



**Parishes of St. Saviour's Harden & St. Matthew's Wilsden  
IN THE BENEFICE OF  
HARDEN AND WILSDEN, CULLINGWORTH AND DENHOLME  
Newsletter for 19 November 2023  
The Second Sunday before Advent  
SERVICES TODAY**

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
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



**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**

**Starting 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

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

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# Inn Churches Shelter 2024



Once again we are hosting a number of homeless, rough sleepers at St Mathew's Church in Wilsden. Firstly a correction to the dates:

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 and are still looking for more!!

## **Free Bed & Full English**

The final volunteer task to let you know about is the Inn Churches Night team. This is the job for which really need some more volunteers so if you feel you can help with the night team please get in touch.

The Night Teams arrive on site about 21:00, first thing is to familiarise with the guests and let them know you will be about for the night. There will be four people on duty who take over from the meet & greet team. First stage is to interact with guests who haven't already gone to bed and head the remainder off to bed around 22:00 to 22.30. Early bed is not usually a problem for them. They need to know where they can and cannot go if they get up during the night and that if they need, for example a drink, they must ask. Two of the night team will then bed down for an hour or two on camp beds in the dining area whilst two will stay awake in the choir vestry from where the church area where guests are sleeping can be observed. Guests are likely to move about, generally to go to the loo, don't need to interact for that. If they come around to get a drink, meet them and get them what they need. At 03:00 the two pairs swap over. Breakfast team usually wake you when they arrive, guests will get going, sometimes slowly and breakfast will be served, you are welcome to have a breakfast. The final job is to make sure all the guests are ready when their transport arrives.

**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)**



## **Warm Spaces**

Sundays from 4pm to 7pm at Denholme Shared Church.

Come along and enjoy some food and friendship.

"Don't stay home alone, get to Denholme!"

**Harden, Wilsden and Cullingworth Warm Spaces start again soon!**

## **St Matthew's, Wilsden Wellbeing Café**

For anyone who would like some company or who is worried about their memory and for carers too. Come along for chatting, games, singing and cake!

**Tuesday 21 November: 2.00pm to 3.30pm**

**Help needed!** Has anyone got a couple of hours to spare to do refreshments at Chatterbox at St Saviour's on Tuesday 28th November from 9.15 -11?  
Please see Anna if you can help!

Autumn Discussion Groups led by John Chuter

### **"I am the Way, the Truth and the Life"**

These words spoken by Jesus some 2000 years ago still retain their power and immediacy for Christians today. But what do they mean for Christians in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and how should we respond to them?

Over six sessions we will be discussing Jesus' words drawing on scripture, contemporary sources and our own ideas and experience.

**Sessions on Thursdays 23 November, 11 & 25 January and 8 February  
in the St John's Room, Cullingworth, starting at 7.30 pm and end at 9pm.**

**St John's fundraiser.** There will be a pre-Christmas fundraiser for the church on 25th November from 2 till 4 pm. Cake and Tea in the St John's Room.  
There will be a raffle, tombola and gift bags for sale.

### **From Harden Congregational Church:**

We are looking for volunteers to support a Christmas play we are doing with Harden Primary School - we are especially looking for singers and people to help with greeting and hospitality on Tuesday 5th and / or Weds 6th December.  
Have a word with Anna to find out more.

## **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"

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

## **Prayers for the week beginning Sunday 19 November**

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 19 November	Remembering the life and work of St Hilda, pray for women in leadership and teaching roles in the church today.
Monday 20 November	Pray for our village schools and for the contacts our ministry team are able to have with children and staff.
Tuesday 21 November	Pray for all at the Wellbeing Café at St Matthew's today.
Wednesday 22 November	Pray for more volunteers to help with our contribution to the work of Inn Churches this winter.
Thursday 23 November	'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.' Pray for all taking part in the discussion group at St John's this evening.
Friday 24 November	Pray for refugees and hostages in the many troubled parts of the world.
Saturday 25 November	Pray for wisdom for those who must decide on responses to dangerous situations throughout the world.

## **Please keep praying for peace in Sudan and for the people of Ukraine, Israel & Palestine**

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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*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**