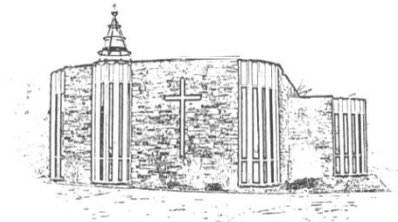


Parishes of Harden and Wilsden



Newsletter for 12th 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 12 January			1st of Epiphany	
Wilsden	9.30 am	Pick 'n' Mix		
Harden	11.15 am	Pick 'n' Mix		
Wilsden	6.30pm	Holy Communion	Isaiah 42: 1-9	Matthew 3:13-17

Services Next Sunday		
Wilsden	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Wilsden	11.00 am	Cafe Church
Harden	11.15 am	Holy Communion

Diary for the next week

Wed 15 th	10.00 am	Holy Communion at St. Matthew's
Fri 17 th	2.00 pm	Craft & Chat at St. Matthew's

Dates for your diary

Sun 19 th Jan	4.00pm	Churches Together Service at St. John's for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.
Fri 14 th Feb	7.00pm	Love Auction at 34 Harden Lane Wilsden

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.

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. Matthew's Sponsored Children (Adam in Africa Committee)

You are invited to a '**love**' auction on Friday 14th February from 7pm.

Please bring a modest but **lovely** gift to auction at

Wendy Driver's home (34 Harden Lane, Wilsden).

"If music be the food of love – just come!" thanks, Wendy.

Benefice Facebook Page If you are on Facebook, please find and follow our Benefice Facebook Page. You can find it by searching for "Harden, Wilsden, Cullingworth, Denholme Benefice" You will find it before you have to type all of that in! We keep it up to date with all the things that we are doing and it is a good way to make people aware of our active church life. It is easy for posts to be spread far and wide and is a means of outreach and mission. Please find the page, like it and follow it and you will be helping to spread the word!

100 Club The winners of the December monthly draw:

27 – Clive Allsop £25

10- Malcolm Jones - £10

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
18-25th January 2020



Sunday 19th January
Churches Together Joint Service
St. John's Cullingworth, 4.00pm
led by Revd Richard Burge

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 12th 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	12-Jan	Pray for those leading and those worshipping at the Pick'n'Mix services.
Mon	13-Jan	Anniversary of the death of George Fox, founder of the Society of Friends. Give thanks for the insights this denomination has brought to Christian faith and for good works pioneered by leading members.
Tue	14-Jan	Pray for peace in the year ahead. Give thanks for all who work for peace.
Wed	15-Jan	Pray for the Anglican Province of Sudan and that the Transitional Government in that country may be able to improve conditions for all their people.
Thu	16-Jan	The Leprosy Mission ask for prayers for their workers in dangerous parts of Nigeria.
Fri	17-Jan	Pray for CMS, for Awais and her work with refugees and asylum seekers.
Sat	18-Jan	Pray for refugee children and that our country may be willing and able to help in re-uniting families.

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

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