



**Parishes of St. Saviour's Harden & St. Matthew's Wilsden  
IN THE BENEFICE OF  
HARDEN AND WILSDEN, CULLINGWORTH AND DENHOLME  
Newsletter for 17 December 2023  
Third Sunday of Advent  
SERVICES TODAY**

9.30am	Communion at St Matthew's, Wilsden
9.30am	Communion at St John's, Cullingworth
10.30am	Carol Service at Denholme Shared Church
11.15am	Communion at St Saviour's, Harden

**CAROL SERVICES TODAY**

**St Saviour's at 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 at 6.30 pm**

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



**Midweek Services on Wednesday**

10.00am Eucharist at Wilsden

10.00am BCP Eucharist at Cullingworth

2.30pm Personal Prayer at Harden



**Christingles** We will be preparing the Christingles on December 22nd and would really appreciate it if you could spare half an hour of your time to help.  
Wilsden – 10.00am & Harden - 2.00pm

### Carol Singing

Mon 18 December: 6.00pm Pennine View (meet at Tempest Cl)

Wed 20 December: 7.00pm Goit Stock Harden Park Homes

Thu 21 December: 6.00pm at 115 Harecroft

Thu 21 December: 8.00pm Cullingworth Cricket Club



### 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](mailto:c.j.wilcock@hotmail.co.uk) Mob: 07770 724752

### 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. Last Warm Spaces before Christmas this week. Resuming again on the week beginning 15 January after Inn Churches!

**Come and join in 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**.

**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](mailto: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.**

## Craft & Chat Christmas Break

There will be no Wilsden Craft & Chat on 22 or 29 December

## **CHRISTINGLE SERVICES**

Harden: 3.00pm & 5.00pm

Wilsden: 4.00pm

## **Midnight Communions**

9.00pm Bethlehem Midnight Communion at Denholme

11.30pm Midnight Communion: Harden, Wilsden, Cullingworth

## **Christmas Day**

10.30am Christmas Service at Harden

## **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](mailto:say14me@hotmail.com)**

Please keep praying for the people of Sudan, for those in Ukraine and for peace and justice for the people of Israel and Palestine.

### **Prayers for the week beginning Sunday 17 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 17 December	Pray for all at Carol Services today throughout the benefice, that the familiar words and music may touch our hearts and lead us towards the blessings of Christmas.
Monday 18 December	Pray for the many parts of the world where peace and goodwill seem like a distant dream.
Tuesday 19 December	Among the war-torn countries pray for the land God chose for our Saviour's birth. Pray for an end to hatred, attack and retaliation in Israel and Palestine.
Wednesday 20 December	Pray for the unhappy people of Sudan where this almost un-reported war continues. Pray for the small Christian Church there, for whom our prayers are an important sign that they are not forgotten.
Thursday 21 December	Pray for the ongoing situation in Ukraine and for all who have lost family and friends in this conflict.
Friday 22 December	Pray for refugees and for those who work to resolve the situations that drive people from their homes and countries.
Saturday 23 December	Pray for compassion in our society and better times for the most needy and vulnerable.

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

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

**Anna: Saturday**  
**Richard: Saturday**