

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



**Newsletter for 7 December 2025
Second Sunday of Advent**

Today's Services

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| 9.30am | Communion at St Matthew's, Wilsden |
| 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 |
| <i>Note this is the last Café Church of 2025, we hope to resume on 4 January</i> | |
| 11.15am | Communion at St Saviour's, Harden |

Harden Christmas Lights will be switched on
At 5.00pm Sunday 7 December



Midweek Services on Wednesday 10 December

10.00am BCP Eucharist at Cullingworth
2.30pm Prayer and Cake at Harden

TOY SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 14 DECEMBER

Please bring NEW toys next Sunday morning to our services at Harden and Wilsden. The toys will be part of the Salvation Army Christmas Gift scheme, helping local families in need this Christmas.



Advent and Prayer House Group

St John's will be hosting our Advent and prayer house group this week.
Come along and join us
on Monday 8 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.

Messy Church

3.30pm Wednesday 10 December at St Matthew's, Wilsden
3.45pm Sunday 14 December at St John's Cullingworth
3.30pm Wednesday 17 December at Denholme Shared Church



Warm Spaces

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

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



Christingle making – Help needed



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



Christmas Tree Festival **Denholme Shared Church**

13th to 16th December

Saturday 13 December 10am to 4pm

Hot food available on Saturday – Tea/Coffee, Cakes, Mince Pies

Sunday 14 December 1pm to 4pm

Monday 15 December 1pm to 4pm

Tuesday 16 December 1pm to 4pm

Come and enjoy decorated trees created by local organisations and businesses



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.

Carols in the Pub at the New Inn Wilsden

Thursday 11 December 7pm start

Carol singing and a quiz, culminating in the legendary 12 Days of Christmas singalong, including a bidding war to be the '5 Gold Rings' table ! Proceeds to InnChurches.

Find some team members and arrive early to get a table!



At Wilsden Every Friday from 2.00pm to 4.00pm

At Cullingworth Every Tuesday from 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm

If you know anyone who would be interested please invite them



Carol Services in our churches



St Saviour's

Sunday 21 December 3 pm. We hope that the early start will encourage families and those who are reluctant to venture out on cold winter evenings. Come and join us to sing your favourite carols. Seasonal refreshments will be served after the service.

St Matthew's

Sunday 21 December 6 pm

COME AND JOIN OUR POP UP CHOIR!!

No rehearsals - just arrive and sing.

Please let Sue know you are coming so there are enough chairs!

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St John's

Sunday 21 December 6 pm

With the Cullingworth Community Choir and Cullingworth Ukelele Players. Followed by mulled wine & mince pies

Harden & Wilsden 100+ Club

The Big Draw for annual prizes of £300, £150 and £100 will take next Sunday 14 December.



If you already have numbers in the 100+ club and pay by direct debit, please let Tony know that you want to continue, he cannot assume that you want to continue in the 2026 club. If anyone else would like to join for 2026 please contact Tony. Tel: 01535 273709 E-mail: tony.caunt1@btinternet.com

Saturday 13th December 7.00 pm.

Denholme Shared Church

Denholme Voices Christmas Concert. Come along for a joyful evening of varied Christmas songs.

Tickets £7 adults £3.50 children, including light refreshments, available from any choir member or on the door.



Journeying to Bethlehem

Are you looking for some peace and quiet amidst the busyness of preparation for Christmas? Call in to the Oasis of prayer - a time for quiet reflection and prayer for you.

Using reflections, poetry and prayers, travel with the main characters who travelled to



Bethlehem for the Nativity. As you reflect on their journeys, take time to consider your own journey to the heart of Christmas.



Or just rest in the quiet.

The Prayer Oasis will be at

St Matthew's church, Wilsden

Friday 12 December 2pm - 4pm and 7pm - 9pm

Saturday 13 December 10am - 2pm

Prayers for the week beginning Sunday 7 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.

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| Sunday 7 December | Pray for the village of Harden as Christmas lights are switched on today. |
| Monday 8 December | Pray for all who are helped by the Warm Spaces provided throughout the Benefice. |
| Tuesday 9 December | Pray that the next few weeks may lead us to a proper appreciation of the Christmas festival and prevent us being swamped by all the non-essentials by which we are surrounded at this time. |
| Wednesday 10 December | Pray for children, carers and helpers at Christmas Messy Church at St Matthews this afternoon. |
| Thursday 11 December | Pray for all who organise and take part in Carols and Christmas Quiz at the New Inn this evening. |
| Friday 12 December | Pray for our clergy and lay leaders and give thanks for all they do for all of us. |
| Saturday 13 December | Pray for those who are working to find the right person to be our Team Rector |

Contributions for the next newsletter to Pauline: 01535 273814 psstern155@gmail.com

Copy Deadline: 12.00h on the **TUESDAY** before publication

Note we can only mention people, by name, in the newsletter with their consent.

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| Benefice Team Vicar (Usual rest day Thursday) | Revd Alison Young 01535 270687 alison.young@leeds.anglican.org |
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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 |
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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"

Dates for December

St Saviour's, Harden



Tue 9th Dec 12-2pm Warm Spaces

Wed 10th Dec 2.30pm Prayer & Cake

Sun 14th Dec 11.15am Nativity Service

Mon 15th Dec 2.00pm Carol Singing at Laurel Bank

Wed 17th Dec 1.45pm Pre-school Christingle service

Sun 21st Dec 11:15am Morning Worship

Sun 21st Dec 3.00pm Carol Service

Tues 23rd Dec 10.00am Christingle making

Wed 24th Dec 3.00pm Christingle Service

Wed 24th Dec 5.00pm Christingle Service

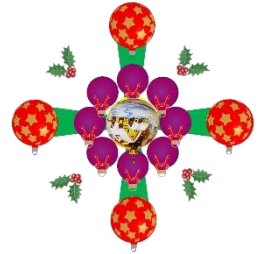
Thurs 25th Dec 10.00am Joint Christmas Eucharist

Sun 28th Dec – No Service at St Saviours

Sun 28th Dec Joint Benefice Eucharist at Cullingworth at 10.30am



St Matthew's, Wilsden



Mon 8th Dec 12-2pm Warm Space: Free Soup Lunch

Wed 10th Dec 3:30pm Messy Church

Thu 11th Dec 7pm Carols and Quiz at The New Inn

Fri 12th Dec 2pm-4pm and 7-9pm Oasis of Prayer

Sat 13th Dec 10am-2pm Oasis of Prayer

Prayer Stations reflecting on those travelling to Bethlehem

Sun 14th Dec 9:30am All Age Nativity Service

Sun 14th Dec 3:00pm Blue Christmas

A Special Service recognising that Christmas can be a difficult time

Mon 15th Dec 12-2pm Warm Space: Free Soup Lunch

Wed 14th Dec 10:00am Holy Communion

Fri 19th Dec 2:00pm Craft Group

Sun 21st Dec 9:30am Morning Worship

Sun 21st Dec 6.00pm Carol Service

Mon 22nd Dec 10.00am Christingle making

Wed 24th Dec 4.00pm Christingle

Wed 24th Dec 9pm joint Bethlehem Midnight Communion

Sun 28th Dec – No Service at St Matthews

Sun 28th Dec Joint Benefice Eucharist at Cullingworth at 10.30am