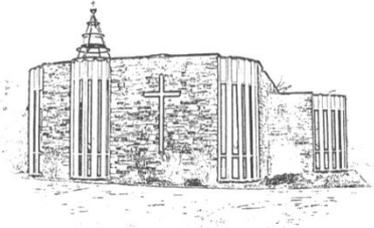
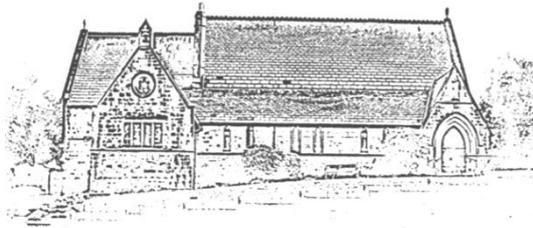


Parishes of Harden and Wilsden



Newsletter for 27th November

Welcome to church today. We hope and pray that you will enjoy your time here and that you may encounter the presence of the living God. If you are a visitor then the following information may be helpful.

- We have a loop system, if appropriate switch hearing aids to “T”.
- We have large print copies of most worship material – please ask.
- Gluten free wafers are available – please request before the service begins.
- Whatever your tradition, you are welcome to share in Holy Communion.
- Toilet facilities are available including baby changing and disabled facilities.
- We hope you will join us for refreshments after the service.

Please take this sheet home with you!

Baptisms - please pray for Isobel May Dolby, her parents, godparents and family, as they bring her for baptism at St. Saviour’s at the morning service today.

Today’s Services			Advent Sunday	
Wilsden	9.30 am	Morning Worship	Romans 13: 11-end	Matthew 24: 36-44
Wilsden	11.00 am	Café Church with Holy Communion		
Harden	11.15 am	Morning Worship and Baptism	Romans 13: 11-end	Matthew 24: 36-44

Next Sunday’s Services –2nd in Advent

Wilsden	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Wilsden	11.00 am	Café Church
Harden	11.15 am	Holy Communion

This week’s diary

Today	6.00 pm	Turning on the lights with Christmas Carols in Wilsden Park
Today	6.00 pm	Benefice Advent Service at St. John's, Cullingworth
Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Communion at St. Matthew’s
Friday	2.00 pm	Crafts for Pick ‘n’ Mix at St. Matthew’s
Saturday	4.00 pm	Carol singing for Wilsden Senior Citizens in Wilsden Village Hall

BCP Evening Prayer. From January, St. Matthew’s evening prayer service will be re-launched on a trial basis – it will be a ‘said’ service on 2nd Sundays, sometimes with hymns, and based on the BCP Evensong liturgy. The said Holy Communion service will move to 4th Sundays.

Night Shelter Recruitment is going well but there are still crucial slots unfilled, not least a dinner team on New Year's Day and some night slots. The rota is available on the parish web-site. If you are able to help, please contact david@haigh.demon.co.uk

Dedication of new doors and Faith Lunch at St. Saviour's

The new doors given in memory of Geoff Baxter will be dedicated on Sunday 4th December and there will be a 'Bring and Share' knife and fork lunch afterwards. Please bring food to share. Please sign up on the notice board what you are bringing so the organising team can try to fill in the gaps!

The Family Services at both churches on December 11th are Nativity & Toy services. Children are encouraged to dress up as any nativity character.

Everyone is invited to bring an unwrapped toy (new or in excellent condition) for the Salvation Army to distribute to families who are struggling this Christmas.

Crafts for Pick'n'Mix - the next session for preparing crafts for Pick'n'Mix will be on Friday 2 December at 2pm at St. Matthew's. All are welcome. Tea and cakes will be provided. Thank you for your donations of kitchen roll tubes - we now have enough. We are however short of dairylea style round cardboard boxes (tops & bottoms) for December 11th Pick 'n' Mix.

Food Bank - supplies are good following generosity at Harvest but the following are in short supply: tinned fish, tinned meat, meat pastes, pasta sauces. They would also appreciate Christmas cake or puddings as long as they have a long shelf life.

St. Saviour's Turkey & Tinsel Saturday 10th December 10am to 2pm

Come and join us at our December Coffee Morning. Coffee and Biscuits, Turkey Rolls, Warm Mince Pies, Mulled Wine. Grand Raffle of Christmas Hamper and other prizes plus Lucky Dip. Come and enjoy delicious food and good company.

Whilst visiting the turkey and tinsel event, why not take a few minutes out to visit the prayer zone in church and reflect on the heart of Christmas?

The Carol Service at St. Saviour's will be on Sunday 11th December at 6.30. All are welcome at this key event in our church life.

