



**Parishes of St. Saviour's Harden & St. Matthew's Wilsden  
IN THE BENEFICE OF  
HARDEN AND WILSDEN, CULLINGWORTH AND DENHOLME  
Newsletter for 30 March 2025**



**Mothering Sunday  
Today's Services**

9.30am	All Age Worship, St Matthew's, Wilsden
9.30am	All Age Worship, St John's, Cullingworth
10.30am	Sunday Service at Denholme Shared Church
11.15am	All Age Worship, St Saviour's, Harden



**Midweek Services this Wednesday**

- 10.00am Eucharist at Wilsden
- 10.00am BCP Eucharist at Cullingworth
- 2.30pm Personal Prayer at Harden

**Anna's Licensing Date**

Anna is to be licensed in her new post in Honley with Brockholes on Sunday 18 May. Save the date. We will look to co-ordinate transport for all who wish to go!

**St Matthew's@50**

Celebrating St Matthew's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Sunday 4 May at 4pm

Bishop Toby is coming to Preach.

**It will also be Anna's final service with us.**

Everyone is welcome to come along for a special service.



## LENT 2025



During Lent, we are holding our Lent course on Thursday Mornings, 10.30 to 12noon at Denholme Shared Church and Thursday Evenings, 7.00pm to 8.30pm at St John's, Cullingworth.

Our Lent course is following a book called:

"Let me go there: The Spirit of Lent"

which is a course written by Paula Gooder. Copies are available for £8.99.

And over the 96 days from Ash Wednesday to Pentecost Sunday Richard will be reading all four Gospels on our Benefice Facebook Page and YouTube Channel.

### Help Needed at Chatterbox!

We are looking for a volunteer to help in the running of the Chatterbox Toddler Group at Harden. The Group runs in Term Time on Tuesday mornings from 9am to 11am. We are looking for someone who is particularly able to get out the toys and games at the beginning and put them away at the end and be a presence in the group when it is on. DBS check will be required.



### Lego Club Saturday 5 April

**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!



### Richard is to be the Next Team Rector of Keighley

We announced last Sunday that Richard will be the Team Rector in Keighley. His final service here will be the Benefice Service at 10.30am on Sunday 29 June at Denholme Shared Church. His licensing is expected to be on Sunday 13 July.



### Bishop Nick to retire

The Bishop of Leeds announced his retirement this week. He will continue in post until 30 November, delegating his authority to Bishop Toby from the middle of September. He will officiate for the final time at Bradford Cathedral on Sunday 18 October at 3.30pm.



## Doves for Peace

You are invited to join this community project which will be on display in Denholme Shared Church from the end of May and throughout June. It is part of Bradford City of Culture. Create a dove with a message of peace and it can be added to the installation. For more details contact Janice Le Blancq: [jemilylb@outlook.com](mailto:jemilylb@outlook.com) tel: 07807 627234

### St Matthew's New Electoral Roll

Under the Church Representation Rules it is necessary every six years to prepare a completely new Electoral Roll and 2025 is the year for us to do this at St. Matthew's.

If you are currently included in St. Matthew's Electoral Roll you will need to complete a new form to be included in the new roll. Margaret Harrison will give you a form to complete and return as soon as possible. Forms will also be available for anyone who would like to join the roll. Further information from Margaret Harrison 01535 272305. Being on the roll allows you to vote at our Annual Meeting which takes place this year on the 11th May.

### St Saviour's New Electoral Roll

Under the Church Representation Rules it is necessary every 6 years to prepare a completely new electoral roll and 2025 is a year of preparation of a new roll for St Saviour's.

If you are currently included in St Saviour's Electoral Roll **you must complete and return a new form by 1st April 2025 to be included in the new roll.** Forms are also available for anyone who would like to join the Electoral Roll for the first time.

Being on the roll allows you to vote at our Annual Meeting which takes place this year on the 27<sup>th</sup> April. If you require any further information please contact Pauline Stern, St Saviours Electoral Roll Officer. Tel 01535

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**St Saviour's PCC members please note – there will be a short meeting after the service next Sunday 6 April to check the new roll prior to it being published.**

## Safeguarding Training

Safeguarding Foundations Training:  
St John's Church, Cullingworth  
7pm Tuesday 22 April 2025

Domestic Abuse Awareness Training:  
Denholme Shared Church  
7pm Tuesday 13 May 2025

## **Prayers for the week beginning Sunday 30 March**

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 30 March	Mothering Sunday. Give thanks for the blessings of family life and pray for separated and unhappy families in our neighbourhood.
Monday 31 March	Pray for children baptized in our churches this year and for their parents and godparents.
Tuesday 1 April	Pray for helpers, children and carers at Chatterbox and that more people will volunteer to help.
Wednesday 2 April	Pray for all our clergy and lay leaders and pray that we may be able to help and support them.
Thursday 3 April	Pray for all at the Benefice Lent study at St John's.
Friday 4 April	As you pray for Sudan, remember Bishop Ismail of El Obeid, in the Darfur region, one of the worst affected parts of the country.
Saturday 5 April	Pray for people of any nationality and faith suffering in the conflict in Gaza, and that political leaders may find a way to bring peace and stability to the region.

Contributions for the next newsletter to Pauline: 01535 273814 [psstern155@gmail.com](mailto: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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