

#### **Denholme Shared Church**

A partnership between the Baptist Church, the Church of England and the United Reformed Church



# **Three traditions One Faith Newsletter for 21 September 2025**

10.30 am – Morning Worship Judith Drake

### Midweek Services on Wednesday 24 September

10.00am BCP Eucharist at Cullingworth2.30pm Prayer and Cake at Harden

Next Sunday 28 September following worship there will be a Congregational Meeting. Please try and stay for this important meeting.

#### 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 next Monday 29 September at 7pm** at the Vicarage in Cullingworth. Everyone is welcome to come along.



#### **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.



#### 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.

## You are invited to come and support various Macmillan Coffee Morning events being held locally next week



St Matthew's Chat and Craft Group are holding an event on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> Sept 2.00-4.00pm. Bring and Buy Stall Harden Congregational Church have a coffee morning on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> Sept 9.30-12.00noon.

Trinity Church Wilsden are holding a coffee morning on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> Sept 10-12.00noon, it will also be their monthly Repair Café.

#### Appeal for warm coats, household items and bedding

Harden Congregational Church are again collecting items for the Emmanuel Project. They need warm coats, household items for people setting up home including bedding. They will be collecting them on the weekend of 17/18 October. Please see Judith if you have something to donate and you are struggling to get them there.

## **Messy Church**



We had some great fun last week at Messy Church thinking about Harvest. Please spread the word about this family event – we would love to see more families attending. Please let them know they would be welcome every third Wednesday in the month, the next session is on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October starting at 3.30pm. Thank you for all the cereal boxes, we now have sufficient but are still collecting ribbons and sparkly fabric strips, plus small glass jars or pots for lantern making.

Baptist Home Mission. This helps Baptist churches and individuals to reach their mission potential, supporting new initiatives and churches together with supporting the ongoing work of churches, their ministers and families

In your prayers this week please remember ...

- those leading worship this Sunday in all our local churches, pray for our ministry team of Rev Liz, Rev Alison and Rev Ian;

- for those working with families in all our churches in the Benefice;
- the farmers who are in the midst of harvest, providing food for our tables;
- the work of the Emmanuel Project in Bradford and Inn Churches, both working with the homeless;
- pray for our search for a new team rector, and that someone will hear the calling;
- the volunteers who give their time to Denholme Community Gardens;
- the bereaved and those facing painful anniversaries.

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Team Rector: Vacant

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