



**Parishes of St. Saviour's Harden & St. Matthew's Wilsden
IN THE BENEFICE OF
HARDEN AND WILSDEN, CULLINGWORTH AND DENHOLME
Newsletter for 8 December 2024**



**Second Sunday of Advent
Today's Services**

9.30am	All Age Nativity & Toy Service, St Matthew's, Wilsden
9.30am	Holy Communion at St John's, Cullingworth
10.30am	Sunday Service at Denholme Shared Church
11.15am	All Age Nativity & Toy Service, St Saviour's, Harden
3.00 pm	Blue Christmas Service at St Matthew's, Wilsden
3.45 pm	Messy Church at St John's, Cullingworth

At Harden and Wilsden You can come along to the Nativity Services dressed as a Nativity Character if you would like. Be part of the story! Toy donations must be new. The Toys will be part of the Salvation Army's distribution to local families.



Blue Christmas

3pm Sunday 8 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.

Midweek Services on Wednesday

10.00am BCP Eucharist at Cullingworth

2.30pm Prayer and Cake at Harden

Harden & Wilsden 100+ Club 2024

Alison drew the numbers for November's 100 club draw last Sunday.

£25 won by Wendy Driver with No. 24

£10 won by Jill Smith with No. 77

Next month: The Big Draw where £300, £150 and £100: Sunday 15 December.

You will be receiving the application form to enter for the 2025 draws soon with a tear off slip to return to Tony Caunt with details of how to enter.



Advent Study Group

Denholme Shared Church are hosting an Advent Study Course

Waiting for the Light

Thursdays 10am to 11.30am, starting 28 November

Followed by a light lunch



Warm Spaces this Week!

Free Meal and a Warm Welcome!

Monday 12noon at St Matthew's, Wilsden

Tuesday 12noon at St Saviour's, Harden

Wednesday 12noon at St John's, Cullingworth

Sunday 1 December 4pm, Denholme Shared Church



Christmas Tree Festival

Denholme Shared Church

Saturday 14 December 10am to 4pm

Sunday 15 December 2pm to 4pm

Come and enjoy the Christmas Tree Displays

From Local Organisations and Groups

Denholme Voices Carol Concert

7pm Saturday 14 December

Among the Christmas Trees!

Messy Church



3.45pm Sunday 8 December at St John's Cullingworth

3.30pm Wednesday 11 December at St Matthew's, Wilsden

3.30pm Wednesday 11 December at Denholme Shared Church

St Saviour's Carol Service.

Sunday 15 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.

We are appealing for donations of mince pies and bottles of mulled wine for this event – if you are able to contribute please speak to June Thompson.

St Matthew's Carol Service

Sunday 15th December 6.30 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! 273769



Carols & Quiz at the New Inn Wilsden

Always a memorable evening!

Thursday 12 December at 7pm

Come and join in the fun of Richard's Quiz

Enjoy the Singing of many a carol

And the 12 Days of Christmas Finale!

Raising money for 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

PRAYER REQUESTS TO: say14me@hotmail.com

Prayers for the week beginning Sunday 8 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 8 December	Pray for all at Nativity and Toy Services throughout the benefice.
Monday 9 December	Pray for the work of the Salvation Army and others who work to bring love and support to needy families.
Tuesday 10 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.
Wednesday 11 December	Pray for children and carers who come to Messy Church and all who help to provide this time of love, fellowship and worship.
Thursday 12 December	Pray for all joining in carols at the New Inn and other happy events reminding us of the joy of Christmas.
Friday 13 December	Pray for people suffering in the conflict in Syria and for wisdom for world leaders responding to the situation.
Saturday 14 December	Pray for people of any nationality and faith suffering in the conflict in Gaza, and that political leaders may find a way to bring peace and stability to the region.

Contributions for the next newsletter to Pauline: 01535 273814 pstern155@gmail.com

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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"