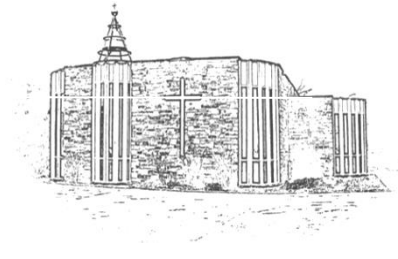
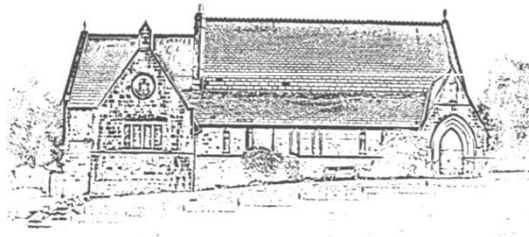


Parishes of Harden and Wilsden



Newsletter for 22nd & 29th 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!

Sunday 22 December			4th in Advent	
Wilsden	9.30 am	Morning Worship	Isaiah 7 :10-16	Matthew 1 :18-end
Wilsden	11.00 am	Café Church with Holy Communion		
Harden	11.15 am	Morning Worship	Isaiah 7 :10-16	Matthew 1 :18-end
Wilsden	6.30 pm	Holy Communion		

Tuesday 24 December			Christmas Eve	
Wilsden	4.00pm	Christingle		
Harden	3.00pm	Christingle		
Harden	5.00 pm	Christingle		
Wilsden	11.30 pm	Holy Communion	Isaiah 52 :7-10	John 1 :1-14
Harden	11.30 pm	Holy Communion	Isaiah 52 :7-10	John 1 :1-14

Wednesday 25 December			Christmas Day	
Harden	10.30 am	Joint Family Holy Communion	Titus 3: 4-7	Luke 2 :8-20

Sunday 29 December		Christmas 1
Denholme	10.30 am	Joint Benefice 5 th Sunday Holy Communion Service at Denholme Shared Church. There will be no service at St. Saviour's or St. Matthew's on that day.

Dates for your diary

26 Dec to 30 Dec	Inn Churches night shelter at St. Matthew's
Sun 5 th January	Curry Night at the Cardamon – names to Helen by 29 December.

Please note that there will be no service of Holy Communion at St. Matthew's on Wednesday 1st January 2020.

St. Saviour's Flower Rota for 2020 - Dates for 2020 are displayed on the noticeboard at the back of church. Please sign if you are willing to arrange flowers or to make a donation for flowers to mark a celebration or to remember a loved one.

For data protection reasons if you would like the anniversary or special occasion mentioned in the church newsletter please ensure that you sign the box to give us permission to do so. Donations should be given to Jean Crerer.

Many thanks to all who gave so generously to enhance our church in 2019.

100 Club The winners of the November monthly draw:

27 – Clive Allsop £25

10- Malcolm Jones - £10

Craft and Chat at St. Matthew's No further meetings in December. We will begin again on Friday 3rd January. On the 10th we will prepare crafts for Pick'n'Mix.

Christingle Help needed please to prepare Christingles in each of our churches on Monday 23rd December. 10am to 12 noon at St. Matthew's and from 2pm at St. Saviour's.

The Men's group - We come together every couple of months for varied events, usually ending up in a pub for a drink, a meal and 'putting t'world to rights'.
Dates for 2020: 22nd Jan, 25th Mar, 20th May, 22nd July, 23rd Sep, 18th Nov. (all Wednesdays). Past events include: Dominoes, 10 pin bowling, talks by group members, summer time walks and darts.

To provide details so you can be kept up to date with upcoming events contact:

Robert Priestley. 07758 193260 or louiseandrob22@gmail.com

– you will be very welcome!

The collections for Inn Churches at the Carol Services were £188 at St. Saviour's and £208.75 at St Matthew's including gift aid.

Inn Churches Party It has become a popular and worthwhile tradition to hold a thank you party for all the volunteers who have made the season's shelter for the homeless a success. It is especially appropriate to thank the many volunteers from outside the church who give up their time over the busy holiday period. Without them the project could not happen.

All the volunteers will have had an invitation to this year's party on Friday the 3rd January. A choice of hot meal will be provided but it would be helpful if the church families involved could bring a dessert and/or drinks, alcoholic or otherwise, so that there is plenty to go round. In this way, the volunteers who are not part of the church can just turn up and be blessed by the hospitality provided by the church.

If you are coming to the party and feel able to contribute, please let Sandra know on 01535 274225 or at sandra@haigh.demon.co.uk

Thank you to all the church members for their donations of time, money, food and other essentials.

St. Saviour's monthly coffee mornings. There will be no coffee morning in January. We look forward to seeing everyone at the first one for 2020 on 15th February.

Denholme Shared Church are hosting a Family Epiphany Party on January 4th at 4pm. Please contact Judith Drake for more details.

Prayers for the two weeks beginning Sunday 22nd 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	22-Dec	Pray for all at the carol services at Denholme Shared Church and Wilsden Trinity today.
Mon	23-Dec	Pray for any you know for whom Christmas is a time of sad memories, that they may be comforted
Tue	24-Dec	Pray for all at the Christingle services in the four churches of our benefice and for the work of the Children's Society.
Wed	25-Dec	Pray with and for Christians around the world as the birth of Jesus our Lord and Saviour is celebrated, and that we are mindful of the needs of others today and every day.
Thu	26-Dec	Pray for all involved in the organisation of the night shelter at St. Matthew's, remembering particularly those responsible for the rotas and the team leaders for each period.

Fri	27-Dec	Pray for those who find food and shelter in St. Matthew's this week.
Sat	28-Dec	Pray for any who face difficulties at this time as others are enjoying the season.
Sun	29-Dec	As we worship together in Denholme Shared Church, pray that we may grow together as a visible presence of God's love in this little corner of Yorkshire.
Mon	30-Dec	Pray for the guests who have slept at St Matthew's during the past week, for a brighter and happier year ahead.
Tue	31-Dec	Pray for the clergy and readers in our benefice who have had so much extra to do over the past few weeks, that they may feel loved and supported.
Wed	01-Jan	Pray for peace in the year ahead. Give thanks for all who work for peace.
Thu	02-Jan	Pray for those who face the year ahead with uncertainty, those who are anxious about family, health or employment.
Fri	03-Jan	Pray for all who work in the medical centres in Wilsden and Cullingworth.
Sat	04-Jan	Pray for those who work at Airedale Hospital and Bradford Hospitals.

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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