

Newsletter for 6th November

Welcome to church today. We hope and pray that you will enjoy your time here and that you may encounter the presence of the living God. If you are a visitor then the following information may be helpful.

- We have a loop system, if appropriate switch hearing aids to "T".
- We have large print copies of most worship material please ask.
- Gluten free wafers are available please request before the service begins.
- Whatever your tradition, you are welcome to share in Holy Communion.
- Toilet facilities are available including baby changing and disabled facilities.
- We hope you will join us for refreshments after the service.

Please take this sheet home with you!

Baptisms - please pray for Leo Blake Carberry, his parents, his grandparents Helen and Steve Ludkin, and his godparents as they bring him for baptism at St. Matthew's at 2pm today.

Sunday 6 November		3rd before Advent		
Wilsden	9.30 am	Holy Communion	2 Thess 2: 1-5,13-17	Luke 19:1-10
Wilsden	11.00 am	Café Church		
Harden	11.15 am	Holy Communion	2 Thess 2: 1-5,13-17	Luke 19:1-10

Next Sunday's Services – Remembrance Sunday

Wilsden	9.30 am	Pick'n'Mix: Remembrance
Wilsden	11.00am	Service at the Cenotaph
Harden	11.00am	Service at the Cenotaph
Harden	11.15 am	Pick'n'Mix: Remembrance
Wilsden	6.30 pm	Holy Communion

This week's diary

Wednesday	10.45 am	Home Communion at Laurel Bank
Wednesday	2.30pm	Service of Contemplative Prayer at St. Saviour's
Wednesday	3.30pm	Messy Church at St. Matthew's

St. Saviour's flowers today were donated by Jean Crerar, in memory of John.

BCP Evening Prayer. From January, St Matthew's evening service on 4th Sundays will be re-launched on a trial basis – it will be a 'said' service, sometimes with hymns, and based on the BCP Evensong liturgy.

There will be a Benefice Advent Service at St. John's Cullingworth on 27th November at 6.00 pm.

New Bibles for St Matthew's We are buying some new bibles (NIV edition) for use in small groups and in worship. By buying 20 we get them at a great price. If you would be willing to sponsor a bible for £10.00 please give it to either warden in an envelope with your name on it and a label will be placed inside the bible recording that you have donated it. Anonymous donations are possible too!

Fair Trade Festival. A big thankyou to everyone who supported the event last Saturday. It was a lively social event with visitors from all four corners of the benefice. Special thanks to the hardworking team who helped to set up and clear away. Sales, at £660, topped last year's record. We will send a donation of £100 to Traidcraft Exchange which supports training for third world farmers and artisans.

100 Club The winners for October were: £25 - 43 - Stuart Pickersgill; £10 - 100 - Jean Baudouin.

Children's work at St. Saviour's We have an opportunity to run an after school Christian club for children in the family room on Wednesday afternoons (term times only) from 3 to 4.30. It would be called Roots. Rev. Suzy will lead it but it is vital that we also have at least one, preferably two adults to help. Can YOU help? The only qualification is that you are between 18 and 100 and are willing to be police checked. Please speak to one of the clergy; this is such an opportunity for St. Saviour's!

Bookshop at St. Matthew's - New books from Cornerstone will be on sale after the 9.30am service on Sunday November 6 and Sunday November 20. There will be new Christian publications and a selection of children's books suitable for Christmas. Cash or cheques only. Books can be irresistible so don't forget to come prepared.

"Getting Ready for Christmas" coffee morning at St. Saviour's - Sat 19th Nov 10am to noon. As well as our usual cake stall and raffle there will be £1 parcels and a Christmas Stall selling items suitable for presents such as cards, wrapping paper, chocolates, jars of mincemeat, chutney etc. Contributions for the Christmas Stall may be left in the Choir Vestry. We look forward to seeing you all.

St. Matthew's Christmas Fayre - Saturday 26th November 11am – 2pm Café serving turkey sandwiches, mince pies and cakes. Stalls including fancy goods, cakes, books, tombola and a raffle. Why not design/make a Christmas tree for the exhibition? (Please bring it to church before 11am on the day.)

