



**Parishes of St. Saviour's Harden & St. Matthew's Wilsden  
IN THE BENEFICE OF  
HARDEN AND WILSDEN, CULLINGWORTH AND DENHOLME  
Newsletter for 24 & 31 December 2023  
Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas  
SERVICES**

**Christmas Eve**

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

**Christingle Services**

- Harden and Cullingworth: 3.00pm & 5.00pm  
Wilsden and Denholme: 4.00pm

**Evening Communions**

- 9.00pm Bethlehem Midnight Communion at Denholme  
11.30pm Midnight Communion: Harden, Wilsden, Cullingworth

**Christmas Day**

- 10.30am Christmas Service at Harden  
10.30am Christmas Service at Cullingworth

**No Midweek Services on Wednesday 27 December**

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December**

**10.30 am United Benefice Communion Service  
at St Saviour's Harden**

## **Midweek Services on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January**

10.00am BCP Eucharist at Cullingworth

10.00am Eucharist at Wilsden

2.30pm Personal Prayer at Harden

### Craft & Chat Christmas Break

There will be no Wilsden Craft & Chat on 29 December

## **Harden & Wilsden 100+ Club Annual 'Big Draw'**

The draw took place at St Matthews last Sunday with Anna drawing the winning numbers

Hazel White wins £300 with No. 12

Nancy Muff wins £150 with No. 74

Stuart Pickersgill wins £100 with No. 53

Congratulations to the winners



## **It is not too late to join for 2024**

The 100 club will begin again from January 2024.

The cost for one number is staying at £24 per year and you can pay by cheque to Tony Caunt @ 13 Birchlands Grove, Wilsden BD15 0HD.

Cheques made out to "St Saviours & St Matthews 100 club" or by Bank transfer to Virgin Money sort code 05-09-04 Account No. 18306418.

## **Warm Spaces**

Warm Spaces are stopping until after the Inn Churches Shelter.

**They will resume on the  
week beginning 15 January 2024**



### **Thank you!**

Thank you to everyone at The New Inn for the Carols and Christmas Quiz. We raised £250 for Inn Churches. Thank you too to everyone who joined in our carol singing and all who have made our churches look and sound so wonderful for Christmas! Thank you.

# 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.**

## Sunday 14 January

As St Matthew's will be hosting our Inn Churches Shelter on Sunday 14 January 2024 there will be no service that morning at St Matthew's. The Congregation of Trinity Church Wilsden have invited us to join them that morning at 10.30am for their Covenant Service. Everyone will be welcome to come along.

## Benefice Strictly Come Dancing Result!

The final last weekend saw Ellie and Vito crowned as the new BBC Strictly Come Dancing champions. Over the course of the evening, the lead in our Benefice Fantasy Strictly Competition changed hands several times. But at the end of the competition it is Peter Birkby from Cullingworth who lifts our Glitterball Trophy this year. Pat Allsop is in second place for Wilsden and Jasmin Smith from Cullingworth is in third. Congratulations everyone! Keeeeeeep dancing!!

## 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 two weeks beginning Sunday 24 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.

<b>Sunday 24 December</b>	Pray for all at our Christingle services and for the work of the Children's Society.
<b>Monday 25 December</b>	Pray with and for Christians around the world as the birth of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour is celebrated.
<b>Tuesday 26 December</b>	Pray for all who have been married in the churches of Hewenden Benefice this year as they celebrate the first Christmas of their married lives.
<b>Wednesday 27 December</b>	On the feast of St John the Evangelist pray for those who serve and those who are served by St John's Church Cullingworth.
<b>Thursday 28 December</b>	The Church Mission Society asks for prayers particularly for mission partners involved in prison ministry in different parts of the world.
<b>Friday 29 December</b>	Pray for the work of the Leprosy Mission in breaking down barriers of stigma and discrimination and speaking truth where ancient myths about leprosy are prevalent.
<b>Saturday 30 December</b>	Pray for all the clergy and lay leaders of the benefice who work so hard for our congregations and the wider communities all year, but perhaps even more so during all the extra events of the Christmas season.

**Week beginning Sunday Dec 31** As we look towards a new year, let us continue to pray for the situations we have held before the Lord throughout the past months; for the suffering parts of the world, whether caused by man's inhumanity to man or by earthquake, fire or flood made worse by our treatment of the Earth. Pray for the world's underprivileged, the poor, the homeless, the hungry, and that all who have received God's bounty share generously with those in need. As we approach celebration of the Epiphany, let us give thanks that the Light is revealed as the Light of the whole world.

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