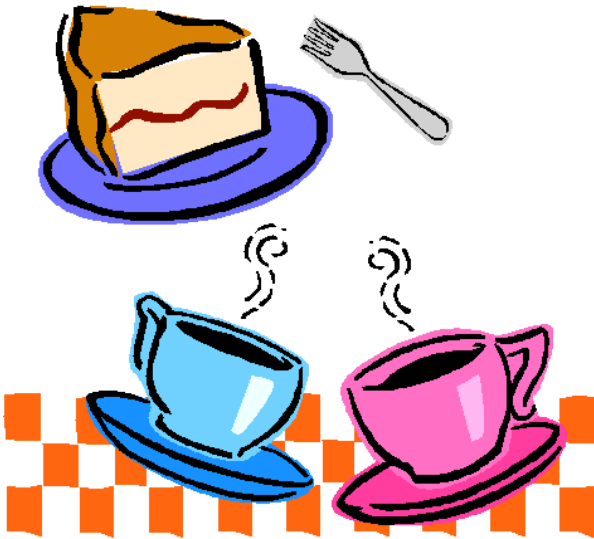
Richard began to read all the Psalms on Ash Wednesday! We are now around about two thirds of the way through the journey of 150 Psalms in 96 Days. He will read the last psalm, psalm 150 on Pentecost Sunday, 19 May. Why not join in the journey! And if you wish to catch up with any you have missed, they are all still online. You can watch on our Benefice YouTube Channel or on our Benefice Facebook Page. You can access them easily through our webpages:

www.stmatthewswilsden.org and www.stsavioursharden.org

Trip to Holme Pierrepont Hall & Southwark Minster cancelled

The trip to Nottingham on 29th May, including a trip to Southwell Minster, is regrettably cancelled. Anybody who has provided payment will be fully refunded. Apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused

WELL BEING CAFÉ



The next gathering of the Well Being Café will be at St Matthew's in Wilsden on Tuesday 30 April at 2pm until 3.30pm. It is a great place to come along if you are beginning to struggle with memory, if you have dementia or are caring for someone who has, or if you would just like some company on a Tuesday afternoon!

We enjoy drinks and chat, sometimes with games or conversation starters. It's a very friendly afternoon! Come along and join in!

Saturday 27 April

If you look in your diary and find you are at a loose end on Saturday 27 April then our churches can help you to fill that gap. In the morning at St Saviour's there is a groundforce gardening gathering to tidy up some of the spring growth ready for the summer sunshine. In St John's at Cullingworth there is a Spring Clean to clear the cobwebs. Both of these begin at 10am. Also starting at 10am but going through the day until 4pm (so you can go after cleaning or gardening!) is the Denholme Shared Church Gift Day. Come along and see some amazing historical archives and enjoy some refreshments and celebrate the part that the church plays in the village.

Suzy McCarter Licensing

On Sunday 16 June at 3pm at Cowling Church The Rev'd Suzy McCarter, formerly Team Vicar here, will be licensed as the new Vicar of Sutton with Cowling and Lothersdale. If you would like to be present at the service please could you let Helen know: 07788848830 as they would like some idea of how many people will be there.

Donations to our local churches

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

Account name	Sort Code	Account No
St Saviour's Church Harden PCC	05-02-42	32488873
Parish of St Matthews, Wilsden	40-23-05	42128918

Please leave your name so we can send you a "thank you"

PRAYER REQUESTS TO: say14me@hotmail.com

Prayers for the week beginning Sunday 21 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.

Sunday 21 April	Pray for all those baptized in our churches recently and for their parents and godparents.
Monday 22 April	Pray for all those elected yesterday or continuing in office at St Saviour's.
Tuesday 23 April	On St George's Day, pray for our country, for the King and for those elected to govern, for wisdom and compassion as they try to balance priorities.
Wednesday 24 April	Pray for the leaders of nations and all who negotiate for peace in the many troubled parts of the world.
Thursday 25 April	Pray for wisdom and integrity for all who bring national and international news into our homes, through traditional or newer forms of technology.
Friday 26 April	Pray for Archbishop Ezekiel, bishops, priests and people in Sudan, for their safety during this dangerous time of conflict.
Saturday 27 April	Pray for the natural world, for care for the countryside and a real reduction in waste and pollution.

Contributions for the next newsletter to Pauline: 01535 273814 pstern155@gmail.com
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Clergy Days Off: Alison: Thursday, Friday & Saturday
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