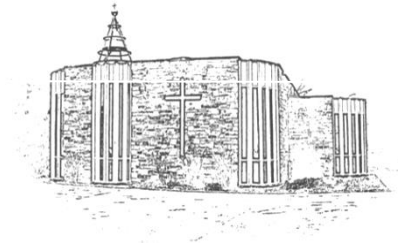


## Parishes of Harden and Wilsden



### Newsletter for 1<sup>st</sup> December 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!*

<b>Sunday 1 December</b>			<b>1st Sunday of Advent</b>	
Wilsden	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Romans 13 :11-end	Matthew 24 :36-44
Wilsden	11.00 am	Café Church		
Harden	11.15 am	Holy Communion	Romans 13 :11-end	Matthew 24 :36-44

<b>Services Next Sunday</b>		
Wilsden	9.30 am	Pick 'n' Mix & Nativity
Harden	11.15 am	Pick 'n' Mix & Nativity
Wilsden	6.30 pm	Holy Communion

***Don't forget that Wilsden's Christmas lights will be switched on at 6pm this evening.***

## Diary for the next week

Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	7.00 pm	Advent Quiet Time for half an hour at St. John's
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.00 am	Holy Communion at St. Matthew's
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	7.00 pm	Inn Churches Volunteers' Refresher Evening
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2.00 pm	Craft & Chat at St. Matthew's plus crafts for Pick 'n' Mix
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	7.30 pm	Organ concert at St. John's
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1.00 pm	Lego Club at St. Matthew's

## Dates for your diary

Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Harden Christmas Lights Switch on at 5.00 pm
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Churches Together Carol Singing at Laurel Bank 10.30 – 11.00am
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Carols in the Pub 7pm at the New Inn. Proceeds to Inn Churches
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Churches Together Carols at Stephen Smiths at 10.30 am
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Turkey and Tinsel Coffee and Lunch at St. Saviour's from 10.00 am
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Tree event at Harden Congregational Church
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Carol Services at St. Matthew's and St. Saviour's at 6.30 pm

**Crafts for Pick'n'Mix** - the next session to prepare craft materials will be on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December at St Matthew's at 2pm. All are welcome. Refreshments will be provided.

**The Inn Churches** rota is almost full, with a couple of night slots and one breakfast slot still empty. If you wish to volunteer, please have a look at the rota on the St. Matthew's website, and contact Steve Rhodes on:

07958 744514 or at [steve5621@icloud.com](mailto:steve5621@icloud.com)

Next Thursday, the 5<sup>th</sup> is our up-date session featuring a new look at the Code of Conduct and an introduction to the new management arrangements. If you are a volunteer this year, please come along. Many thanks to all the volunteers.

### **Turkey & Tinsel at St Saviour's**

Saturday 14th December 10am until 2pm

This event is in conjunction with the Congregational Church's display of decorated Christmas trees by organisations in the village.

Watch out for posters giving more details.

**All refreshments, including our delicious Turkey Sandwiches are only available at St. Saviour's.**

**St. Saviour's Grand Christmas Raffle** – Prizes include a bumper Christmas Hamper. Tickets are available from members of the congregation.

**The Churches Together Christmas cards.** Thank you to all the Wilsden stalwarts who delivered our share of the cards.

**The First Window** of Wilsden's Living Advent Calendar opens today. Pick up a programme in church or from the St. Matthew's web-site.

**Christmas Cards** This year, rather than sending lots of Christmas cards to all your Church friends, why not bring one Christmas card for everyone in Church. There will be a board to display them all and if you would like to donate the money that you have saved, that would be brilliant. It will go to the Children's Society. *Richard.*

**A Thank You from Bradford Foodbank** We just wanted to thank you for your recent food donation to Foodbank! This is very gratefully received, we can only feed hungry families in Bradford with support like yours.

Please find below our latest newsletter that I hope you find encouraging:

In October we've been busier than ever – in fact we fed 446 people with 3 day emergency food parcels - that's 4014 meals!

Daniel came back to Foodbank to say thank you so I'd thought I'd share it as I hope it inspires you that everything you donate is changing lives! He said:

*'I needed Foodbank because I got sanctioned which left me with no money. Foodbank helped me through so I didn't go hungry. I started volunteering at Foodbank because I don't want to see other people suffering and I wanted to help them. Foodbank told me about CAP Job Club which was great. They helped me write my CV and with interview techniques. These skills and volunteering at Foodbank helped me get a bakery job. This place has inspired me and got me to where I am now.'*

We also ran a 'Healthy Holidays' program again in October half term which was very busy helping 68 children. Veronika said: *'I'm on Universal Credit and I only have £100 left for everything after I've paid bills and rent and we can't live on that. Holidays are much harder because we don't have school meals. Foodbank really helps.'*

30 schools also did harvest collections for us for which we are really grateful. Heaton St Barnabas topped the table again by very generously donating 504KG of food!

Unfortunately, the need for Foodbanks is growing and it's becoming the unacceptable norm that families have to rely on us to survive. Josie Barlow, Foodbank manager

## **Prayers for the week beginning Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

Sun	01-Dec	Advent Sunday Pray that we may carefully and prayerfully use this season of reflection and preparation so that the next few weeks lead to enhanced appreciation of the Christmas festival.
Mon	02-Dec	Pray for members of Wilsden WI, give thanks for the friendship and fellowship they offer.
Tue	03-Dec	Pray for any who are finding Christmas shopping a source of worry and stress, that the meaning behind all the hustle and bustle may break through and refresh them.
Wed	04-Dec	Pray for local police officers, community support officers and school crossing patrols, out in all weathers to serve the community.
Thu	05-Dec	Pray for members of any groups that use our church premises for their meetings.
Fri	06-Dec	Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, patron saint of children and the origin of the tradition of Santa Claus. Pray for children in need wherever they are.
Sat	07-Dec	St Ambrose, patron saint of beekeepers. With Denholme Gate Apiary as an example, pray for small independent businesses in our area.

### **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  
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

*Please note we can only mention people, by name, in the newsletter with their consent.*

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