



**Parishes of St. Saviour's Harden & St. Matthew's Wilsden
IN THE BENEFICE OF
HARDEN AND WILSDEN, CULLINGWORTH AND DENHOLME
Newsletter for 3 December 2023
Advent Sunday
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 Eucharist at Wilsden
10.00am BCP Eucharist at Cullingworth
2.30pm Personal Prayer 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





The Bluebird Singers' Christmas Concert Next Friday 8th December at Harden Church.

CAROL SERVICES

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



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 Monday and Saturday 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.





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

We welcomed over 50 people last week at Harden, Wilsden and Cullingworth and it was great to share food and fellowship together. Join in this week!

Warm Space at **Denholme Shared Church** is on **Sundays from 4pm to 7pm**

Here there are hot drinks and a warm meal.

Harden & Wilsden 100+ Club November Winners

£25 was won by Gary Dickinson with No. 103

£10 was won by Benjamin Pickersgill with No. 38

Sunday 17th December is The Big Draw for £300, £150 and £100.



Harden & Wilsden 100+ Club 2024

We are getting ready for the 100 club to begin again from January 2024.

The cost for one number will stay the same 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. Payments can be any time from the end of November 2023.



At a special service on Sunday in Bradford Cathedral, Richard was made an honorary canon. It was a magnificent occasion with wonderful music and excellent refreshments. Thank you to everyone for their congratulations and good wishes!

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 3 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 3 December	As Christmas lights are switched on in Harden and Wilsden, pray that the thoughts of many may turn to the meaning of this season's celebrations
Monday 4 December	Pray for all who enjoy food and company at Warm Spaces throughout our villages.
Tuesday 5 December	Pray for children, teachers and support staff at our village schools as they prepare for their seasonal celebrations.
Wednesday 6 December	St Nicholas, 4th century Bishop of Myra. Stories of this saint are the origins of the Santa Claus tradition. Pray for children and families everywhere, remembering particularly those suffering in war zones and refugee camps.
Thursday 7 December	Pray for an end to fighting and fear in the places in the news. Remember those war zones that have slipped from news headlines, but the strife and pain go on.
Friday 8 December	Pray for friends and neighbours and give thanks for the quiet, unseen ways in which people help each other in our communities.
Saturday 9 December	Pray for those organising our response to Inn Churches this winter.

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

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Richard: Saturday