

PARISH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST CULLINGWORTH

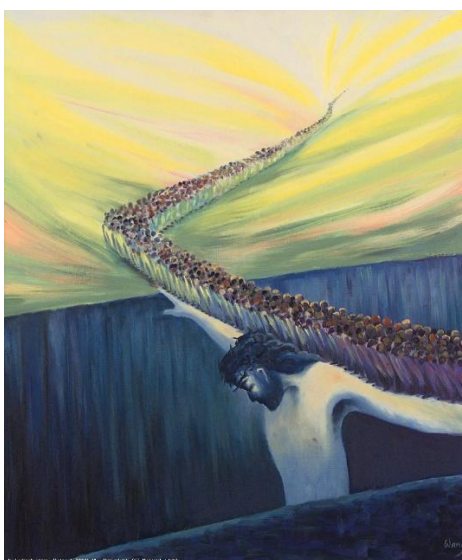
IN THE BENEFICE OF HARDEN, WILSDEN, CULLINGWORTH AND DENHOLME

Newsletter for Sunday 3 May 2026

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

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9.30 am	Communion at St John's, Cullingworth.
9.30 am	Communion at St Matthew's, Wilsden.
10.30 am	Sunday Service at Denholme Shared Church.
11 am	Café Church at St Matthew's, Wilsden.
11.15 am	Communion at St Saviour's, Harden.



READINGS

Acts 7 v 55 to the end

John 14 v 1 to 14

Psalm 31 v 1 to 5 and 15 to 16

1 Peter 2 v 2 to 10

Daily Prayers

On the [Benefice Facebook Page](#) 8 am Morning Prayer and 9 pm Night Prayer

Midweek Services Wednesday 6 May



- 10 am BCP Communion at Cullingworth.
- 10 am Communion at Wilsden.
- 2.30 pm Personal Prayer at Harden.



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Every Tuesday from 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm in the St John's Room. Refreshments are available. Next meeting Tuesday, 6 May. If you know anyone who would be interested, please invite them.

Fellowship Lunch

Saturday 9 May 12.30 pm - St John's Room. Everyone is welcome.

Please let Jasmin know if you wish to attend - 07725 107777.

Prayer House Group

The next prayer house group will be at the Cullingworth Vicarage on Monday 4 May at 7 pm.



Annual Meeting Coming up in May

Each year, we have an Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

This year, ours at St John's will be held on Sunday 10 May at 10.45 am.

If you would like to join the Church Council or are interested in other ways that you can help in our church, then please contact Jill or Robert.

Chatterbox Toddler Group

Open to toddlers with their carers, we have toys and refreshments ending with a sing-along! Tuesday mornings in St Saviour's Church Hall, Harden from 9 am to 11 am.



Deanery Synod and BEAF meeting

The next BEAF (Bradford Episcopal Area Forum) meeting will be held on **Saturday, 9 May** at All Saints Church, Ilkley.

Refreshments will be available from 9.30 am, and the morning will start at 10 with the Deanery Synods meeting, separately for 30 minutes.

If you are not a member of your Deanery Synod, you are more than welcome to sit in on these meetings.

For the rest of the morning, we will be looking at how we relate to the International, National and Local church. The event will finish at 1 pm.

If you would like to come along to this event, please have a word with one of the Deanery Synod Reps or the clergy.





Charity for May and June

Sue Ryder Manorlands Hospice – The Hospice is in Oxenhope, and offers expert palliative care, they support people with life-limiting conditions, and their families.

Working across Airedale, Wharfedale, Craven, and north Bradford. If you wish to donate, please make this to St John the Evangelist PCC Culling and add your surname and Manorlands 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.



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



LUNCH CLUB

12 noon on Thursdays at St Saviour's.
£4 for a two-course meal
No booking required



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YOUR PRAYERS

- Give thanks for the appointment of our new Team Rector. Revd Daniel Furness, his wife Jo and Ariela and Ezra as they prepare to move into the Benefice.
- For Alison, Liz, and our ministry team, with their extra work and responsibilities across the Benefice during the vacancy
- For our Churchwardens, PCC officers and members with extra responsibilities.
- For all the Churches in our Benefice, as we continue to work together.
- For Bishop Toby as he manages the responsibilities of the Diocese of Leeds.
- For the restoration of peace in the Middle East and for everyone affected by the conflict.
- For the people of Ukraine, and that there may be an end to the war.
- For the lonely or those struggling with declining physical, mental or emotional health.
- For healing for those who are sick and those known to us.
- For thankful hearts for signs of Spring and the lovely area we live in.
- For the Art, Craft and Chat and Ukulele groups who use the St John's Room.
- For newcomers to the Church, that we may make our presence and message known.

Prayer: 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: say14me@hotmail.com

OUR BENEFICE TEAM AT ST JOHN'S

Team Rector:	Awaiting a date		
Team Vicar:	Revd Alison Young	01535 270687	alison.young@leeds.anglican.org
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	Robert Smith	07342 267080	
Baptism Visitor:	Candida McKay	01535 272906	
Verger:	Sandra Pattinson	01535 957181	
Benefice Administrator:	Nicole Dickinson	07788848830	beneficehwcd@gmail.com

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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NOTIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT

The Revd Daniel Furlong, currently serving as Assistant Curate in the Benefices of Clayton St John, Thornton St James, Allerton St Peter and Fairweather Green St Saviour in the Bradford Episcopal Area, has been appointed as Team Rector of the Benefice of Harden, Wilsden, Cullingworth and Denholme also in the Bradford Episcopal Area.

Daniel has written. I'm really excited to be joining you all in your parishes and discovering all God has for our churches and communities. I have been really impressed and encouraged by all I have seen, and I have been made to feel so welcome already by everyone I have met so far. I really look forward to getting stuck in, making friends, learning from you, and growing together.

I am currently serving as Associate Curate for West Bradford, having previously spent two years working as part of the Team at Girlington, Heaton and Manningham, so I am no stranger to multi-parish ministry. I was originally born in Southport, Lancashire (for which I can only apologise), but I have been in Bradford since 2010. Before ordination, I spent 11 years working for Christians Against Poverty in various specialist and management roles within the Communications, Fundraising and Marketing Teams. As I spend so much of my job in God's house, I like to spend my free time in God's garden – particularly climbing and surfing.

My wife, Jo, is a Primary School Teacher by trade, but took time to work for Christians Against Poverty as a Senior Debt Advisor while the family were young. She is currently working in Early Years Provision within a Primary School. She is a keen walker and budding gardener.

Ariela (10) and Ezra (8) are both looking forward to a new adventure, but are probably getting to that age where anything Dad says about them would be embarrassing, so I will let them introduce themselves when we land.

