



**Parishes of St. Saviour's Harden & St. Matthew's Wilsden
IN THE BENEFICE OF
HARDEN AND WILSDEN, CULLINGWORTH AND DENHOLME
Newsletter for 10 December 2023
Second Sunday of Advent
SERVICES TODAY**

9.30am	All Age Nativity & Toy Service, St Matthew's, Wilsden
9.30am	All Age Nativity & Toy Service 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

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



The Blue Christmas Service is a time of quiet reflection on the Christmas story. It is ideal for those who wish to find some peace in the busyness or who find Christmas a sad or difficult time

Midweek Services on Wednesday

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



DENHOLME SHARED CHURCH Advent Study Group THE CASE FOR Christmas



Evidence for the identity of Jesus

A four-session study course by Lee Strobel

Thursdays 10.00am – 11.30am followed by a light lunch

Please contact Chris Wilcock for further details and to book a place.

Email: c.j.wilcock@hotmail.co.uk Mob: 07770 724752

CAROL SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

St Saviour's:

3 pm on Sunday 17 December.

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:

6.30 pm on Sunday 17th December

COME AND JOIN OUR POP UP CHOIR!!

No rehearsals - just arrive and sing.

Please let Sue know you are coming so we have enough chairs! 273769



Warm Spaces

Our Warm Spaces are now all running!

Monday at Wilsden: 12noon to 2pm

Tuesday at Harden: 12noon to 2pm

Wednesday at Cullingworth: 12noon to 2pm

Sunday at Denholme: 4pm to 7pm

We continue to welcome many people to each of our Warm Spaces. It is great to share food and fellowship together.

Why not join us this week!

Inn Churches Shelter 2024

Once again we are hosting a number of homeless, rough sleepers at St Mathew's Church in Wilsden.



The shelter this winter is to be run from the evening of **Monday 8 January to morning of Monday 15 January**. We are grateful for all those who have volunteered so far!! Many parts of the rota are already full but there are still a few spaces: Overnight volunteers, particularly for Saturday 13 and people to meet and greet on Sunday 14.

If you would like to know more or have the time and would like to help please get in touch:

Steve Rhodes Tel: 07958 744514 or email: steve@srassociates.co.uk

If you would also like to donate towards this important work you can give donations marked "Inn Churches" at our services or you can pay directly into the St Matthew's Account (40-23-05: 42128918) marking your donation "Inn Churches". Donations will be used to buy toiletries and to support Inn Churches.

We are also looking for donations of men's coats, hats, gloves and scarves.

Carol Singing

Mon 11 December: 2.30pm inside Laurel Bank Residential Care Home

Tue 12 December: 6.00pm Hewenden Ridge (meet at Manywells Cres)

Thu 14 December: 7pm at The New Inn, Wilsden for Quiz and Carols

Messy Church Christmas!

Games, Story, Activities, Fun, Craft, Food

Cullingworth: Today 3.45pm!

Wilsden: Wednesday 13 Dec 3.30pm

Denholme: Wednesday 13 Dec 3.30pm: Pop up Messy Nativity:



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"

PRAYER REQUESTS TO: say14me@hotmail.com

Prayers for the week beginning Sunday 10 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 10 December	Pray for all at the Toy Services in our churches and for the families who will receive the toys
Monday 11 December	Pray for all who are enjoying warmth, food and company at Warm Spaces at St Matthew's today and throughout the benefice during the week.
Tuesday 12 December	Pray for those who were regular members of our congregations but can no longer come to our church buildings because of age or infirmity.
Wednesday 13 December	Pray for family members, good neighbours and care workers helping those who struggle to manage in their own homes.
Thursday 14 December	Pray for the people of Israel and Palestine, particularly for the situation in Gaza.
Friday 15 December	Pray for the families of all who have died or are missing in conflicts throughout the world
Saturday 16 December	. Pray for wisdom for those who must decide on responses to dangerous situations throughout the world.

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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Clergy Days Off: Alison: Thursday, Friday & Saturday
Liz: Monday, Thursday & Saturday

Anna: Saturday
Richard: Saturday