Parishes of Harden and Wilsden



Newsletter for 13th November

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!

Today's Services – Remembrance Sunday

Wilsden	9.30 am	Pick'n'Mix: Remembrance
Wilsden	10.45am	Service at the Cenotaph
Harden	10.45am	Service at the Cenotaph
Harden	11.15am	Pick'n'Mix: Remembrance
Wilsden	6.30pm	Holy Communion

Next Sunday's Services – Christ the King

Wilsden	9.30am	Holy Communion
Wilsden	11.00am	Café Church
Harden	11.15am	Holy Communion

This week's diary

Wednesday	10.00am	Holy Communion at St Matthew's
Saturday	10.00am	Coffee morning at St. Saviour's

St. Saviour's and St. Matthew's flowers today were donated by Suzanne Evans.

BCP Evening Prayer. From January, St Matthew's evening service on 4th Sundays will be re-launched on a trial basis – it will be a 'said' service, sometimes with hymns, and based on the BCP Evensong liturgy.

"Getting Ready for Christmas" coffee morning at St. Saviour's - Sat 19th Nov 10am to noon. As well as our usual cake stall and raffle there will be £1 parcels and a Christmas Stall selling items suitable for presents such as cards, wrapping paper, chocolates, jars of mincemeat, chutney etc. Contributions for the Christmas Stall may be left in the Choir Vestry. We look forward to seeing you all.

St. Saviour's Turkey & Tinsel Saturday 10th December 10am to 2pm Come and join us at our December Coffee Morning Coffee and Biscuits, Turkey Rolls, Warm Mince Pies, Mulled Wine. Grand Raffle of Christmas Hamper and other prizes plus Lucky Dip. Come and enjoy delicious food and good company.

New Bibles for St. Matthew's We are buying some new bibles (NIV edition) for use in small groups and in worship. By buying 20 we get them at a great price. If you would be willing to sponsor a bible for £10.00 please give it to either warden in an envelope with your name on it and a label will be placed inside the bible recording that you have donated it. Anonymous donations are possible too!

The Family Service on December 11th is a Nativity & Toy service. Children are encouraged to dress up as any nativity character. Everyone is invited to bring an unwrapped toy (new or in excellent condition) for the Salvation Army to distribute to families who are struggling this Christmas.

St. Saviour's Luncheon Club- help needed. The regular volunteer driver who provides transport each Thursday will be unavailable for 7 weeks from the 19th January. Can you offer to help for some of these weeks? We also need people willing to be reserves to help serve and wash-up to cover occasional absences. Please speak to Bob if you can help.

Paid cleaner required at St. Matthew's to work approximately 1½ to 2 hours per week. Further details from the Churchwardens, Clive Allsop 01535 523693 or John Hansen 01535 275937.

Children's work at St. Saviour's We have an opportunity to run an after school Christian club for children in the family room on Wednesday afternoons (term times only) from 3 to 4.30. It would be called Roots. Rev. Suzy will lead it but it is vital that we also have at least one, preferably two adults to help. Can YOU help? The only qualification is that you are between 18 and 100 and are willing to be police checked. Please speak to one of the clergy; this is such an opportunity for St. Saviour's! **Information** All sorts of free leaflets and magazines are available in the racks and on tables in both churches, offering useful information for visitors and regular worshippers.

St. Matthew's Christmas Fayre - Saturday 26th November 11am – 2pm Café serving turkey sandwiches, mince pies and cakes. Stalls including fancy goods, cakes, books, tombola and a raffle. Why not design/make a Christmas tree for the exhibition? (Please bring it to church before 11am on the day.)

Advent and Christmas Book Stalls A variety of Advent preparation books for both adults and children will be on sale in our churches after morning service, in Harden today and next week and in Wilsden next week.

Our two churches are running an Alpha course in Wilsden on Wednesday evenings from January 11th for 12 weeks, a fun and thoughtful way of finding out about Jesus. Would you be interested in attending the course? Can you offer to join a team to cook a meal, perhaps once a month? Please pray for the project and consider who you might invite. For more details or to offer help, have a word with lan or Bob.

Fair Trade News The Real Advent Calendar is now available. This comes with a small 28-page Christmas story activity book designed to be used each day in Advent. Behind each window is a Fairtrade chocolate. For each sale a small donation is made to Traidcraft Exchange and the Funzi Baby Clinic in Kenya. Calendars may be ordered from Sandra or Suzanne at a special price of £3.60.(RRP £3.99)

Night Shelter Recruitment is going well but there are still gaps, especially in the overnight teams and in the various slots around New Year. The most up-to-date rota is on the parish web-site but a copy printed on Saturday afternoon is in both churches. These hard copies are NOT interactive; if you wish to volunteer or modify the rota in some way, please email david@haigh.demon.co.uk Bob

Dates for your Diary

Sat 19 Nov	10.00 to noon	Coffee Morning at St. Saviour's
Wed 23 Nov	2.30 - 3.00	Holy Communion at St. Saviour's
Thurs 24 Nov	7.45 – 8.45	Prayer for Wilsden at Trinity Church
Sat 26 Nov	11.00 to 2.00	Christmas Fayre at St. Matthew's
Sun 27 Nov	6.00 pm	Turning on the lights with Christmas Carols in Wilsden Park
Sun 27 Nov	6.00 pm	Benefice Advent Service at St. John's Cullingworth
Sun 4 Dec	6.00 pm	Turning on of lights with carols at Christmas Tree in Harden
Sat 10 Dec	10.00 to 2.00	Turkey and Tinsel at St. Saviour's
Sun 11 Dec		Toy Services at St Matthew's and St. Saviour's
Sun 11 Dec	6.30 pm	Traditional Community Carol Service at St. Saviour's

Please keep in prayer those who are not well and those who are no longer able to join us at our services: Marjorie Craven, Beatrice Waddington, Alice Griffiths, Margaret Hodgson, Jackie Lancaster and Ben Winter and his family.

BAPTISMS Please pray for these children, their families and godparents:

Isobel May Dolbyto be baptised at St. Saviour'son 27 Novemberat 11.15Lottie Bea Cowmanto be baptised at St. Saviour'son 11 DecemberAt 13.30

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

St. Matthew's: phone Margaret Harrison 272305. (Reserve is Dorothy 01274 497898) St. Saviour's: phone June Thompson 273787. (Reserve is Hazel 274234)

Prayers for the week beginning Sunday 13th 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 13 th	Remember those who have died for this country in past wars. Pray for men and women serving in the armed forces, for their safety and that they may carry out their duties with courage and honour.
Mon 14 th	Pray for leaders of nations, for peace and justice at home and for an end to conflict in the many troubled parts of the world.
Tues 15 th	Pray that we are able to seize the opportunity to provide a Christian club for children at St. Saviour's.
Wed 16th	Pray for those leading and attending Chatterbox.
Thurs 17 th	Pray for those who go to the Thursday group in Wilsden and that christians among them are able to share something of the love, joy and comfort they experience.
Fri 18 th	Pray for Bob and Liz, Mavis, Ian, Paul and Suzy that they are strengthened and encouraged in their work among us.
Sat 19 th	Pray for those organising and those attending the coffee morning at St. Saviour's.

If you become aware of a date please contact Pauline Stern or David Haigh so that we can keep the parish diary up to date.

Please note Pauline's NEW EMAIL ADDRESS below

Please give contributions for the next newsletter to Pauline (and copy to David Haigh and vicar Bob): Tel: 01535 273814 Email: pstern155@gmail.com **Copy Deadline**: 12.00h on the **WEDNESDAY** before publication

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