



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

**Newsletter for 16 November 2025
Second Sunday Before Advent**

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

Midweek Services on Wednesday 19 November

- 10.00am Eucharist at Wilsden
- 10.00am BCP Eucharist at Cullingworth
- 2.30pm Personal Prayer at Harden
- 3.30pm Messy Church at Denholme



Prayer Group

Alison will be hosting our prayer group. Come along and join us.
On **Monday, 17 November, at 7 pm** in the Cullingworth Vicarage.





Warm Spaces

St Matthew's, Wilsden - Each Monday at 12noon to 2pm:

St Saviour's, Harden - Tuesday 25 November and 9 December 12 noon to 2 pm (please note that the December date has changed from that previously advertised)

St John's, Cullingworth – it is not possible to hold warm spaces on the Wednesdays previously advertised, it has been changed to Fellowship Lunch Warm Spaces on Saturday 8 November and Saturday 13 December- please let Jasmin Smith know if you plan to attend.



All are welcome from the Benefice whether churchgoers or not.

Good company and a laugh.

If anyone would like to volunteer to assist at warm spaces at any of the churches please have a word with
Alison



Harden & Wilsden 100+ Club 2026

100

The Big Draw for annual prizes of £300, £150 and £100 will take place on Sunday 14 December.

The 100 Club will re-commence for 2026, with the first monthly draw of the new season being held on the last Sunday of January 2026. Assuming we get a good response again, this next year we will continue with two numbers being drawn each month – as well as the annual draw for three large prizes held in the second week of December 2026. A final decision on the amount of the monthly and annual prizes will be made in a few weeks' time when we see how many members we have in the coming 12 months. It is hoped that existing members will want to participate again and that we can get some new members to replace any who are not continuing. Existing members will be receiving the application form to enter for the 2026 draws soon with a tear off slip to return to Tony Caunt with details of how to enter. If anyone else would like to join for 2026 please contact Tony. Tel: 01535 273709 E-mail: tony.caunt1@btinternet.com



WELL BEING CAFÉ The next gathering of the Well Being Café will be at St Matthew's in Wilsden on Tuesday 25 November at 2pm until 3.30pm. It is a great place to come along if you are beginning to struggle with memory, if you have dementia or are caring for someone who has, or if you would just like some company on a Tuesday afternoon! We enjoy drinks and chat and we usually have a jigsaw on the go! It's a very friendly afternoon! Come along and join in!



Wilsden Shedders

Thursday 11 December at 10am
St Matthew's Church, Wilsden

Atrial Fibrillation

If anyone wants to be AF tested on the 11th, they are welcome providing they are over 65 years old.

Carol of the Seven Hills.

This is the Episcopal Area contribution to the City of Culture and it is a great opportunity to showcase the talent in our schools and churches.

The main narrative tells a fast-paced story of the district from the Industrial Revolution to the present day. In each scene there is an intriguing unnamed stranger.

There are six venues for the performances all at 7.00pm:

Nov 27: Immanuel College, Idle

Nov 28: All Saints, Ilkley

Nov 29: St Andrew's, Keighley

Dec 4: Bradford Forster Academy, Bowling

Dec 5: Buttershaw Business & Enterprise College Dec 6: Fountains Church, Bradford



We are looking for **An Independent Examiner for St John's Church Accounts**. Do you know of anyone who would be able to offer their services? This is to examine our church accounts, working alongside our Treasurer Pamela and to ensure that everything looks correct and complies with the general directions given by the Charity Commission and Church Guidance 2011. If you are interested please speak to Pamela who can provide more information

Prayers for the week beginning Sunday 16 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.

Sunday 16 November	Pray for clergy and lay leaders who minister in our parishes, that they may feel upheld and supported, particularly through the vacancy.
Monday 17 November	Pray that the right person may feel called to serve as our Team Rector.
Tuesday 18 November	Pray for our village schools, for teachers and other staff who have responsibility for the care and nurture of children.
Wednesday 19 November	Remembering the life and work of St Hilda, pray for women in leading and teaching roles in the church today.
Thursday 20 November	Pray for grandparents on whom so many families depend, and remember those who cannot see their grandchildren as often as they would like.
Friday 21 November	Pray for staff at our health centres as seasonal infections add to their work.
Saturday 22 November	Pray for residents and staff at Laurel Bank and other local care homes.

Contributions for the next newsletter to Pauline: 01535 273814 psstern155@gmail.com

Copy Deadline: 12.00h on the **TUESDAY** before publication

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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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"