



**Parishes of St. Saviour's Harden & St. Matthew's Wilsden
IN THE BENEFICE OF
HARDEN AND WILSDEN, CULLINGWORTH AND DENHOLME**

Newsletter for 10 May 2026
The Sixth Sunday of Easter
Today's Services

- 9.30am Communion at St Matthew's, Wilsden
9.30am Communion at St John's, Cullingworth
Followed by APCM
10.30am Sunday Service at Denholme Shared Church
11.15am Communion at St Saviour's, Harden
3.45pm Messy Church at Cullingworth



Midweek Services on Wednesday 13 May

- 10.00am BCP Eucharist at Cullingworth
2.30pm Prayer and Cake at Harden
3.00pm Messy Church at St Matthew's, Wilsden



Prayer House Group

The Prayer House group will be meeting at Cullingworth Vicarage on Monday 11 May at 7pm.

Christian Aid Week 2026 runs from Sunday 10th May to Saturday 16th May.

This year the focus is on supporting families in Kenya, particularly in informal settlements, facing severe urban poverty and food insecurity.

The aim is to build resilience by providing tools, seeds, and training to grow food in small spaces, and so offer hope for the future.

Please offer your support by returning an envelope or donating online.

In Wilsden, once again, the churches plan to deliver an envelope to every household.

Please help if you are able.



New Team Rector for the Hewenden Benefice!

Rev'd Daniel Furlong will be joining us soon as our Team Rector – here is a message from him -

"I'm really excited to be joining you all in your parishes and discovering all God has for our churches and communities. I have been really impressed and encouraged by all I have seen, and I have been made to feel so welcome already by everyone I have met so far. I really look forward to getting stuck in, making friends, learning from you, and growing together.

I am currently serving as Associate Curate for West Bradford, having previously spent two years working as part of the Team at Girdlington, Heaton and Manningham, so I am no stranger to multi-parish ministry. I was originally born in Southport, Lancashire (for which I can only apologise), but I have been in Bradford since 2010. Prior to ordination, I spent 11 years working for Christians Against Poverty in various specialist and management roles within the Communications, Fundraising and Marketing Teams. As I spend so much of my job in God's house, I like to spend my free time in God's garden – particularly climbing and surfing.

My wife, Jo, is a Primary School Teacher by trade, but took time to work for Christians Against Poverty as a Senior Debt Advisor while the family were young. She is currently working in Early Years Provision within a Primary School. She is a keen walker and budding gardener.

Ariela (10) and Ezra (8) are both looking forward to a new adventure, but are probably getting to that age where anything dad says about them would be embarrassing, so I will let them introduce themselves when we land."

St Saviour's Flowers



If you would like to provide flowers for the church during the year to mark a special occasion or in memory of a family member or friend please sign up on the sheet at the back of church or have a word with

Jean Crerar or Brenda Wilkinson.

Denholme Shared Church are having a

PLANT SALE

On Saturday 16 May from 10.30am – 12 noon

Lots of bedding plants and other good quality plants
for the garden



In aid of Denholme Shared Church and Christian Aid
Come for a cuppa – Tea/Coffee and Cakes



Thornton Singers

Present A Summer Concert

At Wilsden Trinity Church

On Saturday 30 May at 7.30pm

Tickets are £10 and are available from church members or on the door
Items include songs from The Beach Boys, James Bond Films and Cole Porter.
Please come and enjoy this musical evening.



Rev. Canon Graham Bettridge died peacefully at home on 24th April. Graham was vicar of Harden & Wilsden from 1970 to 1981 and he attended the 50th anniversary service at St Matthew's last year. The funeral service and interment will take place at St. Mary's Church, Kirkby Lonsdale on Thursday 14th May at 1.00 p.m. Please keep his family and friends in your prayers.

Please keep in your prayers the family and friends of Dorothy Senior whose funeral will be at St Matthew's on Tuesday 12th May at 11.45am.

Prayers for the week beginning Sunday 10 May

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 10 May	Pray for all who worship at St John's Cullingworth, for those who take on new responsibilities at the Annual Meeting today and those who continue in office.
Monday 11 May	Pray for those who own or work at businesses in our villages, making it possible for us to access many of our needs locally.
Tuesday 12 May	Pray for all at the health centres and pharmacies in our villages.
Wednesday 13 May	Pray for all at the prayer vigil at Bradford Cathedral today as the Crown Nomination Commission meets to consider the appointment of the next Bishop of Leeds.
Thursday 14 May	Pray for newly elected members representing our communities on Bradford Metropolitan District Council.
Friday 15 May	Pray for all who give their time to serve as Parish Councillors in our villages.
Saturday 16 May	Pray for our new Team Rector and his family as we look forward to them being with us, and give thanks for those who have served in the parishes of our benefice in the past.

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Parish of St Matthews, Wilsden	40-23-05	42128918

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