



**Parishes of St. Saviour's Harden & St. Matthew's Wilsden  
IN THE BENEFICE OF  
HARDEN AND WILSDEN, CULLINGWORTH AND DENHOLME  
Newsletter for 25 May 2025**

**The Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**Today's Services**

9.30am	Morning Worship at St Matthew's, Wilsden
9.30am	Communion at St John's, Cullingworth
10.30am	Communion at Denholme Shared Church
11.15am	Morning Worship at St Saviour's, Harden
12.00	APCM at Denholme Shared Church
6.00pm	Holy Communion at St Matthew's, Wilsden
6.00pm	BCP Holy Communion at St John's, Cullingworth

**Midweek Services this Week**

Wednesday 10.00am BCP Eucharist at Cullingworth

Wednesday 2.30pm Prayer and cake at Harden

**Ascension Day Service**  
**St John's, Cullingworth**  
**Thursday 29 May at 7.00pm**



## **Anna is now the new Vicar of Honley and Brockholes**

Last Sunday afternoon a good number from Harden, Wilsden, Cullingworth and Denholme were part of a full church at St Mary's, Honley for the service to Induct and Install Anna as the Vicar of Honley and Brockholes.

Anna had chosen some wonderful hymns which we sang with gusto!

Richard commended her to the people of her new parish.

The reading for the day was Daniel in the Lion's Den, a coincidence which made us all laugh!



Bishop Smitha, the Bishop of Huddersfield inducted Anna and Bill Braviner, the Archdeacon of Halifax placed her in the vicar's stall.

She was greeted by local representatives and following the service we enjoyed a great spread of food! It was a great occasion and a very happy start to Anna's new ministry.

And she has been busy in her first week with visits, meetings and even her first PCC meeting! We continue to hold her in our prayers.

## **It's Gala Time!!**

We will have stalls at our Village Galas again this year. If you can help to staff that stall that would be wonderful. And please come and see us on the day!

**The Season kicks off with Harden Gala on Saturday 21 June**  
**Then, the following week it is Wilsden Gala on Sunday 29 June**

## Prayer Oasis

Come and find some quiet space.

Liz is creating another wonderful Prayer Oasis to enable people to find inspiration, relaxation and reflection.



**St Matthew's, Wilsden**

**Friday 13 June 2pm to 4pm & 7pm to 9pm**

**Saturday 14 June 10am to 2pm**



## Children's Society Afternoon Tea!

On Friday 20 June the Wilsden Chat and Craft Group are having an Afternoon Tea Party with a Bring and Buy Sale. Everyone is welcome. Please bring anything you might like to sell. All proceeds are to be added to the Children's Society Collection. If you have a Children's Society Box, the Collection Date Deadline is Sunday 22 June. Boxes can be handed in at church.



**The Children's Society**

## Safeguarding Training

**Foundations Training:**

**St Matthew's Church, Wilsden**

**7pm Tuesday 3 June 2025**



No need to book, just come along and find out what to do about safeguarding

## HALF TERM THIS WEEK!

Please note that there will be no Chatterbox and no Harden Welcome Space Scones this week as it is Half Term.

**We'll be back next week on Tuesday 3 June!**



## Doves for Peace

Denholme Shared Church is inviting all churches in the Benefice, together with community groups, to take part in their Doves for Peace project as part of Bradford's year as City of Culture 2025. It's a very simple process. All materials will be supplied, with templates. More doves still needed!

Contact Robert (07758 193260) or Janice (07807 627234) with any queries.

## **Prayers for the week beginning Sunday 25 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 25 May	Give thanks for the life and work of St. Bede and pray for present day Christian scholars and writers.
Monday 26 May	Augustine, first Archbishop of Canterbury, is commemorated today. Give thanks for his life and pray for those responsible for appointing his successor for our time.
Tuesday 27 May	Pray for Archbishop Ezekiel and his fellow workers as they continue to provide as much help and comfort as they can to those around them in greatest need.
Wednesday 28 May	Pray for lasting resolution to the situation in Gaza and an end to attacks and that humanitarian aid will reach where it is so greatly needed.
Thursday 29 May	Pray for the people of Ukraine and their leaders and for an end to the war.
Friday 30 May	Pray for victims of ongoing wars throughout the world and that national leaders, particularly those with influence beyond their own boundaries, may be guided in the ways of justice and peace.
Saturday 31 May	Pray for compassion in our society and better times for the most needy and vulnerable.

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