Fair Trade News The Real Advent Calendar is now available. This comes with a small 28-page Christmas story activity book designed to be used each day in Advent. Behind each window is a Fairtrade chocolate. For each sale a small donation is made to Traidcraft Exchange and the Funzi Baby Clinic in Kenya. Calendars may be ordered from Sandra or Suzanne at a special price of £3.60.(RRP £3.99)

Night Shelter This year St. Matthew's will be hosting an Inn Churches shelter from Tuesday the 27th December to Monday the 2nd January, 6 nights in all. Last year we were delighted by the number of volunteers from the wider community in Wilsden and we hope that this year there will be an equally enthusiastic response. Realistically, however, the project will succeed only with the practical support of the St. Matthew's congregation and our friends from the churches in Harden, Cullingworth and Denholme. We need cooks, cleaners, drivers, greeters, and especially folk willing to stay overnight. If you volunteered last year you will have received a personal invitation to help again. If you didn't, then please think about it and talk to Bob before emailing David Haigh on david@haigh.demon.co.uk. Please pray for this very worthwhile enterprise. Bob

Inn Churches On 8th of November there will be a memorial service at 5.30 pm in Bradford Cathedral for those who have died on the streets in West Yorkshire. On 10th of November 2016, Inn Churches are holding their fourth annual **Suits on the Streets** event at the old arches near Foster Square train station. The "suits" give up their bed for the night and come and sleep out under the arches with us. The money they raise when friends, colleagues and family sponsor them for the night makes it possible for Inn Churches to offer practical help to homeless people in the winter months. Email hanna@innchurches.co.uk for more information.

Dates for your Diary

Sat 19 Nov	10.00 to noon	Coffee Morning at St. Saviour's
Sat 26 Nov	11.00 to 2.00	Christmas Fayre at St. Matthew's
Sun 27 Nov	6.00 pm	Turning on the lights with Christmas Carols in Wilsden Park
Sun 27 Nov	6.00 pm	Benefice Advent Service at St. John's Cullingworth
Sun 4 Dec	6.00 pm	Turning on of lights with carols at Christmas Tree in Harden
Sat 10 Dec	10.00 to 2.00	Turkey and Tinsel at St. Saviour's
Sun 11 Dec		Toy Services at St Matthew's and St. Saviour's
Sun 11 Dec	6.30 pm	Traditional Community Carol Service at St. Saviour's

Please keep in prayer those who are not well and those who are no longer able to join us at our services: Marjorie Craven, Beatrice Waddington, Alice Griffiths, Margaret Hodgson, Jackie Lancaster and Ben Winter and his family.

BAPTISMS Please pray for these children, their families and godparents:

Isobel May Dolbyto be baptised at St. Saviour'son 27 Novemberat 11.15Lottie Bea Cowmanto be baptised at St. Saviour'son 11 DecemberAt 13.30

Prayer chains at St. Matthew's and St. Saviour's.

St. Matthew's: phone Margaret Harrison 272305. (Reserve is Dorothy 01274 497898) St. Saviour's: phone June Thompson 273787. (Reserve is Hazel 274234)

Prayers for the week beginning Sunday 30 October

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.

Sun 6 th	Pray for the leaders of Café Church.
Mon 7 th	Pray for any you know whose families may be causing them stress and anxiety for any reason. Pray that they may see clearly how and when to help and be given patience when they can only wait for outcomes.
Tues 8 th	Pray for residents in the Butterfield Homes and for the trustees meeting today.
Wed 9th	Pray for children and teachers at Wilsden school, for contacts between church and school and for ways in which we may be able to share the gospel.
Thurs 10 th	Pray for children and teachers at Harden school.
Fri 11 th	Pray for those working on websites for our parishes and give thanks for work already done to promote the work of our churches.
Sat 12 th	Pray for any you know in Residential or Nursing homes, remembering particularly those who have worshipped with us in our churches.

If you become aware of a date please contact Pauline Stern or David Haigh so that we can keep the parish diary up to date.

Please note Pauline's NEW EMAIL ADDRESS below

Please give contributions for the next newsletter to Pauline (and copy to David Haigh and vicar Bob): Tel: 01535 273814 Email: <u>pstern155@gmail.com</u> **Copy Deadline**: 12.00h on the **WEDNESDAY** before publication

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