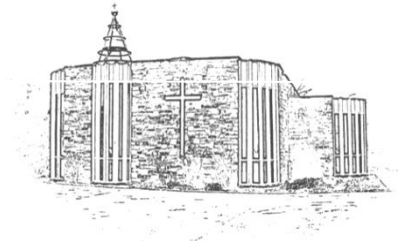


Parishes of Harden and Wilsden



Newsletter for 17th November 2019

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!

Sunday 17 November		2nd Sunday before Advent		
Wilsden	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Malachi 4 :1-2a	Luke 21 :5-19
Wilsden	11.00 am	Café Church		
Harden	11.15 am	Holy Communion	Malachi 4 :1-2a	Luke 21 :5-19

Services Next Sunday		
Wilsden	9.30 am	Morning Worship
Wilsden	11.00 am	Café Church with Holy Communion
Harden	11.15 am	Morning Worship
Wilsden	6.30 pm	Holy Communion

Diary for the next week

Wed 20 th Nov	10.00 am	Holy Communion at St Matthew's
Fri 22 nd Nov	2.00pm-4.00pm	Craft and Chat at St. Matthew's

Dates for your diary

Wed 27 th Nov	BEAF meeting at All Saints Ilkley at 7.30 pm
Sat 30 th Nov	Christmas Family Event at St. Matthew's 10.00 am to 2.00pm
Sun 1 st Dec	Curry Night at the Cardamon
Tues 3 rd Dec	Advent Quiet Time, 7.00 pm for half an hour at St. John's.
Fri 6 th Dec	Organ concert 7.30pm at St. John's
Sat 7 th Dec	Breakfast with Santa at Denholme SC, booking essential
Tues 10 th Dec	Churches Together Carol Singing at Laurel Bank 10.30 – 11.00am
Thurs 12 th Dec	Carols in the Pub 7pm at the New Inn. Proceeds to Inn Churches
Sat 14 th Dec	Churches Together Carols at Stephen Smiths at 10.30 am
Sat 14 th Dec	Turkey and Tinsel Coffee and Lunch at St. Saviour's
Sat 14 th Dec	Christmas Tree event at Harden Congregational Church

The Benefice has a new Facebook page which will link to each of the Parish Facebook pages and websites. It will advertise what is going on in the Benefice on a monthly and weekly basis and will be updated most days.

Please link on to it, like and share.

'Harden, Wilsden, Cullingworth, Denholme Benefice'

The next curry night is on 1st December – names to Helen by 24th November.

Fair Trade Festival. Thank you to everyone who supported this event last Saturday. It was a pleasant social event with brisk sales. A donation of £100 has been sent to Traidcraft Exchange supporting farmers and artisans in the Third World. If you were unable to attend, Advent Calendars and Christmas cards are still available to order. Please contact Sandra H.

Sudan Link Calendars The 2020 calendars are available from Astrid. Each month has a lovely recent photo, information about the church in Sudan and points for prayer. Two sizes, £3 and £5.

The Night Watch After the initial enthusiasm, recruitment for our December shelter is now slowing down and there are still significant gaps to be filled. As usual, the night shift is unpopular, yet it is a crucial part of what we have to offer. Once your holiday arrangements are finalised, please have a look at the rota, either the printed version in each church or the electronic one on the St. Matthew's website, and consider whether you might help. In previous years our volunteers have all found the experience to be worthwhile and fulfilling. If you can help, contact Steve Rhodes on:

07958 744514 or by email at: steve5621@icloud.com

Sponsored Children For over 30 years, our Churches have supported 'World Vision' who sponsor children throughout the world. There are brochures in each of the churches for those who would like to buy an extra gift in and amongst their Christmas shopping list. Thank you from us and them. Wendy Driver.

Plant a Tree On Saturday 23rd November from 10am to 3pm the Eco Group of Bradford Cathedral will be leading its next community tree planting day. The project began when they started planting the Cathedral Wood about three years ago. They have planted twice at a site in Frizinghall, where there are over 800 trees which are growing well. Next week's planting will be near Denso Marston Nature Reserve, Otley Road, Baildon, and all are welcome to join in.

"Trees are the natural cover of this country, and we really need to reinstate them and overturn the damage that we, as humans, have done over the centuries. We cleared trees. We think of this country as a green and pleasant land of fields, but if you think about the Roman era, they had to battle through forests. We need to put forests back as we're now experiencing more extreme weather conditions and trees hold back water. The Government is giving thousands of pounds towards flood alleviation in Airedale, and that's mainly for planting trees. But it's also about restoring biodiversity; the whole of the eco-system relies on the trees. The trees do need some care, certainly for the first three years. A group called 'Forest of Bradford' will be carrying out maintenance, as they have at the Frizinghall site for two years. It's all about helping out the trees in case some brambles grow bigger than the tree or bind weed wraps itself around them!"

Find out more about the day at <https://tree-planting-day.eventbrite.co.uk>.

You can join the team any time from 10am to 3pm next Saturday.

Prayers for the week beginning Sunday 17th 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	17-Nov	Pray for Richard and Heather, for their ministry here and that they are beginning to feel at home among us.
Mon	18-Nov	Pray for our team vicar Suzy and the other ordained and lay leaders who give such help and support.
Tue	19-Nov	Remember the life and work of St Hilda. Pray for women in leadership and teaching roles in the church today.
Wed	20-Nov	Pray for teenagers our villages, particularly if they are struggling to find the right educational or work opportunities.
Thu	21-Nov	Pray for our churches to grow and that we will have confidence to share our faith with those we meet.
Fri	22-Nov	Pray for our contribution this year to Inn Churches and for Steve Rhodes organising the volunteer rota.
Sat	23-Nov	Pray for refugees and asylum seekers. The risks they are prepared to face give us some idea of the conditions they are trying to escape.

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

St. Matthew's: Margaret Harrison 272305. (Reserve is Dorothy 01274 497898)

St. Saviour's: June Thompson 273787. (Reserve is Hazel 274234)

Please pray for:

Beatrice Waddington and all those no longer able to join our services

Gordon Nevill and Bob and Suzanne Evans

Malcolm and Di Halliday

Please give contributions for the next newsletter to Pauline - Tel: 01535 273814
email: pstern155@gmail.com (and copy to David Haigh: david@haigh.demon.co.uk
and to Helen Ludkin)

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

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