

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

**Newsletter for 30 November 2025
Advent Sunday**



**Today's Service
United Benefice Service**

Sunday 30 November is the fifth Sunday of the month.
We have just one united service in the Benefice.

At 10.30am at St Matthew's Church, Wilsden

Christmas Lights will be switched on in our villages

5pm Sunday 30 November Cullingworth

5.40pm Sunday 30 November Wilsden

5.00pm Sunday 7 December Harden



Midweek Services on Wednesday 3 December

10.00am Eucharist at Wilsden

10.00am BCP Eucharist at Cullingworth

2.30pm Personal Prayer at Harden

Advent and Prayer House Group

St John's will be hosting our Advent and prayer house group for the next three weeks. Come along and join us for the first
on Monday, 1 December, at 7 pm in the St John's Room.



Blue Christmas

3pm Sunday 14 December at St Matthew's Church, Wilsden



Christmas can be a difficult time for many. There may be sad and painful memories associated with a time of year when so many are celebrating. This is a service which holds the light of the Christmas Message into the darkness which life can bring. It is a beautiful, simple and quiet time of depth and peace.

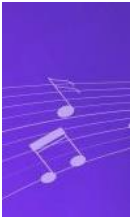


The Bradford Choral at St John's Cullingworth **A Classical Christmas**

Including Dvorak Mass in D, plus music by Lauridsen, Taverner and more and including favourite Christmas Carols

6pm Saturday 6 December

Tickets £10 (including refreshments) on the door and via Ticket Source



Warm Spaces

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

St Saviour's, Harden - 9 December 12 noon to 2 pm

St John's, Cullingworth –Fellowship Lunch Warm Spaces

Saturday 13 December *please let Jasmin Smith (07725 107777) know if you plan to attend.*

All are welcome from the Benefice whether churchgoers or not.

Story Time!

Wednesday 3 December

2pm at Cullingworth St John's

For pre-school children and their carers

Come for a Story, activities and books to borrow



Lego Club

1pm to 3pm Saturday 6 December

St Matthew's Church, Wilsden

Come along and enjoy lots of Lego!

Carol Services in our churches

Sunday 21 December

St Saviours Carol Service will be at 3.00pm

St Matthews Carol Service will be at 6.00pm



Harden & Wilsden 100+ Club

The results of the November 100 club draw

£25 - No 49 - Margaret Hodgson

£10 - No 109 - Millie Clare



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



Wilsden Sheddars

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.

An advance Date for your Diaries – Christingle making
at St Saviours on Tuesday 23 December at 10.00 am please let Liz know if you
are able to help.

at St Matthews on Monday 22 December at 10.00

Prayers for the week beginning Sunday 30 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 30 November	Advent Sunday. Pray that we may carefully and prayerfully use this season of reflection and preparation leading to enhanced appreciation of the Christmas festival.
Monday 1 December	Pray for members of Women's Institutes in our villages, giving thanks for the friendship and fellowship they offer.
Tuesday 2 December	Pray for members of any groups who use our church premises for their meetings.
Wednesday 3 December	Pray for local police officers, community support officers and school crossing patrols, out in all weathers to serve the community.
Thursday 4 December	Pray for any who are finding Christmas shopping a source of worry and stress, that the meaning behind all the hustle and bustle may break through and refresh them.
Friday 5 December	Pray for those working to find the right person to be our Team Rector.
Saturday 6 December	Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, patron saint of children and the origin of the tradition of Santa Claus. Pray for children in need wherever they are.

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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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"