





# Newsletter for 13 January 2019

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 13 January		2nd of Epiphany
Wilsden	9.30 am	Pick 'n' Mix - 'New Starts'
Harden	11.15 am	Pick 'n' Mix - 'New Starts'
Wilsden	6.30 pm	Holy Communion

Next Sunday's services		
Wilsden	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Wilsden	11.00 am	Cafe Church
Harden	11.15 am	Holy Communion

Diary for the next week

Wed	10.00 am	Holy Communion at St. Matthew's
Wed	3.00 pm	Roots After School Club at St. Saviour's
Thurs	7.00 pm	PCC meeting at St Matthew's
Fri	2.00 pm - 4.00 pm	Craft and Chat at St. Matthew's

**Dates for your diary** 

Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Curry Night at the Cardamon
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Quiz at St Matthew's at 7.00 pm
Sat 16th Feb	St. Saviour's Coffee Morning

A Big Thank You to all those who have helped in any way over the Christmas season in Church, whether by decorating our churches so beautifully, by serving refreshments and working so cheerfully in the kitchens. Also thank you to those who made Christingles, and shared God's love through welcoming both friends and strangers. And for all those other background jobs which contribute greatly to the smooth running of all that goes on in our buildings. A particular thank you to those who worked so tirelessly to co-ordinate and support the overnight shelter for Inn churches in St Matthew's, immediately after Christmas.

An Even Bigger Thank You to the many volunteers from the church and the wider community who gave up their time over the holiday season to make the night shelter a success. Over the five nights we provided 60 bed/nights, something of a record. On the first night we, and Juli from Inn Churches, were surprised to find we had 13 guests. We were even more surprised to find we had an extra bed! Explain that!

**The Next Curry Night** will be on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 6.30 at the Cardamon. Names to Helen Ludkin (pahardenwilsden@gmail.com or 07788848830) by 27<sup>th</sup> January.

**Children's Society house-boxes** are now due for collection. These should be given to Margaret Robertshaw at St. Matthew's, Lorna Pickersgill at St. Saviour's, or a church warden, in the next few weeks. Thank you.

100 Club The winners of the December draw were:-

£25 - 50 - Daru Rooke

£10 - 9 – Gillian Howell

**Murder Mystery Evening** St. Matthew's will be hosting a murder mystery evening with the Emley players on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 7.30pm. Tickets to include a 3-course meal are £12.50. To book call Clive Allsop on 07592 355778

#### St. Saviour's Flower Rota

Dates for 2019 are displayed on the noticeboard at the back of church. Please sign if you are willing to arrange flowers or to make a donation to mark a celebration or to remember a loved one. Donations should be given to Jean Crerar.

Many thanks to all who gave so generously to enhance our church in 2018.

**St. Saviour's flowers** today have been donated by Michael Richardson in memory of Jean and her sister, Mavis.

**Fair Trade News** Thank you to everyone who supported the stalls in the autumn. As you know, a few months ago Traidcraft announced that it was in some financial difficulties. However, at present it appears that the company will be able to continue operating in some form so we will have our usual stalls for at least the next few months.

**Quiz** – there will be a quiz at St Matthew's on Friday 15th February, 7pm for 7.15pm start.

Tickets are priced at £6 to include pie & pea supper. Tea, coffee and soft drinks will be available but bring your own alcohol.

Oberammergau Passion Play 2020 – Rev'd Gordon Dey will be leading visits to Oberammergau 2020 with Assisi, and Oberammergau 2020 with the Black Forest. He is also checking out interest for a 3rd visit that will include a focus on Martin Luther and J.S. Bach, through spending a few days in Wittenburg and Eisenach before travelling to Oberammergau. He has therefore arranged an evening at St John's Great Horton on Friday February 15th at 7 pm for those who would like to explore this option. There is to be a 'combined meeting' for all those booked or interested in Oberammergau on Saturday April 6th at 10 am at St John's Church Great Horton. The meeting will include a unique opportunity to hear about the Passion Play from one of the cast and receive an update on plans for each of the trips. Please contact him for further information: gordondey1@gmail.com.

### 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 Alexander Stirk-Wooley, son of Louise Vowles, who has been diagnosed with a lymphoma.

## Prayers for the week beginning Sunday 13 January

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	13-Jan	Anniversary of the death of George Fox, founder of the Society of Friends. Give thanks for the insights this denomination has brought to Christian faith and for good works pioneered by leading members.
Mon	14-Jan	Pray for those in our parishes who prepare newsletters, notices and rotas to aid the work of the churches.
Tue	15-Jan	Pray for Christians in Sudan at a time of increased tension in the country after recent demonstrations about food and fuel costs.
Wed	16-Jan	Pray for those on our reading and intercession rotas.
Thu	17-Jan	Give thanks for the life and work of Charles Gore, founder of the Community of the Resurrection at Mirfield. Pray for students and teachers at the College of the Resurrection and other theological colleges.
Fri	18-Jan	Pray for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and its theme 'Justice, only justice, you shall pursue.'
Sat	19-Jan	Pray for Christians of all denominations throughout our benefice as they hear and share the Gospel.

Please give contributions for the next newsletter to Pauline - Tel: 01535 273814 Email: pstern155@gmail.com (and copy to David Haigh: david@haigh.demon.co.uk and Helen Ludkin) **Copy Deadline**: 12.00h on the **WEDNESDAY** before publication *Please note we can only mention people, by name, in the newsletter with their consent.* 

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