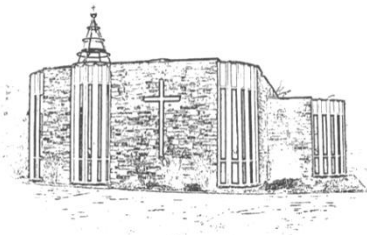
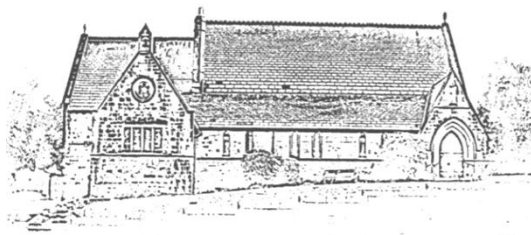


# Parishes of Harden and Wilsden



## Newsletter for 20<sup>th</sup> 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!*

Today's Services		Christ the King		
Wilsden	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Colossians 1: 11-20	Luke 23: 33-43
Wilsden	11.00 am	Café Church		
Harden	11.15 am	Holy Communion	Colossians 1: 11-20	Luke 23: 33-43

## Next Sunday's Services – Advent Sunday

Wilsden	9.30am	Morning Worship
Wilsden	11.00am	Café Church with Holy Communion
Harden	11.15am	Morning Worship

## This week's diary

Wednesday	10.45 am	Home Communion at Laurel Bank
Wednesday	2.30 – 3.00 pm	Holy Communion at St. Saviour's
Thursday	7.45 – 8.45 pm	Prayer for Wilsden at Trinity Church
Saturday	11.00am	Christmas Fayre at St Matthew's

**BCP Evening Prayer.** From January, St. Matthew's evening service on 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**St Saviour's Flowers** - donated today by June and Jim Waddington in memory of Mum

**The Family Service** on December 11<sup>th</sup> is a Nativity & Toy service. Children are encouraged to dress up as any nativity character. Everyone is invited to bring an unwrapped toy (new or in excellent condition) for the Salvation Army to distribute to families who are struggling this Christmas.

**Crafts for Pick'n'Mix** - the next session for preparing crafts for Pick'n'mix will be on Friday 2 December at 2pm at St. Matthew's. All are welcome. Tea and cakes will be provided.

**Items for Pick 'n' Mix Crafts** - Thank you for your donations of kitchen roll tubes - we now have enough. We are however short of dairylea style round cardboard boxes (tops & bottoms) for December 11<sup>th</sup> Pick 'n' Mix.

**Advent and Christmas Book Stalls** A variety of Advent preparation books for both adults and children will be on sale in our churches after morning services today.

**St. Matthew's Christmas Fayre** - Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> 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.)

**St. Saviour's Turkey & Tinsel** Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December 10am to 2pm  
Come and join us at our December Coffee Morning  
Coffee and Biscuits, Turkey Rolls, Warm Mince Pies, Mulled Wine.  
Grand Raffle of Christmas Hamper and other prizes plus Lucky Dip.  
Come and enjoy delicious food and good company.  
Whilst visiting the turkey and tinsel event, why not take a few minutes out to visit the prayer zone in church and reflect on the heart of Christmas?

**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!

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December 7.00pm 'The Carol a Christmas crib'** an evening of entertainment from Judy Blezzard as she informs us about the history of the Christmas carols we love and invites us to join in singing some of them. Cheese and wine, seasonal nibbles and other beverages will be provided. Please obtain free tickets from Judy Blezzard or a member of St. John's church in order that we know how many to set up for. We will request donations on the night.

**St. Saviour's Luncheon Club- help needed.** The regular volunteer driver who provides transport each Thursday will be unavailable for 7 weeks from the 19<sup>th</sup> January. Can you offer to help for some of these weeks? We also need people willing to be reserves to help serve and wash-up to cover occasional absences. Please speak to Bob if you can help.

**Paid cleaner** required at St. Matthew's to work approximately 1½ to 2 hours per week. Further details from the Churchwardens, Clive Allsop 01535 523693 or John Hansen 01535 275937.

**Our two churches are running an Alpha course** in Wilsden on Wednesday evenings from January 11<sup>th</sup> for 12 weeks, a fun and thoughtful way of finding out about Jesus. Would you be interested in attending the course? Can you offer to join a team to cook a meal, perhaps once a month? Please pray for the project and consider who you might invite. For more details or to offer help, have a word with Ian or Bob.

**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** Recruitment continues to go well but there are still gaps, especially in the overnight teams and in the various slots around New Year. The most up-to-date rota is on the parish web-site but a copy printed on Saturday afternoon is in both churches. These hard copies are NOT interactive; if you wish to volunteer or modify the rota in some way, please email [david@haigh.demon.co.uk](mailto:david@haigh.demon.co.uk) Bob

**Beverly and Andrew Hurst** invite you to share a Christmas drink and light snacks on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 1-4pm, at 144 Long Lane, Harden, Bingley. BD16 1BY. We do hope you can come.

### Dates for your Diary

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
Thurs 8 Dec	7.00 pm	PCC meeting at St Saviour's
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
Sun 18 Dec	6.30pm	Traditional Community Carol Service at St. Matthew's

**Information** All sorts of free leaflets and magazines are available in the racks and on tables in both churches, offering useful information for visitors and regular worshippers.

**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 Dolby to be baptised at St. Saviour's on 27 November at 11.15  
Lottie Bea Cowman to be baptised at St. Saviour's on 11 December At 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

Sun 20 <sup>th</sup>	As we acknowledge Christ as our King, pray that through his grace we may serve him better.
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup>	Pray for PCC members of St. Matthew's and St. Saviour's as they do their best to implement decisions taken.
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Pray that the Alpha Course planned for early next year may be inspirational and effective.
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Pray for the Sudan link group as they seek to increase the profile of our partnership with churches in Sudan throughout the Diocese of Leeds
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for village groups who meet in the family rooms at Harden and Wilsden
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for youth groups in our villages and those who lead them
Sat 26 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for all at the Christmas Fayre at St. Matthew's, that the event may be an expression of shared faith and fellowship.

**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: [ps Stern155@gmail.com](mailto:ps Stern155@gmail.com)

**Copy Deadline:** 12.00h on the **WEDNESDAY** before publication

Parish web site

[www.hardenwilsden.org.uk](http://www.hardenwilsden.org.uk)

St Saviour's Web site

[www.stsavioursharden.org.uk](http://www.stsavioursharden.org.uk)

TEXT reminder service for Pick'n'Mix: Text name to 07789 895949

