

**Parishes of St. Saviour's Harden & St. Matthew's Wilsden
IN THE BENEFICE OF
HARDEN AND WILSDEN, CULLINGWORTH AND DENHOLME
Newsletter for 1 December 2024**



**Advent Sunday
Today's Services**

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| 9.30am | Communion at St Matthew's, Wilsden |
| 9.30am | Communion at St John's, Cullingworth |
| 10.30am | Sunday Service at Denholme Shared Church |
| 11.00am | Café Church at St Matthew's, Wilsden |
| 11.15am | Communion at St Saviour's, Harden |

5pm Harden Village Christmas Light Switch on
6pm Wilsden Village Christmas Light Switch on



Midweek Services on Wednesday

- 10.00am Eucharist at Wilsden
10.00am BCP Eucharist at Cullingworth
2.30pm Personal Prayer at Harden



Blue Christmas

3pm Sunday 8 December at St Matthew's Church, Wilsden

Christmas can be a difficult time for many. There may be sad and painful memories associated with a time of year when so many are celebrating. This is a service which holds the light of the Christmas Message into the darkness which life can bring. It is a beautiful, simple and quiet time of depth and peace.

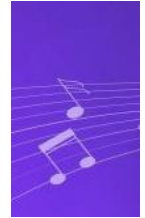


The Bradford Choral at St John's Cullingworth

Advent Carol Concert

4pm Saturday 7 December

Tickets £5 including refreshments and Mulled Wine!



StoryTime!

Wednesday 4 December

2pm at Cullingworth St John's

For pre-school children and their carers

Come for a Story, activities and books to borrow



Lego Club

1pm to 3pm Saturday 7 December

St Matthew's Church, Wilsden

Come along and enjoy lots of Lego!

Community Café too for Lego Builders and visitors too!

Harden & Wilsden 100+ Club 2024

Alison drew the numbers for November's 100 club draw last Sunday.

£25 won by Wendy Driver with No. 24

£10 won by Jill Smith with No. 77

Next month: The Big Draw where £300, £150 and £100: Sunday 15 December.

You will be receiving the application form to enter for the 2025 draws soon with a tear off slip to return to Tony Caunt with details of how to enter.



Advent Study Group

Denholme Shared Church are hosting an Advent Study Course

Waiting for the Light

Thursdays 10am to 11.30am, starting 28 November

Followed by a light lunch



Warm Spaces this Week!

Free Meal and a Warm Welcome!

Monday 12noon at St Matthew's, Wilsden

Tuesday 12noon at St Saviour's, Harden

Wednesday 12noon at St John's, Cullingworth

Sunday 1 December 4pm, Denholme Shared Church



Messy Church



3.45pm Sunday 8 December at St John's Cullingworth

3.30pm Wednesday 11 December at St Matthew's, Wilsden

3.30pm Wednesday 11 December at Denholme Shared Church

St Saviour's Carol Service.

Sunday 15 December 3 pm. We hope that the early start will encourage families and those who are reluctant to venture out on cold winter evenings. Come and join us to sing your favourite carols.



Seasonal refreshments will be served after the service.

We are appealing for donations of mince pies and bottles of mulled wine for this event – if you are able to contribute please speak to June Thompson.

St Matthew's Carol Service

Sunday 15th December 6.30 pm

COME AND JOIN OUR POP UP CHOIR!!

No rehearsals - just arrive and sing.

Please let Sue know you are coming so there are enough chairs! 273769



Carol Singing at Woodbank - some members of St Saviour's choir will be joining Bradford Accordion Band and singing carols with shoppers at Woodbank Garden Centre on Saturday 7 December from 12.30. Everyone is welcome to come along and help us sing.

TOY SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY MORNING

Please bring NEW toys next Sunday morning to our services at Harden, Wilsden and Cullingworth. The toys will be part of the Salvation Army Christmas Gift scheme, helping local families in need this Christmas.

At Harden and Wilsden next Sunday ...

... it would be great to welcome any Nativity Characters ready to be part of our Pop Up Nativity story. Come as you are or dress up in readiness!

PRAYER REQUESTS TO: say14me@hotmail.com

Prayers for the week beginning Sunday 1 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.

Sunday 1 December	As village Christmas lights are switched on pray that the thoughts of those who see them may turn to the meaning of the Christmas celebration
Monday 2 December	Pray for all who come to share warmth and company at the weekly Warm Spaces offered throughout the Benefice.
Tuesday 3 December	Pray for families receiving help and support through the work of our local food banks.
Wednesday 4 December	Pray for those least able to cope with cold weather and the aftermath of flooding.
Thursday 5 December	Pray that we may carefully and prayerfully use this Advent season of reflection and preparation to lead us to enhanced appreciation of the Christmas festival.
Friday 6 December	Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, patron saint of children and the origin of the tradition of Santa Claus. Pray for children in need wherever they are.
Saturday 7 December	Pray for all who work for peace in the many troubled areas of the world.

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Parish of St Matthews, Wilsden	40-23-05	42128918

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