



PARISH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST CULLINGWORTH

IN THE BENEFICE OF HARDEN, WILSDEN, CULLINGWORTH AND DENHOLME

Newsletter for Sunday 14 September 2025

Thirteenth Sunday of Trinity

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9.30 am Communion at St John's, Cullingworth.

9.30 am All Age Service at St Matthew's, Wilsden.

10.30 am Sunday Service at Denholme Shared Church.

11.15 am All Age Worship at St Matthew's, Wilsden.

3.45 pm Messy Church at St John's, Cullingworth.



READINGS

I Timothy 1 v 12 to 17

Luke 15 v 1 to 10

Psalm 14

Jeremiah 4 v 11 to 12 and 22 to 28



Together in the Vacancy – a message from Revd 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.



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Daily Prayers

on the [Benefice Facebook Page](#)

8 am Morning Prayer

5 pm Evening Prayer

9 pm Night Prayer



Midweek Services Wednesday 17 September

- 10 am BCP Communion at Cullingworth and WELCOME SPACE
10 am Communion at Wilsden
2.30 pm Personal Prayer at Harden



Every Tuesday from 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm in the St John's Room.
Refreshments are available. **Next meeting Tuesday, 16 September**
If you know anyone who would be interested, please invite them.

Fellowship Lunch

Saturday, October 11 12.30 pm, St John's Room. Everyone is welcome.

Please let Jasmin know if you wish to attend 07725 107777



Messy Church Needs Your Help!

We're busy planning some brilliant crafts for Messy Church. Coloured magazine paper for collage making and pictures of food for harvest activities, sparkly fabric scraps and bits of ribbon — thank you for your help! We will show you the results. Please leave them at the back of the Church for collection.



Churches Together Charity Quiz.

Saturday 20 September at Trinity Church at 7 pm.

Teams of 4 or 6. Light supper of baked potatoes with fillings. Tickets are now available; there is no charge, but donations are requested on the night.

Prayer Group

Alison will be hosting our prayer group, and we hope this might evolve into a regular house group. Come along and join us.

The next will be this Monday, 15 September, at 7 pm
at the Cullingworth Vicarage.



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Charity for September and October

Good Food Bingley - run by Holy Trinity Church in Bingley to combat food poverty and provide a way out of dependency on food banks. They operate like a “social supermarket” stocked with food surplus from various sources to prevent food waste. Membership is available via referral from various local support agencies and schools. If you wish to donate, please make this to St John's PCC (details below) and add your surname and GF Bingley as the reference.

THANK YOU!

We are grateful to all those who continue to support the church financially. **Please review your Giving. If you find that you have a little extra income and would be able to increase your giving at this time, it will help our financial situation enormously.**

You can Donate or set up Regular Giving by sending your gift to

St John the Evangelist PCC Culling

Sort Code 20-45-14

Account number 60703532.

Please include your name as a reference, so we can thank you

You can scan this code to donate through Give a Little.



EASY FUNDRAISING FOR YOUR ONLINE PURCHASES

A BIG THANK YOU for all registered with easyfundraising.org.uk and Cullingworth St. John the Evangelist. We received a % of what you spend.



Smartie boxes are available from Debbie which will take your spare 20p coins to assist church funds



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YOUR PRAYERS

- Alison, Liz, and our ministry team.
- For Bishop Toby as he takes on the responsibilities of the Diocese of Leeds.
- For all those responsible for finding a new Team Rector and the person who will recognise the call.
- For our Messy Church Group
- For all leading the ongoing worship and work , both in church and online.
- For our Churchwardens, PCC officers and members.
- The people of Sudan, Syria and Rwanda and all affected by civil war.
- The lonely or those struggling with declining physical, mental, or emotional health.
- Pray for peace in the Middle East, Gaza and Israel.
- Healing for those who are sick and those known to us.
- For the people of Ukraine, and there may be an end to the war.
- For Archbishop Ezekiel, the bishops and congregations throughout Sudan.
- Our Art Group, Craft n Chat and Ukulele Groups who use the St John's Room.
- Newcomers to Cullingworth, we may make our presence and message known.

Prayer: say14me@hotmail.com If you know people who would like prayer, or if people would like to request us to pray for them, then we have a dedicated email address:

OUR BENEFICE TEAM AT ST JOHN'S

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Stay Connected

If you know anyone who would like to receive our notices, please contact Robert at 07342 267080 or by e-mail at robertandjasmin@btinternet.com. If people need assistance, support, food, or medicine deliveries or just a chat, please contact Alison.

Please respect the Clergy's days off – Alison: Thursday ; Liz: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday.

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This is a prayer which the prayer group have been using.

Gracious and Sovereign God, You are the Good Shepherd who never leaves or forsakes His flock. We thank You for the faithful ministry that has gone before, and we entrust the future of our church into Your hands. Raise up a Rector after Your own heart—someone filled with wisdom, humility, courage, and compassion. Give our selection committee discernment, patience, and unity. Prepare the heart of the one You are calling, even now and prepare our hearts to receive them with grace and support. May Your Kingdom come, and Your will be done in our church family. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Personal Growth and Leadership Course

Alison and a couple of others will be attending this course at Fountains Church in Bradford on Saturday mornings from 10.00 am to 12.30 pm.

Dates: • 20th September • 18th October • 29th November • 10th January • 7th February • 7th March. If you'd like to go or if you'd like further information, please contact Alison.

- **Personal Growth, Confidence and Contribution:** You and your team will learn to *release your potential* through learning and applying proven personal growth principles. This is aimed at *increasing confidence in your leadership skills* and learning how to apply them in the home, workplace and church.
- **Leadership Mind Shift, Releasing Gifts, Building Team:** You will grow together in awareness and appreciation of *lay and clergy gifts* within **your parish** and be able to take practical steps to release them. You will build a *stronger sense of team* within your own church and transform your understanding of leadership.
- **Shared Learning, Supportive Relationships, Cohesive Identity:** Learning as lay and clergy together, we will share our stories, *build mutually supportive relationships* and develop our identity.

