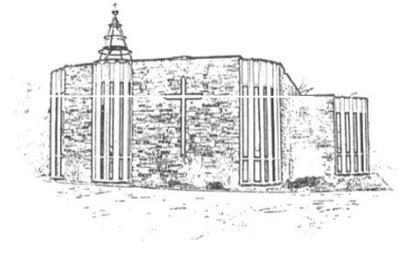


Parishes of Harden and Wilsden



Newsletter for 5th January 2020

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 5 January			4th in Advent	
Wilsden	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Isaiah 60:1-6	Matthew 2:1-12
Wilsden	11.00 am	Café Church		
Harden	11.15 am	Holy Communion	Isaiah 60:1-6 or Ephesians 3:1-12	Matthew 2:1-12

Services Next Sunday		
Wilsden	9.30 am	Pick ‘n’ Mix
Harden	11.15 am	Pick ‘n’ Mix
Wilsden	6.30 pm	Holy Communion

Dates for your diary

Wed 8 th Jan	10.45 am	Home Communion at Laurel Bank
Wed 8 th Jan	2.30 pm	Prayer & Cake at St. Saviour's
Wed 8 th Jan	3.30 pm	Messy Church at St. Matthew's
Fri 10 th Jan	2.00 pm	Craft & Chat at St. Matthew's plus crafts for Pick 'n' Mix
Sun 19 th Jan	4.00pm	Churches Together Service at St. John's for the Week of Christian Unity.

Christingle The two services in St. Saviour's and the one at St. Matthew's were very well attended. A surprising number of the congregation were not children but young adults, whose parents thought that Christmas was not complete without sending them to a Christingle service! The total collected for the Children's Society was £381.50 in Harden and £208.80 in Wilsden, both including gift aid.

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 louiseandrobort22@gmail.com

– you will be very welcome!

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.

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.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2020 runs from 18th to 26th January. This period includes Sunday 19th January when happily a Churches Together service has been arranged at St.John's, Cullingworth. As an innovation this will take place in the afternoon at 4pm when service will be led by Richard.

Do come along to join with friends from Denholme, Cullingworth, Trinity and Harden Congs.

Recycle your ink cartridges and raise money for Inn Churches, who can use any cartridges with 'printhead' metallic contacts but not laser toners.

A box is available in each family room and will be emptied regularly.

The Inn Churches Night Shelter The church, the guests, and the volunteers are all still standing so it went well. The first three nights were quiet but the last was more exciting, with two problems, including a medical one. The volunteers coped magnificently, as we have come to expect, but we are not used to having flashing blue lights outside the church. Once was enough!

After a full house last year, the numbers this time never reached double figures and some volunteers were disappointed. Paul Bointon from Inn Churches tells me that numbers in the first month of the shelter season have been rather low, mostly because the parent charity carefully screens the guests to ensure that volunteers can cope with them. We need to remember that every single guest given hospitality for the night is someone who would otherwise sleep on the streets.

So a huge thank you to the more than 70 volunteers who cooked, cleaned and cared. Without you, it would not have happened.

The shelter continues in other churches until the end of March. Please keep those churches and the guests in your prayers.

And then there's next year...

DavidH

Prayers for the week beginning Sunday 5th January

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	05-Jan	As God led people to find him by the guiding of a star, pray for all seekers looking for meaning and purpose in their lives.
Mon	06-Jan	School starts today. Pray for children and teachers in our village schools
Tue	07-Jan	Pray for the work of all charities supporting the homeless, remembering the on-going Inn Churches project in and around Bradford.
Wed	08-Jan	As Messy Church begins again, pray for the children and adults who attend. Pray for God's guidance and blessing for all who help in any way.
Thu	09-Jan	Pray for older people in our communities particularly if winter weather is causing problems.
Fri	10-Jan	Pray for those who plan Pick'n'Mix services and those who help to prepare materials for the activities.
Sat	11-Jan	Pray for students and teachers at the College of the Resurrection at Mirfield and at other theological colleges.

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.

Websites: www.stmatthewswilsden.org.uk www.stsavioursharden.org.uk

Parish Administrator: Helen Ludkin: beneficehwcd@gmail.com 07788848830

Team Rector: Revd Richard Burge: richard.burge@leeds.anglican.org
01535 273758 and for urgent calls: 07484275887

Team Vicar: Rev Suzy McCarter: suzanne_mccarter@msn.com 01535 270687

Benefice Facebook page - 'Harden, Wilsden, Cullingworth, Denholme Benefice'
--