

Parishes of St. Saviour's Harden and St. Matthew's Wilsden  
IN THE BENEFICE OF HARDEN AND WILSDEN, CULLINGWORTH AND DENHOLME  
**Newsletter for 29<sup>th</sup> November 2020: Advent Sunday**

## **Services Today**

### **10.30am United Benefice Service on Zoom:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84581997999?pwd=RlViaVVsnWEyZ2t1bUFOUzJYZEhPZz09>

Meeting ID: 845 8199 7999

Passcode: 144222

### **6.00pm Evening Prayer on Facebook**

#### **THE CHURCHES WILL STILL BE OPEN FOR PERSONAL PRAYER**

St Saviour's, Harden: Wednesdays 2.30pm to 3.30pm

St Matthew's Church: Wednesdays 2.00pm to 3.00pm

**TOY SERVICE:** One of our Advent services is usually a time when we gather new toys for charities who give presents to children who might otherwise not receive much Christmas Joy. We would still like to gather toys this year so please do bring them to church on Wednesday afternoons or drop them at The Rectory or The Vicarage.

#### **Churches Together Christmas Card 2020: Help Needed!**

In these strange times it was felt more important than ever to send a card from our churches to every household in our two villages.

3,000 cards have arrived from the printers. In Harden they will be delivered with Tittle Tattle, while in Wilsden the distribution will be shared between St Matthew's and Trinity. Could you deliver a bundle as part of your daily exercise?

Please contact Sandra H on 274225 or email [sandra@dshaigh.uk](mailto:sandra@dshaigh.uk)

## **Inn Churches**

Usually at this time of year we are raising funds to support the work of Inn Churches, and preparing to welcome guests to stay in St Matthew's Church at some point over the festive period. Our COVID context means that our usual activities are cancelled, but we would very much like to support the work of Inn Churches who will need funds more than ever this year. We have also had a really generous offer that any funds we raise up to £1250 will be matched, meaning that if we raise that sum then Inn Churches will receive £2500. You can help us to do this by going to: <https://givealittle.co/campaigns/4e9d59b8-af11-4b79-9bdb-96cb5a9e77da>

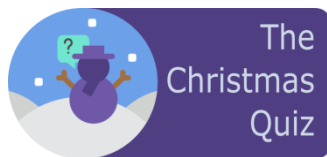
But If you wish to donate in some other way, please ring Peter Allison on 01535 273403.

## Fair Trade News.

Traidcraft Charity Christmas cards are now available to order. If you would like a copy of the 2020 catalogue to make your selection please contact Sandra H on 01535 274225 or email: [sandra@dshaigh.uk](mailto:sandra@dshaigh.uk)



## **BENEFICE ZOOM QUIZ NIGHT ON WEDNESDAY!**



**Congratulations** to Chris and Jeanne who were joint winners of Wednesday's quiz set by Astrid and Phil, thanks to them for a great set of questions. Richard will be question master for a Christmas themed quiz on Wednesday 2 December at 7.00pm. This will be the last quiz of 2020, why not join in the fun maybe wearing your Christmas jumper or hat?

## **The 100 club is coming back ...!** The 100 club will be restarting in January!

A big thank you to Tony Caunt who is taking over at the helm!

### **So now is the time to get some numbers!**

It is just £24 a year for each number. You will be helping to raise funds for the churches and will also be in with a chance to win excellent cash prizes each month and each year. If you would like to be part of it, then contact Tony on 01535 273709.



You can organise payment electronically:

Account Name: PCC of St Saviours Harden and St Matthew Wilsden 100 Club

Sort Code: 05-09-04      Account: 18306418

If you would like to pay by cheque please make your cheque payable to:

'PCC of St Saviours Harden and St Matthew Wilsden 100 Club'

and send it with your name and contact details to:

Tony Caunt, 13 Birchlands Grove, Wilsden, Bradford BD15 0HD

## **Generosity:**

We are really grateful to all those who continue to support the church financially. If you find that you have a little extra income and would be able to increase your giving at this time it would help our financial situation enormously.

