



**Parishes of St. Saviour's Harden & St. Matthew's Wilsden
IN THE BENEFICE OF
HARDEN AND WILSDEN, CULLINGWORTH AND DENHOLME
Newsletter for 12 January 2025
The Baptism of Christ
Today's Services**

Due to the snow and ice we are not holding services in our churches again this Sunday. We still aim to gather for worship at 10am. **If you are able, please join us on Zoom using the link below, or use the written service sheet attached to this newsletter at 10am and we will be united in prayer and praise.**

[Click this link at 10am on Sunday to join our Zoom Service](#)

Meeting ID: 824 9198 6371 Passcode: 567997

Midweek Services on Wednesday

10.00am Eucharist at Wilsden

10.00am BCP Eucharist at Cullingworth

2.30pm Personal Prayer at Harden



Messy Church!

This Wednesday, 15 January,

3.30pm at St Matthew's, Wilsden

Next Wednesday, 22 January,

3.30pm at Denholme Shared Church

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



Harden & Wilsden 100+ Club 2025

Tony Caunt is collecting for the 2025 draws. Please send cheques, or cash to Tony at 13 Birchlands Grove, Wilsden. BD15 0HD or pay by BACS to PCC of St Saviours & St Matthews 100 club sort code 05-09-04 account number 18306418. Many thanks to all involved in 2024.

Inn Churches

Shipley Baptist Church are hosting Inn Churches in the Week Beginning 20 January 2025. They are in need of volunteer helpers.

If you are able to help, please contact them on: 01274 533732



Craft & Chat is at St Matthew's

2pm to 4pm on Fridays

Come along to chat while you craft

Excellent refreshments and fellowship.

New craft and chatters always welcome!

We are collecting Stamps again

The Royal National Institute of Blind People, the RNIB, is able to raise funds from used stamps. Please cut stamps out of envelopes leaving a good margin around the edge (5mm) and bring them to church where we can gather them together and get them to the RNIB.

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See differently

Chatterbox Toddler Group

Starts again this Tuesday, 9am at St Saviour's Church Hall. Come along and enjoy toys and chat, snacks and songs. It is a wonderful gathering and a great place for parents, grandparents or carers to bring toddlers for play and a chance to meet others.

'England and the Church'
Three Evenings with John Chuter

A series of three talks covering early Christianity in England, its growth before and after the Reformation and the role of the Church of England. Each talk will be followed by a time for questions and discussion.

The talks will be held in the St John's Room, Cullingworth starting at 7.30pm on Thursdays as follows:

23rd January 'The Church comes to England'

6th February 'The Church in England'

20th February 'The Church of England'

SNOW

The first full week of this New Year has certainly been full of snow, ice and cold. Thank you to everyone for your understanding as we have responded the extraordinary conditions. Thank you for your understanding, support and encouragement when we have cancelled or postponed activities. We are always sad when events cannot take place as planned and we always wish to be able to bring people together. It has been very important this week too, to be particularly careful to encourage care and safety first.

Thank you to all those who have been mindful of those around them and who have been alert to the needs of others.

I would especially like to thank the Angels of Wilsden who helped to free my car when I was stuck in the village twice on Monday.

Sometimes unusual events help us to see the good will and care which is within the people around us.

Donations to our local churches

Donations or regular giving may be done by sending your gift to:

Account name	Sort Code	Account No
St Saviour's Church Harden PCC	05-02-42	32488873
Parish of St Matthews, Wilsden	40-23-05	42128918

Please leave your name so we can send you a "thank you"

Please keep praying for peace in Sudan
PRAYER REQUESTS TO: say14me@hotmail.com

Prayers for the week beginning Sunday 12 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.

Sunday 12 January	Pray for Christians in places where they do not enjoy freedom to worship openly.
Monday 13 January	Anniversary of the death of George Fox, founder of the Society of Friends (Quakers). Give thanks for insights this denomination has brought to Christian faith and for good works pioneered by leading members.
Tuesday 14 January	Pray for opportunities to share our faith and confidence to do so.
Wednesday 15 January	Pray for our CMS partner Awais and others, like her, called to serve in this country.
Thursday 16 January	Join Leprosy Mission supporters praying for leprosy sufferers abandoned by families and communities.
Friday 17 January	Pray for people of any nationality and faith suffering in the conflict in Gaza and that political leaders will find a way to bring peace and stability to the region.
Saturday 18 January	Pray for the world's poor, the underprivileged, the homeless, the hungry, and that all who have received God's bounty share generously with those in need.

Contributions for the next newsletter to Pauline: 01535 273814 pstern155@gmail.com
(copy to Richard: richard.burge@leeds.anglican.org)

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Note we can only mention people, by name, in the newsletter with their consent.

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WHAT A DIFFERENCE ONE LETTER CAN MAKE!

This article was seen in a Parish Newsletter during warmer weather:

“This evening there will be hymn singing in the park across from the church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.”