



**Parishes of St. Saviour's Harden & St. Matthew's Wilsden  
IN THE BENEFICE OF  
HARDEN AND WILSDEN, CULLINGWORTH AND DENHOLME  
Newsletter for 5 January 2025  
The Feast of the Epiphany  
Today's Services**

**No 9.30am service today at St Matthew's as we are joining with Trinity Church at 10.30am for the Covenant Service.**

- 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 BCP Eucharist at Cullingworth
- 2.30pm Prayer and Cake at Harden

**Warm Spaces this Week!**

Free Meal and a Warm Welcome!

**Sunday 4pm, Denholme Shared Church**

**Monday 12noon at St Matthew's, Wilsden**

**Tuesday 12noon at St Saviour's, Harden**

**Wednesday 12noon at St John's, Cullingworth**



## **Harden & Wilsden 100+ Club 2025**

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

## **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](mailto:wilsdenshedders@gmail.com)



**Come along to the meeting on 9 January 2025 10am**

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

## **Inn Churches**

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



## **Craft & Chat is at St Matthew's**

2pm to 4pm on Fridays

Come along to chat while you craft

Excellent refreshments and fellowship.

New craft and chatters always welcome!

## **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.

## Safeguarding Training

Come along and become better equipped in safeguarding awareness.

**Would you be confident in what to do if someone disclosed that they were in danger?**

Join us for the Safeguarding Foundation training on Wednesday evening 8 January, 7pm at St Matthew's in Wilsden. When we have done the training together like this before it has been a useful, informative and enlightening evening where we have been able to learn and talk together about what can often be a hidden and difficult topic to discuss. We encourage everyone to come along, it is open to all!

## Thank you!

A very big thank you to everyone who helped to make our Christmas activities such a success again this year. It was wonderful to welcome so many people into our churches to celebrate the birth of Jesus and to take out the good news around our communities too.

We have not yet officially added up our statistics, but with the school services and Christingles we must have welcomed over 3000 people through our church doors since the beginning of December!

Thank you to everyone who helped to decorate the churches and made them look so fantastic and uplifting. Thank you to those who helped with music and carols. Thank you to all those who cleaned and tidied, who delivered invitations or gave a welcome. Thank you to those who provided and served refreshments and who did all those jobs that go unnoticed unless they are not done.

## Donations to our local churches

Donations or regular giving may be done by sending your gift to:

<b>Account name</b>	<b>Sort Code</b>	<b>Account No</b>
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!**

**PRAYER REQUESTS TO: [say14me@hotmail.com](mailto:say14me@hotmail.com)**

## Prayers for the week beginning Sunday 5 January

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 5 January	Pray for the homeless, particularly in wintry weather. Pray for charities like Shelter and for the on-going Inn Churches project in and around Bradford.
Monday 6 January	At this season of Epiphany, as we remember how God has led people to find him by the guiding of a star, pray for all seekers looking for meaning and purpose in their lives.
Tuesday 7 January	Pray for staff and children at our village schools as they settle into a new term.
Wednesday 8 January	Pray for older people in the community, particularly if winter weather is causing problems.
Thursday 9 January	Pray for the Wilsden Shedders, a men's group now starting to meet in St Matthews Family Room.
Friday 10 January	Pray for all who find companionship and help through the various groups provided by our churches or meeting in our rooms.
Saturday 11 January	Please continue to pray for Sudan. A Christmas message from Archbishop Ezekiel tells us how much our support and prayers are appreciated.

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

Contributions for the next newsletter to Pauline: 01535 273814 [pstern155@gmail.com](mailto:pstern155@gmail.com)  
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