The Carol a Christmas crib On the same evening at 7pm, Judy Blezzard will be presenting an entertaining history of the Christmas carol at St. John's, Cullingworth. Tickets are free from Judy or from any member of the Cullingworth church.

St. Saviour's Luncheon Club- help needed. The regular volunteer driver who provides transport each Thursday will be unavailable for 7 weeks from the 19th January. Can you offer to help for some of these weeks? We also need people willing to be reserves to help serve and wash-up to cover occasional absences. Please speak to Bob if you can help.

Many Thanks to the members of the St. Matthew's congregation who delivered the Village Voice magazine so promptly. Bob

The Diocesan e-newsletter for November 24th is available via a link on the parish web-site.

Announcement from Bishop Nick

The Revd Sandra Benham has been appointed as the new Area Dean for the Aire & Worth deanery of which we shall be part, and which begins its life on January 1st. Sandra is incumbent of Baildon.

There will be a **licensing service to launch the new deaneries** led by Bishop Nick on **15th January at Bradford Cathedral, 4pm** to which all are invited.

Paid cleaner required at St. Matthew's to work approximately 1½ to 2 hours per week. Further details from the Churchwardens, Clive Allsop 01535 523693 or John Hansen 01535 275937.

Our two churches are running an Alpha course in Wilsden on Wednesday evenings from January 11th for 12 weeks, a fun and thoughtful way of finding out about Jesus. Would you be interested in attending the course? Can you offer to join a team to cook a meal, perhaps once a month? Please pray for the project and consider who you might invite. For more details or to offer help, have a word with Ian or Bob.

Beverly and Andrew Hurst invite you to share a Christmas drink and light snacks on Friday 23rd December, 1-4pm, at 144 Long Lane, Harden, Bingley. BD16 1BY. We do hope you can come.

3rd December: Carol singing for Wilsden Senior Citizens

We have been asked to lead the Senior Citizens singing Carols at their Christmas Lunch in the Wilsden Village Hall for 20 to 30 minutes. Please can as many as possible come to help on Saturday 3rd December ready to begin at 4.00pm?

Dates for your Diary

Sun 4 Dec	6.00 pm	Turning on of lights with carols at Christmas Tree in Harden
Thurs 8 Dec	7.00 pm	PCC meeting at St. Saviour's
Sat 10 Dec	10.00 to 2.00	Turkey and Tinsel at St. Saviour's
Sun 11 Dec		Nativity/Toy Services at St. Matthew's and St. Saviour's
Sun 11 Dec	6.30 pm	Traditional Community Carol Service at St. Saviour's
Wed 14 Dec	2.30pm	Prayer and Cake at St Saviour's
Sun 18 Dec	6.30pm	Traditional Community Carol Service at St. Matthew's

Please keep in prayer those who are not well and those who are no longer able to join us at our services: Marjorie Craven, Beatrice Waddington, Alice Griffiths, Margaret Hodgson, Jackie Lancaster and Ben Winter and his family.

Please pray for Lottie Bea Cowman who will be baptised at St. Saviour's on Sunday 11th December at 13.30, and for her parents and godparents.

Prayer chains at St. Matthew's and St. Saviour's.

St. Matthew's: phone Margaret Harrison 272305. (Reserve is Dorothy 01274 497898)

St. Saviour's: phone June Thompson 273787. (Reserve is Hazel 274234)

Prayers for the week beginning Sunday 27th November

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.

Sun 27 th	As Christmas lights are switched on in Wilsden, pray that there are some among the crowd who are ready to look for the meaning of Christmas and some who are ready to respond to them.
Mon 28 th	Pray that we will find the right opportunities to give invitations to the Alpha course and that many will accept.
Tues 29 th	The Church of England designates this a day of intercession and thanksgiving for missionary work. Pray for those devoting their lives to this service at home or abroad, remembering our mission partner Awais and her work in Leeds.
Wed 30 th	Pray for homeless people in and around Bradford and Keighley.
Thurs 1 st	Pray for those in our communities who may be thinking of helping at Inn Churches this year.
Fri 2 nd	Pray for any in our villages looking for work
Sat 3 rd	Pray for regular members of our congregations, for those who will be beside you at the altar rails tomorrow.

If you become aware of a date please contact Pauline Stern or David Haigh so that we can keep the parish diary up to date.

Please note Pauline's NEW EMAIL ADDRESS below

Please give contributions for the next newsletter to Pauline (and copy to David Haigh and vicar Bob): Tel: 01535 273814 Email: pstern155@gmail.com

Copy Deadline: 12.00h on the **WEDNESDAY** before publication

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