



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

**Newsletter for 6 April 2025**

**Passion Sunday**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**Today's Services**

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 this Wednesday**

10.00am BCP Eucharist at Cullingworth

2.30pm Prayer and cake at Harden

**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



This Thursday is the final Lent Group.

Thursday Morning, 10.30 to 12noon at Denholme Shared Church and Thursday Evening, 7.00pm to 8.30pm at St John's, Cullingworth.

Our Lent course has been 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.

### **Anna's Licensing Date**

Anna is to be licensed in her new post in Honley with Brockholes on Sunday 18 May at 3pm. Save the date. We will look to co-ordinate transport for all who wish to go! Please hold her in your prayers as she prepares for a new challenge.

### **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 to be on Sunday 13 July at 3pm.



### **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.

## Harden & Wilsden 100+ Club

Liz drew the numbers for March's 100 club draw last Sunday.  
£25 was won by Wendy Driver with No. 24  
£10 was won by Benjamin Pickersgill with No. 87



## 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.

## 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

## Thank you

Wilsden Craft and Chat Group would like to thank all who came to the tea/coffee afternoon which was supporting the work of Admiral Nurses. Thanks to your generosity over £300 was raised. Thank you!



## **Prayers for the week beginning Sunday 6 April**

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 6 April	Pray for the people of Myanmar and of Bangkok and other surrounding areas affected by the earthquake
Monday 7 April	Pray for an acceptable and lasting way to end the suffering in Gaza.
Tuesday 8 April	Pray for Sudan, remembering Bishop Abdu of Port Sudan and his team, working to help many thousands of people seeking refuge in this relatively safe region.
Wednesday 9 April	Anniversary of the execution of Dietrich Bonhoeffer in 1945. Pray for members of Lutheran churches in Germany and throughout our diocese.
Thursday 10 April	Pray for world leaders as they respond to dangerous situations throughout the world.
Friday 11 April	Pray for farmers, for fair reward as they produce sustainable food for this country.
Saturday 12 April	Pray for Bishop Nick as he undertakes planning and preparation for himself and for Leeds Diocese as he approaches his retirement.

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