



Parishes of Harden and Wilsden



Newsletter for 11th December

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!

Baptism - please pray for Lottie Bea Cowman, her parents, godparents and family, as they bring her for baptism at St. Saviour’s at 13.30 today.

Today’s Services		3 rd in Advent	
Wilsden	9.30 am	Pick ‘n’ Mix	Nativity and Toy Service
Harden	11.15 am	Pick ‘n’ Mix	
Harden	6.30 pm	Carol Service	

All the toys donated at the services today will be passed to the Salvation Army to distribute to families who are struggling this Christmas.

Next Sunday’s Services –4th in Advent

Wilsden	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Harden	11.15 am	Holy Communion
Wilsden	6.30 pm	Carol Service

The Carol Service at St. Matthew’s will be on Sunday 18th December at 6.30. All are welcome at this key event in our church life.

The Collections at our Carol Services will be for the Wilsden Night Shelter project.

This week's diary

Sunday	7.00 pm	The Carol a Christmas crib at St John's, Cullingworth
Wednesday	10.45 am	Home Communion at Laurel Bank
Wednesday	2.30pm	Prayer and Cake at St Saviour's
Wednesday	3.30 pm	Messy Church Christmas Party at St Matthew's
Thursday	10.15 am	Churches Together carol singing at Laurel Bank
Thursday	7.30pm	Carols at the New Inn, Wilsden
Saturday	10.00 am	Decorating St. Matthew's for Christmas
Saturday	11.00 am	Churches Together carol singing at Stephen Smith's

Churches Together Carol Singing. Do come along and sing with friends from other local churches on two occasions this week.

We visit Laurel Bank on Thursday 15th December meeting at 10.15am and Stephen Smith's Garden Centre on Saturday 17th December at the new time of 11am.

More Carols with a Christmas quiz at the New Inn, Wilsden on Thursday 15th December from 7.30pm.

The next Family Pick'n'Mix services will be on Sunday 15th January (**the third Sunday**) at the usual times on the theme: New Beginnings.

Preparation of Christingles at St. Saviour's - Lorna & Stuart will be preparing Christingles on Thursday 22 December at 2.00 p.m. in the St Saviour's family room. Any offers of help will be greatly appreciated.

St. Matthew's will be preparing Christingles on Thursday 22nd Dec at 2pm in the family room – all help greatly appreciated....

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.

Night Shelter A few crucial slots are still vacant, particularly some on the night shift. A copy of the rota is available in each church. If you are able to help, please contact: david@haigh.demon.co.uk

Wilsden's Living Advent Calendar is now in full swing. Pick up a leaflet from church or download it from our parish website. St. Matthew's contribution appears today.

Food Bank - 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.

Decorating St. Matthew's for Christmas. We shall be decorating St Matthew's for Christmas on Saturday 17 December from 10.00 am. Everyone is welcome, please help if you can. A plate for donations towards Christmas flowers will be available in church for the next two weeks.

The Leprosy Mission are still collecting used stamps, British and foreign, even the most ordinary ones. Please leave used stamps in the boxes in church. It is best if they are still on their backing paper, but trimmed with a border of about 5mm.

The Diocesan e-news letter for December 8th is available via a link on our parish website.

Our two churches are running an Alpha course in Wilsden on Wednesday evenings at 6.45pm 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.

Manorlands Coffee Morning – Pauline is having a coffee morning on Thursday 29 December from 10.30 to 12.30 at 16 Narrow Lane, Harden. Coffee and biscuits £3, cake stall, book stall and raffle. Please come along and support the work of Manorlands.

Next week's newsletter will be the last one of 2016!

The next one after that will be for the 8th January. If you have any items for inclusion in the 18th December edition please let us have them by Wednesday 14th as usual. Please note that in order to keep items in the newsletter "fresh" they are included for 2 weeks and then removed unless they have been updated in some way.

Churches Together Joint Worship 8th January when all our usual morning services are cancelled and instead we worship jointly by village: 10.30 at St. Matthew's and 10.30 at the Congregational Church.

Dates for your Diary

Sun 1 Jan	11.15	Joint Worship at St. Saviour's
Sun 8 Jan	10.30	Churches Together Worship at St. Matthew's
Sun 8 Jan	10.30	Churches Together Worship at the Congregational Church
Wed 11 Jan	6.45	Alpha course starts at St. Matthew's
Sun 15 Jan	16.00	Licensing service to launch the new deaneries at the Cathedral

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, Jackie Lancaster and Ben Winter and his family.

Please pray for those to be baptised:

Jack Alexander A. Foers at St. Saviour's on Thursday 22nd December at 12 noon.

Nell Eugenie Quinlan at St. Saviour's on Sunday 22nd January at 14.00.

and for their 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 11th 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 11 th	Pray for all at our Nativity and toy services, for those who distribute the toys we give and for families and children who receive them.
Mon 12 th	Pray for the Alpha course, particularly that there will be enough volunteers to provide the catering.
Tues 13 th	Pray for any who are finding Christmas preparations a source of stress and worry. Pray that glimpses of the meaning behind all the hurry and bustle may break through and refresh them.
Wed 14 th	Pray for those organising our response to Inn Churches this year.
Thurs 15 th	Pray for the residents and staff at Laurel Bank and for those from all our churches who sing carols there today.
Fri 16 th	Pray for all who took part in the carol singing at the New Inn yesterday and all those who will be singing and listening to the carols at Stephen Smith's tomorrow, that these events help to proclaim the meaning of the festival.
Sat 17 th	Pray for the carol singing at Morrison's, for success in raising money to support the Church in Sudan and in raising awareness of our partnership..

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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St Saviour's Web site

www.stsavioursharden.org.uk

TEXT reminder service for Pick'n'Mix: Text name to 07789 895949

