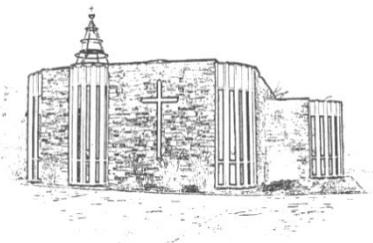
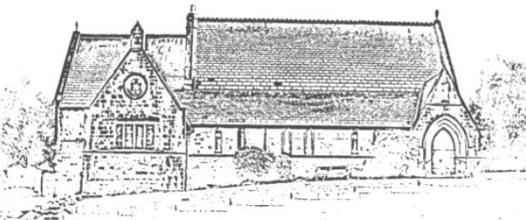


Parishes of Harden and Wilsden



Newsletter for 16 December 2018

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”.s
- 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!

Sunday December 16		3rd in Advent		
Wilsden	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Zephaniah 3.14-end	Luke 3.1-18
Wilsden	11.00 am	Cafe Church		
Harden	11.15 am	Holy Communion	Zephaniah 3.14-end	Luke 3.7-18
Harden	6.30 pm	Carol Service		
Wilsden	6.30pm	Carol Service		

Next Sunday's Service - 23 December 4th Sunday of Advent

Wilsden	10.30 am	Joint Morning Worship for St. Matthew's and St. Saviour's
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Services on Christmas Eve

Wilsden	4.00pm	Christingle		
Harden	3.00pm	Christingle		
Harden	5.00 pm	Christingle		
Wilsden	11.30 pm	Holy Communion	Psalm 89 :2, 19-27	Luke 1 :67-79
Harden	11.30 pm	Holy Communion	Psalm 89 :2, 19-27	Luke 1 :67-79

The Service on Christmas Day will be a Family Communion, 10.30 in Harden

Diary for the next week

Tues	7.15 pm	Advent quiet time at St. John's Cullingworth
Wed	10.00 am	Holy Communion at St. Matthew's
Wed	3.00pm	Roots after school club at St. Saviour's
Sat	10.00 am	Preparation of Christingles at St. Matthew's
Sun	2.00 pm	Preparation of Christingles at St. Saviour's

Night Shelter Thank you to all who donated towels. The Wilsden sauna will open in the New Year!

Advent Quiet Time – St. John's Cullingworth -Tuesday evenings at 7.15pm for ½ hour, Everyone welcome

Preparation of Christingles 10am on Saturday 22nd at St. Matthew's and 2pm on Sunday 23rd at St. Saviour's. All help will be welcome.

Used Stamps The Leprosy Mission are still collecting used stamps which they can sell to help fund their work. Please leave any used stamps in the box in church. Please leave a border of 1/4 inch or 1/2cm around the stamp.

Churches Together Christmas Card 2018.

A big thank you to our friends at the Congregational Church and the volunteers who delivered the Churches Together Christmas card together with the Tittle Tattle magazine in Harden.

Copies of Tittle Tattle are available at the back of St. Saviour's for those who haven't received a copy.

Newsletters over Christmas Please note that there will not be a newsletter on 30 December. If you have any items for inclusion in the newsletter for 23 December please let us have them on or before Tuesday 18th December.

Dates for your Diary

Wed 26th Dec – Monday 31st Dec Night shelter at St. Matthew's

Fri 11 Jan Craft & Chat restarts at St. Matthew's at 2 pm

Bradford Cathedral has announced an ambitious 2019 programme of concerts by international musicians, talks by renowned speakers, events and exhibitions to mark the **centenary of the creation of the Diocese of Bradford** and the designation of the former parish church of St Peter's Bradford as Bradford Cathedral in 1919. Among those travelling to Bradford to give concerts for the Cathedral's Centenary Programme will be violinist **Tasmin Little** (January 18), the European Union Chamber Orchestra (February 1), flamenco guitarist, **Galina Vale** (February 12), the **Pelleas Ensemble** (March 15), and international clarinettist, **Emma Johnson** (April 12).

Visitors will also include the Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu, leading the Annual Legal Service on February 3, Judge Laurence Saffer who will give the Holocaust Memorial Day Address on January 27, and celebrated carol composer and arranger, **John Rutter** who will lead a singing day at the Cathedral on March 30.

Exhibitions include 'Counter-Flow' by **Eva Mileusnic**, an installation of 100 pairs of slip cast porcelain feet representing migrants which runs from January 6 until April 6; 'Extraordinary Drawers!', a photographic exhibition of insights into everyday life on show from February 8 until March 3; and 'Stations of Lament', an interactive textile prayer pilgrimage from March 6 until April 21.

Guest speakers will also be visiting the Cathedral, beginning with the Bishop of Leeds (and a former Bishop of Bradford), the **Rt Revd Nick Baines**, who will give the Epiphany Address on January 6 – 'Going back a different way – being Christian in a populist world.' **Anne-Marie Canning MBE**, Director of Social Mobility at Kings College London will speak on the subject 'Flourishing City' on March 11, and the former Bishop of Oxford, **Rt Revd John Pritchard** will lead the Cathedral's Lent Course, speaking on March 13, 20 and 27th.

The Cathedral will also have a 'poet in residence' throughout the centenary year. **Diane Pacitti** has been commissioned to produce a collection of poems based on the city and cathedral.

The Dean of Bradford, the **Very Revd Jerry Lepine** writes in a forward to the Centenary Programme. "On Tuesday 25th November 1919 King George V decreed that the parish church of St Peter Bradford was to become one of England's parish cathedrals, as the new Diocese of Bradford was formed out of the ancient see of Ripon. Today we are still in the newest diocese in the Church of England, now the Diocese of Leeds, which includes three cathedrals at Bradford, Ripon and Wakefield.

"This year we shall be celebrating the Centenary with a programme emphasising faith, heritage, music, the arts and partnership. It is perhaps worth reflecting on the last century. It has been a traumatic time in Europe; Bradford has changed hugely and faced new challenges as well. The Christian church is in a very different place than in 1919. Ponder the social, economic and lifestyle changes. It leaves you breathless.

"As Christians we are called to make our witness to God and serve our community, just as previous generations have done. Let us pray that this year will not only be a great celebration for this deeply loved cathedral but also a time for spiritual renewal. I encourage you to make the most of this special year's events and invite others along to join with us."

The full programme can be downloaded from the cathedral website.

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)

Please keep in prayer Beatrice Waddington, Alice Griffiths and all those who are no longer able to join us at our services.

Please pray for the family and friends of Nancy Hempel

Prayers for the week beginning Sunday 16th December

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	16-Dec	Pray for all at our carol services and for those who worship at Trinity and Harden Congs today.
Mon	17-Dec	Pray for those who work in our village post offices and for those who deliver the post.
Tue	18-Dec	Pray for any who are finding Christmas preparations a source of stress. Pray that the meaning behind keeping this festival may break through and refresh them.
Wed	19-Dec	Pray for all at the Harden School carol concert in St Saviour's this afternoon.
Thu	20-Dec	Pray for the work of all charities supporting the homeless, their help needed more than ever at this time of year.
Fri	21-Dec	Pray for motorists at a busy time and often in bad weather, for safety and consideration for others.
Sat	22-Dec	Pray for any you know for whom Christmas is a time of sad memories, that they may be comforted.

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