



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



**Newsletter for 14 December 2025
Third Sunday of Advent**

Today's Services

NATIVITY AND TOY SERVICES TODAY AT HARDEN & WILSDEN



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

Also please feel free to come along dressed as a nativity character ready to join in our retelling of the wonderful story of Jesus' birth or be prepared to don a costume and role when you arrive whatever your age!



- 9.30am Nativity and Toy Service at St Matthew's, Wilsden
9.30am Communion at St John's, Cullingworth
10.30am Morning Worship at Denholme Shared Church
11.15am Nativity and Toy Service at St Saviour's, Harden
3.00pm **Blue Christmas Service at St Matthew's, 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.

- 3.45pm Messy Church at St John's, Cullingworth



Midweek Services on Wednesday 17 December

10.00am Eucharist at Wilsden

10.00am BCP Eucharist at Cullingworth

2.30pm Personal Prayer at Harden

3.30pm Messy Church at Denholme



Advent and Prayer House Group

St John's will be hosting our third Advent and prayer house group this week. Come along and join us

on Monday 15 December at 7 pm in the St John's Room.



On Today - Christmas Tree Festival At Denholme Shared Church

13th to 16th December

Saturday 13 December 10am to 4pm

Hot food available on Saturday – Tea/Coffee, Cakes, Mince Pies

Sunday 14 December 1pm to 4pm

Monday 15 December 1pm to 4pm

Tuesday 16 December 1pm to 4pm



Come and enjoy decorated trees created by local organisations and businesses

Christingle making – Help needed

at St Saviours on Tuesday 23 December at 10.00 am
please let Liz know if you are able to help.

at St Matthews on Monday 22 December at 10.00



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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Carol Services in our churches next Sunday **21 December**

St Saviour's at 3pm

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.

St Matthew's at 6 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!

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St John's at 6pm

With the Cullingworth Community Choir and Cullingworth Ukelele Players. Followed by mulled wine & mince pies

Denholme at 10.30am



Harden & Wilsden 100+ Club

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The **BIG** Draw for annual prizes of £300, £150 and £100 will take place this Sunday 14 December.

If you already have numbers in the 100+ club and pay by direct debit, please let Tony know that you want to continue, he cannot assume that you want to continue in the 2026 club. If anyone else would like to join for 2026 please contact Tony. Tel: 01535 273709 E-mail: tony.caunt1@btinternet.com

Come and join the CHRISTMAS Story Time

Wednesday 17 December from 2 till 2.45 pm at St John's Church, Cullingworth
For all pre-school age children

Come and listen to some stories and sing some nursery rhymes. We have books in our library that you can borrow and take home. Meet other parents, grandparents and children



Prayers for the week beginning Sunday 14 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 14 December	Pray for all at our all-age Nativity services today and that among the fun, the singing and dressing up, we will be reminded of the heart of the Christmas message.
Monday 15 December	Pray for residents at Laurel Bank, that carol singing there this afternoon will bring happy memories.
Tuesday 16 December	Pray for the families to whom the toys given on Sunday will go.
Wednesday 17 December	Pray for the work of the Salvation Army, Christians Against Poverty, Shelter and other charities bringing help and comfort to families in need.
Thursday 18 December	Pray for those who lead this country, for wisdom, a genuine call to service and willingness to work together for the common good.
Friday 19 December	Pray for the troubled places in the world, for acceptable and sustainable ends to wars.
Saturday 20 December	Pray for Archbishop Ezekiel, our Christian partners and all the suffering civilian population of Sudan.

Contributions for the next newsletter to Pauline: 01535 273814 pstern155@gmail.com

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

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Donations to our local churches

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