

**Parishes of St. Saviour's Harden & St. Matthew's Wilsden
IN THE BENEFICE OF**

HARDEN AND WILSDEN, CULLINGWORTH AND DENHOLME

Newsletter for 21 and 28 December 2025

**Fourth Sunday of Advent and
First Sunday of Christmas**

Services



Sunday 21st December

9.30am Morning Worship at St Matthew's, Wilsden

9.30am Communion at St John's, Cullingworth

10.30am Carol Service at Denholme Shared Church

11.15am Morning Worship at St Saviour's, Harden

3.00pm Carol Service at St Saviour's, Harden

6.00pm Carol Service at St Matthew's, Wilsden

6.00pm Carol Service at St John's, Cullingworth



Christmas Eve

Christingle Services

Harden: 3.00pm & 5.00pm

Cullingworth: 3.00 pm

Wilsden and Denholme: 4.00pm



Evening Communions

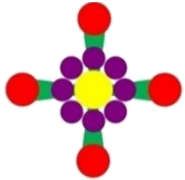
9.00pm Bethlehem Communion at Denholme, Wilsden & Cullingworth

These services begin at 9pm when it will be midnight in Bethlehem

Christmas Day

10.00am Christmas Service at Harden

10.00am Christmas Service at Cullingworth



Sunday 28th December

**10.30 am United Benefice Communion Service
at St John's Cullingworth**

No services that day at Harden or Wilsden

Please note that there will be no midweek services between Christmas and New Year

Prayer House Group

The prayer house group will restart in the New Year.

We will meet at the Vicarage on Monday, 12 January at 7 pm.



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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Craft & Chat

There will be no Craft and Chat Group at Wilsden on Friday 26 December, the group will meet again on Friday 2 January from 2.00pm to 4.00pm.

Due to work in the Church, the next meeting of Cullingworth's Craft and Chat group is in the George on Tuesday, 6 January from 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm.



Harden & Wilsden 100+ Club 2025

The Rev'd Liz Moy made the BIG DRAW last Sunday 14 December

£300 was won by Margaret Hodgson with No. 18

£150 was won by Dianna Wright with No. 73

£100 was won by Michael Richardson with No. 70

Many congratulations to all three winners.

A Very Happy Christmas to one and all

Tony Caunt still needs to hear from some existing members if they wish to continue for the 2026 draws. Please contact Tony if you want to carry on for the New Year

Many thanks to all who contributed for 2025



There will be no Warm Spaces at St Matthew's Wilsden over the next two weeks - they will resume on January 5th

Prayers for the two weeks beginning Sunday 21 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 21 December	As carol services are enjoyed throughout the Benefice today, pray that the familiar words inspire, wherever they are sung and heard.
Monday 22 December	Pray for any you know for whom Christmas is a time of sad memories, that they may be comforted.
Tuesday 23 December	Pray for all who are travelling at this busy time to be with families and friends for Christmas.
Wednesday 24 December	Pray for all at Christingle services throughout the Benefice and for the work of the Children's Society.
Thursday 25 December	Pray with and for Christians around the world as the birth of Jesus our Lord and Saviour is celebrated, remembering particularly our Christian partners in Sudan.
Friday 26 December	Pray for any who are housebound and not able to share in Christmas activities as they used to.
Saturday 27 December	On the festival of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist, pray for all who work and worship at St. John's Cullingworth.

Sunday 28 December	Pray for the churches of our Benefice, that we may continue to find ways of working together to bring the love of Christ to our communities.
Monday 29 December	Pray for older people in the community, particularly if winter weather is causing problems.
Tuesday 30 December	Pray for the work of all charities supporting the homeless, their help needed more than ever at this time of year.
Wednesday 31 December	Give thanks for blessings you have received throughout the year and pray for anyone anxious about what the new year may bring.
Thursday 1 January	Pray for peace and justice in the coming year, for hope and relief in those international situations we have held in our prayers throughout the past year
Friday 2 January	Pray for clergy, Readers and other leaders in our Benefice, who have had so much extra to do over the past few weeks, that they may feel loved and supported.
Saturday 3 January	Pray for our Benefice and for the right person to come forward as our Team Rector.

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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