Donations or regular giving may be done by sending your gift to:

Account name	Sort Code	Account Number
St Saviour's Church Harden PCC	05-02-42	32488873
Parish of St Matthews, Wilsden	40-23-05	42128918

Please include your name as a reference or we will be unable to thank you.

## **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, Malcolm and Di Halliday

## Prayers for the week beginning Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

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<b>Sunday 29 Nov</b>	Pray that we may carefully and prayerfully use this season of reflection and preparation and that the coming weeks may bring us a deep appreciation of the real joy of Christmas.
<b>Monday 30 Nov</b>	Pray for any who are finding the long hours of darkness particularly difficult.
<b>Tuesday 1 Dec</b>	Pray for our benefice team leaders and give thanks for all the thought and work that goes into helping us to feel part of our church family.
<b>Wednesday 2 Dec</b>	In her recent link letter, Awais asks us to pray for her and that she is able to make her on-line English teaching for asylum seekers and new arrivals interesting and helpful.
<b>Thursday 3 Dec</b>	Pray that those following the Advent course may find it enriching and be able to share what they learn from sharing and discussing.
<b>Friday 4 Dec</b>	Pray for Christians in the USA, whatever their personal political leanings, as they react to the outcome of the Presidential election.
<b>Saturday 5 Dec</b>	Pray for our political leaders, for wisdom to help this country through the coronavirus crisis and for willingness to work together for the common good.

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Please give contributions for the next newsletter to Pauline - Tel: 01535 273814  
email: [pstern155@gmail.com](mailto:pstern155@gmail.com) (and copy to David Haigh: [david@dshaigh.uk](mailto:david@dshaigh.uk) and to Helen Ludkin)

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**Clergy Days Off: Liz – Monday & Thursday, Suzy – Tuesday, Richard – Saturday**



THE BENEFICE OF HARDEN, WILSDEN, CULLINGWORTH, DENHOLME

BRINGING

Comfort  
and Joy



TO CHRISTMAS 2020

## ADVENT: The days that lead up to Christmas Day ...



**WHITE RIBBONS OF CHRISTMAS WISHES:** Let us know the name of someone you would like to especially remember this Christmas, perhaps somebody that you will not be able to see. Or let us know your Christmas hope. We will write the names and hopes on white ribbons and fly them outside the churches!



**I SPY CHRISTMAS:** Take a photo of something to do with Christmas each day in December. Something beginning with A on 1 December then B on 2 December. Post your photos on our Facebook Page, see what others have captured too!



**CHRISTMAS CHILDREN'S TREASURE HUNT:** Each day from 1 December to Christmas Eve, look out for a poster somewhere in your community with some Christmas information on it. Gather the information each week for a prize!



**TRAVELLING CHRISTMAS CRIB:** Follow the journeys of the Holy Family, the Shepherds and the Wise Men as they travel through our communities to get to their Christmas destination. Watch their progress on our Facebook page.

## CHRISTMAS EVENTS: Celebrating the greatest story ...



**CAROL SINGING:** In the week of 13 to 20 December we hope to be out carol singing around our communities. It may be that restrictions limit how we can do this, but do listen out for us and join in with the carols if that is allowed!



**ONLINE POP - UP NATIVITY:** At 4pm on Saturday 19 December there will be a Zoom Pop up Nativity. Dress up as a character from the story and join in with a unique telling of the events of the first Christmas.



**SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS:** At 6pm on Sunday 13 December we will be holding a service of lessons and carols on Zoom. Join in to hear the great story and to be able to sing the wonderful Christmas Carols!

## CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY: The Big Celebration!



**CHRISTINGLE:** Zoom Christingle services on Christmas Eve at 4pm

**MIDNIGHT MASS:** 11.30pm Services in church. Booking is essential.

**CHRISTMAS MORNING:** 9.30am in Church (please book) 10.45am on Zoom!

For any information, links and bookings please contact Helen: 07788 848830: [beneficehwcd@gmail.com](mailto:beneficehwcd@gmail.com)

See our Facebook Page. Search "Harden, Wilsden, Cullingworth, Denholme Benefice - look for our logo

Find out more about Advent and Christmas with free online resources: [churchofengland.org/ComfortAndJoy](http://churchofengland.org/ComfortAndJoy)

