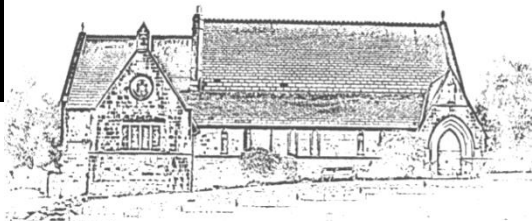


Parishes of Harden and Wilsden



Newsletter for 25 November 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 25 November		1st Sunday before Advent Christ the King		
Wilsden	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Daniel 7:9-10,13-14	John 18:33-37
Wilsden	11.00 am	Café Church with Holy Communion		
Harden	11.15 am	Morning Worship	Daniel 7:9-10,13-14	John 18:33-37

.Next Sunday's services - 1st Sunday of Advent		
Wilsden	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Wilsden	11.00 am	Café Church
Harden	11.15 am	Holy Communion
Wilsden	6.30 pm	Benefice Advent Service

Diary for the next week

Wed	10.45 am	Home Communion at Laurel Bank
Wed	2.30 pm	Prayer and Cake at St. Saviour's
Wed	7.00 pm	Advent course at Denholme Shared Church
Wed	7.30 pm	The next Bradford Episcopal Area Forum
Thurs	10.00 am	Advent course at Denholme Shared Church
Fri	2.00 pm - 4.00 pm	Craft and Chat at St. Matthew's
Fri	7.30 pm	LB Brass concert at St John's Cullingworth

Curry evening – Please note that there will be no curry evenings in December and January

Advent Quiet Time – St John's Cullingworth -Thursday evenings at 7.15pm for ½ hour, on the 4th, 11th and 18th December
Everyone welcome

Advent Course - Heralding the Coming King – Denholme Shared Church
This benefice course will run on Wednesday evenings at 7pm and Thursday mornings at 10am, for four weeks, starting on 28th and 29th November. Everyone is welcome. Sign-up sheets are available in all four churches in the benefice. Please advise your interest by 19th November. For further information contact Chris Wilcock 01535 271176

The next Bradford Episcopal Area Forum (BEAF) meeting is taking place on Wednesday 28th November at St John's Great Horton at 7.30pm with refreshments from 7pm. The agenda will include the Diocesan budget, our new intern programme and the development of 'leadership pipelines'. This meeting is open to all and not just members of Deanery Synods. BEAF is the main way in which we develop, together, our strategy as an episcopal area here in Bradford. If you wish to go, please contact Helen or Margaret (Wilsden) and Malcolm (Harden)

Churches Together Christmas Card 2018. The village Christmas Card is now ready for distribution. We aim to deliver to every house in Harden and Wilsden, around 2900 properties!
In Harden the card will go out with Tittle Tattle. In Wilsden, Trinity and St. Matthew's share the task. In St. Matthew's bundles are available at the back of church today. Please help to reach out to the community in this way!

Night Shelter The rota is now virtually complete and David is beginning to recruit a reserve list. Last year a combination of severe flu, bad weather and bereavements meant that several volunteers were unable to take part at short notice, making such a list essential. Being a reserve would not commit you to anything other than being phoned if there was a vacancy; if you had other commitments you would just say no. If you are willing to join the list, contact David Haigh at david@haigh.demon.co.uk or on 01535 274225.

Celia Dawson is currently recruiting cleaning teams for each morning of the shelter. If you feel able to help, speak to Celia or contact her at:

celiaandawson@hotmail.com or on 07952 692639.

Dates for your diary

Sun 2 nd Dec	5pm Christmas lights switch on in Wilsden Park, preceded by nativity procession & afterwards refreshments in the village hall
Sun 2 nd Dec	5pm at Harden War Memorial, Christmas lights switch on with refreshments afterwards at St. Saviour's.
Tues 4 th Dec	Intercessors Evening at Denholme Shared Church
Thurs 6 th Dec	Inn Churches Training at St. Matthew's, 7 for 7.30pm
Tues 11 th Dec	Carol Singing at Laurel Bank 10.30am. All welcome!
Wed 12 th Dec	Inn Churches Training at St. Matthew's, 7 for 7.30pm
Weds 12 th Dec	Benefice Men's Group Christmas Meal at the Ling Bob at 7.30pm
Thurs 13 th Dec	7.00pm Carols in the Pub with Christmas quiz, at the New Inn, Wilsden
Sat 15 th Dec	11.00am Carol Singing at Stephen Smith's Garden Centre.
Sat 15 th Dec	10.30 – 2pm Turkey & Tinsel at St. Saviour's
Wed 26 th Dec – Monday 31 st Dec	Night shelter at St. Matthew's

Counting the Carbon Churches across the diocese are being trained in measuring the environmental impact of church activities using the first ever Church Carbon Calculator. A two-part training programme has been held taking place with four groups from across the diocese. Parish environment reps and churchwardens have been looking, firstly, at why caring for creation is a gospel issue and then learning how to use the calculator to measure their churches' carbon footprint.

Using the tool, participants have been collecting data about different aspects of church life which all generate greenhouse gases: energy use, congregational and staff travel, food served at church, other church expenditure, and waste.

Now the participating churches will be finishing off their data gathering and initial results are expected in January 2019. These will be the first comprehensive church carbon emissions figures in the country.

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 of Mrs Rita South whose funeral was on 14th November.

Prayers for the week beginning Sunday 25th 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	25-Nov	On the day on which hymn writer Isaac Watts is commemorated, pray for all who lead music in our churches.
Mon	26-Nov	Pray that the right person may be called to be our Team Rector.
Tue	27-Nov	Pray for members of the diocesan Sudan group meeting today as they must prioritize requests for help and support.
Wed	28-Nov	CMS ask for prayer for a couple working in the Middle East on Bible translation. They meet local people trapped in a tradition of revenge and retaliation and ask us to pray for the reconciling power of the cross to break this cycle.
Thu	29-Nov	Pray for the benefice Advent course and for the team at Denholme leading it.
Fri	30-Nov	St. Andrew's day. Reflect on the calling of Andrew from his settled life and his willing response.
Sat	01-Dec	Christmas lights will be switched on tomorrow in Harden and Wilsden. Pray for all at these events and for awareness of the meaning of the celebration of Christmas.

Please give contributions for the next newsletter to Pauline - Tel: 01535 273814

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and Helen Ludkin) **Copy Deadline:** 12.00h on the **WEDNESDAY** before publication

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