

**Parishes of St. Saviour's Harden & St. Matthew's Wilsden
IN THE BENEFICE OF
HARDEN AND WILSDEN, CULLINGWORTH AND DENHOLME
Newsletter for 22 & 29 December 2024
Fourth Sunday of Advent and
First Sunday of Christmas**

Sunday 22nd December

- 9.30am Morning Worship at St Matthew's, Wilsden
- 9.30am Communion at St John's, Cullingworth
- 10.30am Service at Denholme Shared Church
- 11.15am Morning Worship at St Saviour's, Harden



Christmas Eve

Christingle Services

- Harden and Cullingworth: 3.00pm & 5.00pm
- Wilsden and Denholme: 4.00pm



*Christingle preparation will be on Monday December 23rd:
10.00 at Wilsden & 11.30 at Harden. All help appreciated.*

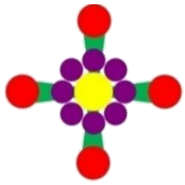
Evening Communions

- 9.00pm Bethlehem Communion at Denholme, Harden & Cullingworth
- These services begin at 9pm when it will be midnight in Bethlehem**

Christmas Day

- 10.00am Christmas Service at Wilsden
- 10.00am Christmas Service at Cullingworth





Sunday 29th December

**10.30 am United Benefice Communion Service
at St Matthew's Wilsden**

No services that day at Harden or Cullingworth

A big '**Thank You**' to the members of St. Matthew's who delivered more than 1000 Christmas Cards around Wilsden. Every year it is a little miracle!

Harden & Wilsden 100+ Club 2024

The Rev'd Ian Slater made the BIG DRAW last Sunday 15 December

£300 was won by Jane Baxter with No. 63

£150 was won by Jack Price with No. 64

£100 was won by Matthew Pickersgill with No. 38

Congratulations to all these three folks

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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 who contributed for 2024



**NO WARM SPACES
23 December to 4 January**

Carol Singing this week: All singers welcome!!

Monday 23 Dec 2pm at Laurel Bank

Please gather together outside in the Car Park and we will all go in together. Be aware that it is often very warm inside! We will be singing for around half an hour.



Monday 23 Dec 7pm at Goit Stock

Come up to the Park Home Complex and turn right at the top. Follow the road around when it turns back to the right. We will be on that furthest road among the homes. We usually sing for around 30 minutes.

No Chat and Craft at Wilsden on 27 Dec but we will meet again from 3 January: 2pm - 4pm, Fridays New craft & chatters always welcome!

Prayers for the two weeks beginning Sunday 22 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 22 December	Pray for people throughout the world suffering from the impact of storm and flood, and for all those working to help them
Monday 23 December	Pray for residents at Goit Stock Park Homes and all who have joined in carol singing throughout the Benefice during the last few days.
Tuesday 24 December	As we celebrate at Christingle services, pray for the work of the Children's Society. Pray for all at the "Bethlehem Midnight" services in Harden, Cullingworth and Denholme.
Wednesday 25 December	Pray with and for Christians around the world as the birth of Jesus our Saviour is celebrated and that we may be mindful of the needs of others today and every day.
Thursday 26 December	Pray for any you know for whom this is a time of sad memories, that they may be comforted.
Friday 27 December	Pray for those being helped by Inn Churches this winter and for those providing accommodation or otherwise supporting this work.
Saturday 28 December	Pray for the homeless and needy who have for any reason fallen outside provisions made by local authorities and voluntary bodies.
Sunday 29 December	As we worship together at St Matthew's, pray that wherever we are we may grow together as a visible presence of God's love in this little corner of Yorkshire.
Monday 30 December	Pray for clergy and Readers in our benefice who have had so much extra to do over the past few weeks, that they may feel loved and supported.
Tuesday 31 December	Pray for our churchwardens, sidespeople and others who quietly contribute to the life of our churches.
Wednesday 1 January	Pray for peace in the year ahead. Give thanks for all who work for peace.
Thursday 2 January	Pray for the places where wars continue, for settlements that bring justice rather than revenge.
Friday 3 January	Pray for those who face the year ahead with uncertainty, those who are anxious about family, health or employment.
Saturday 4 January	Pray that Bradford's year as City of Culture may bring not only pleasure but lasting benefits to the whole region.

PRAYER REQUESTS TO: say14me@hotmail.com

Grateful thanks are due to Astrid Hansen for providing us with our prayers week by week.

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



Wilsden Shedders

Meeting on the First and Third Thursdays of each month
In St Matthew's Church Hall, Wilsden

9.30am to 11.30am

A new local group to make friends and improve men's mental health. Contact: wilsdenshedders@gmail.com

Come along to the meeting on 9 January 2025

For a demonstration of Spoon carving ... with axes and other tools!

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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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"

We pray that all our readers will enjoy a very special Christmas and every blessing in the New Year!