

**Parishes of St. Saviour's Harden & St. Matthew's Wilsden
IN THE BENEFICE OF
HARDEN AND WILSDEN, CULLINGWORTH AND DENHOLME
Newsletter for 24 November 2024**

**Christ the King
Today's Services**

9.30am Morning Worship at St Matthew's, Wilsden
9.30am Communion at St John's, Cullingworth
10.30am Holy Communion at Denholme Shared Church
11.15am Morning Worship at St Saviour's, Harden
6.00pm Holy Communion at St Matthew's, Wilsden
6.00pm BCP Holy Communion at St John's, Cullingworth

Midweek Services on Wednesday

10.00am BCP Eucharist at Cullingworth
2.30pm Prayer and Cake 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



Safeguarding Training

Safeguarding Foundations Training:

St Matthew's Church Wilsden

7pm Wednesday 8 January 2025

Safeguarding Foundations Training:

St John's Church, Cullingworth

7pm Tuesday 22 April 2025

Domestic Abuse Awareness Training:

Denholme Shared Church

7pm Tuesday 13 May 2025

Don't feel that you have to wait for these 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.



Wilsden Sheddars

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

Inn Churches

We have sadly been unable to secure our usual week to be a hosting church this year. Each winter we have welcomed people who are homeless in Bradford to spend the night at St Matthew's as part of the Inn Churches Winter Shelter. We will still be raising money for the work of Inn Churches through our Christmas activities. If you would still like to volunteer at one of the shelters elsewhere please contact Inn Church on 01274 955010. We are hoping to be hosting church again next winter.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME!

Our Programme of Christmas Events is now out.



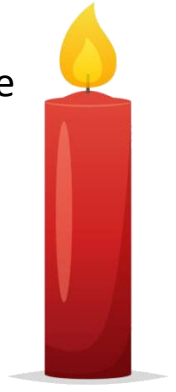


Advent Study Group

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



Warm Spaces

Come along for a warm welcome and something warm to eat!
We have been given grant funding from the government so that we can provide
free warm spaces again this winter. We meet for around two hours.
December Dates:(except 23 Dec-4 Jan)



Mondays 12noon at St Matthew's, Wilsden

Tuesdays 12noon at St Saviour's, Harden

Wednesdays 12noon at St John's, Cullingworth

Sunday 1 December 4pm, Denholme Shared Church

Denholme's Warm Space meets monthly on the first Sunday of each month)



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 |
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| 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 24 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.

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| Sunday 24 November | Pray for wisdom for those who must decide on responses to dangerous situations throughout the world. |
| Monday 25 November | Pray for the Safeguarding Officers at each of our churches and that our buildings may always be safe and welcoming places. |
| Tuesday 26 November | Pray for all at the Wellbeing Café at St Matthew's today. |
| Wednesday 27 November | Pray with and for all who seek the calm that the Prayer Oasis times throughout the Benefice offer. |
| Thursday 28 November | Pray for the leaders and all who take part in the Advent Study Group starting today at Denholme. |
| Friday 29 November | Pray for a happy and successful event at St Matthew's today in support of our CMS partner. |
| Saturday 30 November | St Andrew's Day. Reflect on the calling of Andrew and his willing response. |

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

As we approach Advent ... Dietrich Bonhoeffer said:

“A prison cell, in which one waits, hopes – and is completely dependent on the fact that the door of freedom has to be opened from the outside, is not a bad picture of Advent.”