



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

**Newsletter for 21 September 2025  
Fourteenth Sunday of Trinity**

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

**Midweek Services on Wednesday 24 September**

10.00am BCP Eucharist at Cullingworth

2.30pm Prayer and Cake at Harden

**Prayer for the appointment of a new Rector**

There is a prayer group who meet to pray about our new Rector.

**The next meeting will be next Monday 29 September at 7pm**  
at the Vicarage in Cullingworth. Everyone is welcome to come along.





### **Together in the Vacancy – a message from Rev'd Alison**

As you know, we are now in a time of vacancy. To help ensure that all the different aspects of our church life continue as smoothly as possible, I will be serving full-time across the benefice during this period. This will allow me to offer oversight and support for the many activities, services, and ministries that

are such an important part of our life together.

I know that each of our churches is in the very capable hands of our Churchwardens and PCCs, and I am deeply thankful, as I'm sure you are for their faithful service and leadership.

This is also a time to encourage all-member ministry. We are blessed with many gifts and skills across our congregations, and I would love to see them used in building up the life of our churches. If you have ideas, gifts, or talents you would like to offer during this time, please do get in touch with me.

Please continue to hold our benefice, and the process of appointing a new Team Rector in your prayers.



### **Messy Church Needs Your Help!**

We're busy planning some brilliant crafts for Messy Church and could make good use of your empty cereal boxes. Instead of putting them in the recycling bin, please bring them to church (flattened if possible) and pop them in the collection box by the door. Your cereal box could become part of an amazing Messy Church creation.

We also need ribbons and sparkly fabric strips plus SMALL glass jars or little glass pots that some deserts are sold in and clean empty glass jars (jam jar size or smaller like baby food jars) for lantern making, also coloured magazine paper (magazines/ supplements/catalogues etc) for collage making and pictures of food (from supermarket adverts etc) for harvest activities.

— thank you for your help - This is much appreciated, we will show you the results!

**On Friday, 26th September** the Wilsden chat and craft group will be hosting a tea/coffee afternoon in aid of Macmillan Cancer support.



It will run from 2pm until 4pm in the family room at St Matthew's. There will be a bring and buy stall. All are welcome.

**Cover for this newsletter - holidays etc.** Would someone either from St Saviours or St Matthews be willing to provide cover for producing and distributing (emailed, posted and delivered by hand) the weekly newsletters when I am not available. You would need to have access to a printer and be familiar with Word. If you are interested please contact Pauline – [pstern155@gmail.com](mailto:pstern155@gmail.com)



### **WELL BEING CAFÉ**

The next gathering of the Well Being Café will be at St Matthew's in Wilsden on Tuesday 30 September 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 and we usually have a jigsaw on the go! It's a very friendly afternoon! Come along and join in!



## **Prayers for the week beginning Sunday 21 September**

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 September	On St Matthew's Day, pray for regular and occasional worshippers at St Matthew's and give thanks for those who have led and taught in the present church building and its three previous locations.
Monday 22 September	Pray for the appointment of a new rector for Hewenden Benefice.
Tuesday 23 September	Pray for Alison and her family as she takes on extra work across our four parishes during the vacancy.
Wednesday 24 September	Pray for the people of Sudan and for Christian leaders and congregations helping displaced people from their limited resources.
Thursday 25 September	Pray for the people of Israel and Palestine, for all who suffer loss and live in fear. Pray for all who work to find acceptable solutions.
Friday 26 September	Pray for residents and staff at Laurel Bank and other residential and care homes in the area.
Saturday 27 September	Pray for people in our villages who are in particular need of love and support at this time as they cope with illness, loneliness or anxiety about the future.

Contributions for the next newsletter to Pauline: 01535 273814 [psfern155@gmail.com](mailto:psfern155@gmail.com)

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