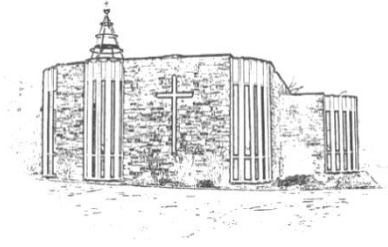
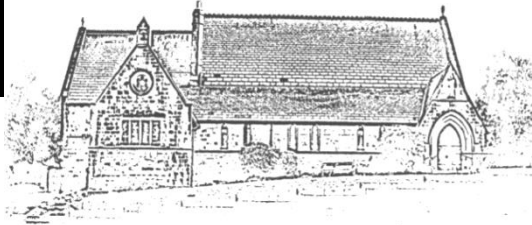


Parishes of Harden and Wilsden



Newsletter for 23 & 30 December 2018

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".s
- 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 23 December	4th in Advent	
Joint Morning Worship for St. Matthew's and St. Saviour's at Wilsden at 10.30 am	Micah 5 : 2-5a	Luke 1.39-45 (46-55)

Monday 24 December			Christmas Eve	
Harden	3.00pm	Christingle		
Wilsden	4.00pm	Christingle		
Harden	5.00 pm	Christingle		
Wilsden	11.30 pm	Holy Communion	Psalm 89: 2,19-27	Luke 1: 67-79
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Tuesday 25 December	Christmas Day	
Joint Family Holy Communion for St. Matthew's and St. Saviour's at Harden at 10.30 am	Isaiah 62.2-end	Luke 2.1-14

Sunday 30 December	Christmas 1	
Joint Family Holy Communion for St. Matthew's and St. Saviour's at Harden at 10.30 am	1 Samuel 2.18-20 & 26	Luke 2.41-end

Diary for the next week

Wed 26th Dec – Monday 31st Dec Night shelter at St. Matthew's

Dates for your Diary

There will be **no** Wednesday Communion at St. Matthew's on **Wed 2 January**.

On **6 January**: at St. Matthew's, there will be a service at 10.30am. The joint service with Trinity will be at St. Matthew's at 6.30pm.

In Harden, there will be a Churches Together service at Harden Congregational Church at 10.30am.

Friday 11th January Craft and Chat restarts at St. Matthew's at 2pm

At St. Saviour's, there will be no Prayer and Cake in January. The meetings will resume in February.

Turkey and Tinsel Thank you to everyone who supported the 'Turkey and Tinsel' event and our Grand Christmas Draw. Thanks to the efforts of everyone involved, £520 was raised for church funds. We shall look forward to meeting up again on February 16th at our next coffee morning when bacon butties will be available. In the meantime, a Happy New Year to you all!

Night Shelter Thank you for all your support so far. Gifts of cake, biscuits and sweets to add that extra touch of welcome will be much appreciated.

Used Stamps The Leprosy Mission are still collecting used stamps which they can sell to help fund their work. Please leave any used stamps in the box in church. Please leave a border of 1/4 inch or 1/2cm around the stamp.

Inn Churches Party It has become a popular and worthwhile tradition to hold a thank you party for all the volunteers who have contributed to the shelter. 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 4th 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 around. 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.

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)

Please keep in prayer Beatrice Waddington, Alice Griffiths and all those who are no longer able to join us at our services.

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 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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Prayers for the two weeks beginning Sunday 23rd 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	23-Dec	Pray for any who are housebound and not able to share in Christmas activities as they used to.
Mon	24-Dec	Pray for all at the Christingle services in our churches and for the work of the Children's Society.
Tue	25-Dec	Pray with and for Christians around the world as the birth of Jesus our Lord and Saviour is celebrated. Make us mindful of the needs of others today and every day.
Wed	26-Dec	Pray for all involved in the organisation of Night Shelter at St. Matthew's, remembering particularly those responsible for the rotas and the team leaders for each period.
Thu	27-Dec	Pray for those who find food and shelter at St. Matthew's this week.
Fri	28-Dec	Pray for any who face difficulties at this time as others are enjoying the season.
Sat	29-Dec	Pray for single parent families in our villages.
Sun	30-Dec	Pray for our benefice and for the right person to come forward as our team rector.
Mon	31-Dec	Pray for the guests who have slept at St Matthew's during the past week, for a brighter future and happier year ahead.
Tue	1-Jan	Pray for peace in the year ahead. Give thanks for all who work for peace.
Wed	2-Jan	Pray for 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.
Thu	3-Jan	Pray for those who face the year ahead with uncertainty, those who are anxious about family, health or employment
Fri	4-Jan	Pray for older people in the community, particularly if winter weather is causing problems.
Sat	5-Jan	Pray for those who work at Airedale Hospital and the Bradford Hospitals.