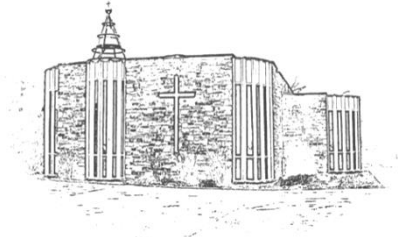


# Parishes of Harden and Wilsden



## Newsletter for 4<sup>th</sup> December

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		2nd in Advent		
Wilsden	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Romans 15: 4-13	Matthew 3: 1-12
Wilsden	11.00 am	Café Church		
Harden	11.15 am	Holy Communion	Romans 15: 4-13	Matthew 3: 1-12

## Next Sunday's Services –3<sup>rd</sup> in Advent

Wilsden	9.30 am	Pick 'n' Mix – Nativity and Toy Service
Harden	11.15 am	Pick 'n' Mix – Nativity and Toy Service
<b>Harden</b>	<b>6.30 pm</b>	<b>Carol Service</b>

### **Dedication of new doors and Faith Lunch at St. Saviour's**

The new doors given in memory of Geoff Baxter will be dedicated during this morning's service and there is a lunch afterwards. Everyone is welcome to join us.

**The Family Services at both churches** on December 11<sup>th</sup> are Nativity & Toy services.

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.

## This week's diary

Today	6.00 pm	Turning on of lights with carols at Christmas Tree in Harden
Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Communion at St. Matthew's
Thursday	7.00 pm	PCC meeting at St. Saviour's
Saturday	10.00 - 2.00	"Turkey & Tinsel" at St. Saviour's

**Ervin Bairstow RIP** The funeral service for Ervin Bairstow will take place on Thursday 8th December at St Matthew's followed by a committal at Wilsden Cemetery. Please remember the family and especially son Edward in your prayers.

**Night Shelter** A few crucial slots are still vacant, particularly some on the night shift. A copy of the rota is available in each church. If you are able to help, please contact: david@haigh.demon.co.uk

**Wilsden's Living Advent Calendar** is now in full swing. Pick up a leaflet from church or download it from our parish website.

**Why not** have a look at the Church of Scotland's on-line advent calendar. It's thought provoking, if you can cope with the Glasgow accents. Try the link on our parish website.

**Food Bank** - supplies are good following generosity at Harvest but the following are in short supply: tinned fish, tinned meat, meat pastes, pasta sauces. They would also appreciate Christmas cake or puddings as long as they have a long shelf life.

**Churches Together Carol Singing** Do come along and sing with friends from other local churches on two occasions this month. We visit Laurel Bank on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December meeting at 10.15am and Stephen Smith's Garden Centre on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December at the new time of 11am.

### **St. Saviour's Turkey & Tinsel Next 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.

Whilst visiting the turkey and tinsel event, why not take a few minutes out to visit the prayer zone in church and reflect on the heart of Christmas?

**The Carol Service at St. Saviour's** will be on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30. All are welcome at this key event in our church life.

**More Carols** with a Christmas quiz at the New Inn, Wilsden Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December from 7.30pm.

**Decorating St. Matthew's for Christmas.** We shall be decorating St Matthew's for Christmas on Saturday 17 December from 10.00 am. Everyone is welcome, please help if you can. A plate for donations towards Christmas flowers will be available in church for the next two weeks.

**Many Thanks** to the members of the St. Matthew's congregation who delivered the Village Voice magazine so promptly. Bob

**The Diocesan e-newsletter** for November 24<sup>th</sup> is available via a link on the parish web-site.

**Announcement from Bishop Nick**

The Revd Sandra Benham has been appointed as the new Area Dean for the Aire & Worth deanery of which we shall be part, and which begins its life on January 1st. Sandra is incumbent of Baildon.

There will be a **licensing service to launch the new deaneries** led by Bishop Nick on **15th January at Bradford Cathedral, 4pm** to which all are invited.

**Our two churches are running an Alpha course** in Wilsden on Wednesday evenings from January 11<sup>th</sup> 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 Ian or Bob.

**100 Club**

Winners in the November Draw were

£25 - 21 - Shirley Durrant;

£10 - 5 - Peter Allison

**Dates for your Diary**

Sun 11 Dec	7.00 pm	The Carol a Christmas crib at St John's, Cullingworth
Wed 14 Dec	2.30pm	Prayer and Cake at St Saviour's
Thurs 15 Dec	10.30am	Carols at Laurel Bank
Thurs 15 Dec	7.30pm	Carols and Quiz at the New Inn
Sat 17 Dec	11.00am	Churches Together Carol Singing at Steven Smith's
Sun 18 Dec	6.30pm	Traditional Community Carol Service at St. Matthew's
Wed 11 Jan		Alpha course starts at St Matthew's
Sun 15 Jan	4.00 pm	Licensing service to launch the new deaneries at Bradford Cathedral

**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, Jackie Lancaster and Ben Winter and his family.

**Please pray** for those to be baptised:

Lottie Bea Cowman at St. Saviour's on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 13.30.

Jack Alexander A. Foers at St. Saviour's on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 12 noon.

Nell Eugenie Quinlan at St Saviour's on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 14.00.

and for their parents and godparents.

**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 4<sup>th</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 4 <sup>th</sup>	As the Christmas lights are switched on in Harden, pray that the thoughts of many may turn to the meaning of this season's celebrations.
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for the planned Alpha course, that it may speak to a need among our congregations and the wider communities.
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup>	St Nicholas, 4th century Bishop of Myra. Stories of this saint are the origins of the Father Christmas tradition. Pray for children and families everywhere, remembering particularly those suffering in war zones and refugee camps.
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for all at the Well Being cafe at St. Matthew's and for those who provide this service.
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for families in need in our area.
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for Bob and Suzanne, that they are strengthened and encouraged in their work among us.
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for all at Turkey and Tinsel at St. Saviour's today and at the Carol Service there tomorrow, that these happy events may be a joyful part of Christmas celebrations and worship.

**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](mailto:pstern155@gmail.com)

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St Saviour's Web site

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TEXT reminder service for Pick'n'Mix: Text name to 07789 895949

