

**Parishes of St. Saviour's Harden & St. Matthew's Wilsden
IN THE BENEFICE OF
HARDEN AND WILSDEN, CULLINGWORTH AND DENHOLME
Newsletter for 17 November 2024**

**Second Sunday Before Advent
Today's Services**

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

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

Prayer Oasis: Travelling to Bethlehem

Some quiet time in the busyness leading up to Christmas.
Prayer zones for times of reflection focussing on those who travelled to Bethlehem and on our own journey to the heart of Christmas.

Wednesday 27 November 7pm to 9pm

Friday 29 November 2pm to 4pm

Saturday 30 November 10am to 2pm

At St Matthew's, Wilsden



Following the Resignation of the Archbishop of Canterbury

On Tuesday afternoon the Archbishop of Canterbury announced his resignation following actions taken on a safeguarding issue investigated in the Makin Report. In his resignation statement he said that “it is very clear that I must take personal and institutional responsibility.”

Our thoughts and prayers are with survivors, victims and all who have been abused at the hands of others.

This is a reminder that Safeguarding is the responsibility of all of us. Anyone can be the person to whom someone turns for help, support or to share a concern. It is important that everyone knows what to do if that should happen. Most importantly do not keep silent. Each of our churches has someone to speak to: Harden: Anne Palmer, Wilsden: Mary Ryan, Cullingworth: Judy Mason, Denholme: Judith Drake. You can also speak Richard, Liz, Alison or Anna. Most of the PCC members have also had training in both Safeguarding Foundations and Domestic Abuse Awareness.

And we would like to offer this training again to everyone. So everyone is invited to come to Wilsden Church at 7pm on Wednesday 8 January to do the Safeguarding Foundation training course together. When the PCC members did it last time it was an inspiring evening as we learned and talked together. We will offer the Foundation Training again the Spring on Tuesday 22 April at 7pm. On Tuesday 13 May everyone is welcome to Denholme Shared Church at 7pm for the Domestic Abuse Awareness Training.

Everyone who came last time spoke of how helpful these short courses were and how good it was to learn together. We are very aware of how those who came are much better equipped than those who have not attended. That is why we would like to strongly encourage everyone to come along.

And don't feel that you have to wait for those dates if you wish to get some training immediately. We found it very useful to do the courses together, but if you go to: [This link on the Diocesan Website](#) you will find the same courses, which you can do on your own.

I do hope that you will join us for this incredibly important training. You never know when it will be vital for you that you did it.

If you have any concerns or questions, please do speak to Richard, Liz, Alison, Anna or any of the Safeguarding Officers named above. Thank you.

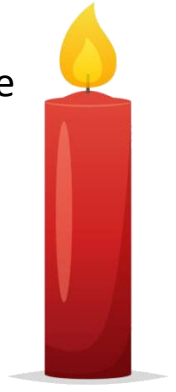


Advent Study Group

Denholme Shared Church are hosting an Advent Study Course
Waiting for the Light

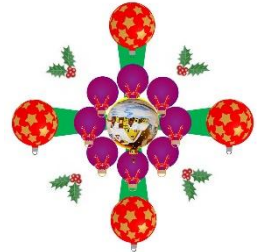
A four part study course by William Delia
Thursdays 10am to 11.30am, starting 28 November
Followed by a light lunch

Please contact Chris Wilcock for details and to book a place
c.j.wilcock@hotmail.co.uk 07770 724752



CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME!

**Our Programme of Christmas Events is now out.
You should receive a copy with your newsletter.
Put the dates into your diary and join in!**



Hilary Leadbeater's Funeral

During the Covid lockdown we had the privilege of arranging for an Archbishop's Licence to marry Hilary and Chris in their Wilsden Home as Chris was terminally ill. It was a beautiful and memorable occasion of joy. As lockdown continued we took Chris' funeral in the sunshine outside Oakworth Crematorium. Another memorable day. It has been very special to continue our journey with Hilary following that day and she has become a regular at Café Church and a great Crafter and Chatter too. Sadly Hilary was diagnosed with a terminal condition and she died on 6 November. She will be much missed. Her funeral will be at St Matthew's in Wilsden on Thursday 28 November at 12.30pm All are welcome!



Craft & Chat CMS Coffee Afternoon

2pm to 4pm on Friday 29 November
Bring and Buy Stall
Excellent refreshments and fellowship.
Raising funds to support the work of CMS

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"

PRAYER REQUESTS TO: say14me@hotmail.com

Prayers for the week beginning Sunday 17 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 17 November	Pray for our churchwardens, sidespeople and others who quietly contribute to the life of our churches.
Monday 18 November	Pray for members of the groups who regularly use our family rooms.
Tuesday 19 November	Remember the life and work of St Hilda. Pray for women in leadership and teaching roles in the church today.
Wednesday 20 November	Pray for Margaret and the volunteer drivers who provide the car service for our villages
Thursday 21 November	Pray for the Wilsden Thursday Group. Give thanks for those who organise the programme and for the fellowship they share
Friday 22 November	Pray for those who give and arrange flowers in our churches, adding to the beauty of our worship and reminding us of God's gifts of nature.
Saturday 23 November	Pray for the people of Ukraine and their leaders and for an end to the war. Pray that world leaders may be guided in the ways of justice and peace.

Contributions for the next newsletter to Pauline: 01535 273814 pstern155@gmail.com
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Clergy Days Off: Liz: Monday, Tuesdays, Thursday & Saturday

Alison: Thursday, Friday & Saturday

Anna: Saturday

Richard: Saturday