



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

Newsletter for 28 September 2025

Fifteenth Sunday of Trinity

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
6.00pm	Holy Communion at St Matthew's, Wilsden
6.00pm	BCP Holy Communion at St John's, Cullingworth

Midweek Services on Wednesday 1 October

10.00am Communion at St Matthew's, Wilsden

10.00am BCP Eucharist at Cullingworth

2.30pm Personal Prayer 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 on 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.

HELP NEEDED. Brenda Wilkinson will be having much needed knee replacement surgery on 25 October, would some folk be willing to step forward on a temporary basis whilst she recovers from the op to help with the voluntary jobs she assists with.

- Tuesday Mornings – Chatterbox (please see Anne Palmer if you can help)
- Tuesday Mornings - Welcome Space (after chatterbox please see Anne Palmer if you can help)
- Flower arranging - (please see Jean Crerar if you can help)

If you are able to help please speak to the people above or to Brenda.



Fair Trade Fortnight 2025 runs from Monday 22nd September to Sunday 5th October.

Look out for special events in our area such as:

Breakfast at the Cathedral on Sunday 28th September, 8.45am to 10
Paddington's Haworth Adventure on Saturday 4th October, 11.30 am till 4pm.
For more information Google 'Fair Trade Bradford.'

Lego Club Saturday 4 October



1pm to 3pm at St Matthew's Church, Wilsden.

Loads of Lego!

Great value, no booking required.

Free building and a challenge for a Lego prize!

And there is a community café too!



Why not come and join us at St John's Cullingworth for Story Time



Wednesday 1 October 2 till 2.45 pm

For all pre-school age children

Come and listen to some stories and sing some nursery rhymes.

We have books in our library that you can borrow and take home.

Meet other parents, grandparents and children



Messy Church Needs Your Help!

We still need empty cereal boxes, ribbons, sparkly fabric, small

glass pots and jars (for lantern making), magazines, supplements,

catalogues and pictures of food for harvest activities. Please leave them at the back of church. Thank you

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!



Churches Together Charity Quiz.

Thank you to everyone who turned out for the quiz last Saturday despite the appalling weather. It was a lively occasion and donations were generous.

The sum of £397.75 will be sent off to DEC.



Prayers for the week beginning Sunday 28 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 28 September	Pray for the person who will hear the call to serve as Team Rector for Hewenden Benefice.
Monday 29 September	Pray for our clergy, lay leaders and visiting clergy supporting our parishes during the vacancy.
Tuesday 30 September	Pray for all at the Well Being café at St Matthew's today.
Wednesday 1 October	Pray for the clergy and lay people in our churches who visit those who can no longer join in worship in our church buildings.
Thursday 2 October	Pray for children and staff in our village schools, particularly for children in reception classes.
Friday 3 October	Pray for young people leaving home for the first time to continue their education in colleges, universities and other training courses.
Saturday 4 October	Pray for compassion in our society and better times for the most needy and vulnerable.

Contributions for the next newsletter to Pauline: 01535 273814 psstern155@gmail.com

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Note we can only mention people, by name, in the newsletter with their consent.

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St Saviour's Church Harden PCC	05-02-42	32488873
Parish of St Matthews, Wilsden	40-23-05	42128918

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