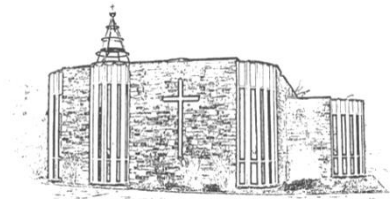
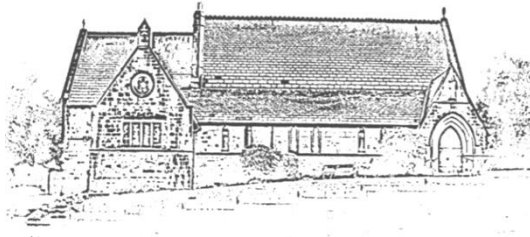


Parishes of Harden and Wilsden



Newsletter for 17th 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!

Please pray for Arabella Leni Grace Pickles to be baptised at St. Saviour's today and for her parents and godparents.

Sunday 17 December		3rd in Advent		
Wilsden	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-end	John 1: 6-8, 19-28
Harden	11.15 am	Holy Communion	Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-end	John 1: 6-8, 19-28
Harden	1.00 pm	Baptism of Arabella Leni Grace Pickles		
Harden/ Wilsden	6.30 pm	Carol Service		

The Carol Services at both St. Matthew's and St. Saviour's are at 6.30 this evening. The collection at these services will be given to the work of Inn Churches. Please come along and enjoy singing and listening to the carols, and join us for refreshments afterwards.

Next Sunday's Services (Christmas Eve)

Wilsden	10.30 am	Joint Morning Worship at St. Matthew's
Harden	10.30 am	
Wilsden	4.00pm	Christingle
Harden	3.00pm	Christingle
Harden	5.00 pm	Christingle
Wilsden	11.30 pm	Holy Communion
Harden	11.30 pm	Holy Communion

Next week's diary

Tues	10.15 am	Churches Together carol singing at Laurel Bank
Wed	10.00 am	Holy Communion at St. Matthew's
Fri	10.00 am	Preparing Christingles at St. Matthew's
Sat	10.00 am	Decorating St. Matthew's for Christmas
Sat	10.30 am	Preparing Christingles at St. Saviour's

On Christmas Day the joint family service of Holy Communion will be held at St. Saviour's at 10.30am.

The Night Shelter Rota is now full. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered and to those who have given so generously. We are now looking for loans of board games and gifts of home baking. If you would like to help, give David a ring on 01535 274225.

The Christingles

St. Matthew's will be prepared on Friday 22nd December at 10.00 am.

St. Saviour's will be prepared on Saturday 23rd December at 10.30 am in the family rooms at the churches.

All your help will be very much appreciated.

Decorating St. Matthew's for Christmas. We shall be arranging flowers to decorate St. Matthew's for Christmas on Saturday 23 December from 10.00 am. Please come along and help if you can. There will be a plate at the back of church today for donations towards the flowers.

Margaret Harrison

Dates for your diary

Tues 26 Dec to Mon 1 Jan		Inn Churches at St. Matthew's
Thurs 28 Dec	10.30 to 12.30	Manorlands Coffee Morning at 16 Narrow Lane
Sun 7 Jan	6.45 pm	Curry Night (names to Helen by 31 Dec)

To our friends at St. Saviour's and St. Matthew's. Beverly and Andrew Hurst invite you to share a drink and light refreshments with them at their home, 144 Long Lane, Harden, on Saturday 23rd December 2 - 5pm. We look forward to seeing you then and would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The Wilsden Living Advent Calendar, promoted by Churches Together, is now in full swing. Programmes are available in the St. Matthew's family room or they can be downloaded from the church website: www.stmatthewswilsden.org.uk

Manorlands Coffee Morning – Pauline is having a coffee morning on Thursday 28 December from 10.30 to 12.30 at 16 Narrow Lane, Harden. Coffee and biscuits £3, cake stall, book stall and raffle. Please come along and support the work of Manorlands. Any donations for the stalls or raffle will be gratefully received.

Churches Together Carol Singing. Do come along and join with friends from other local churches in some traditional carol singing on Tuesday 19th December at Laurel Bank Care Home, meeting at 10.15am for a 10.30 start.

The Leprosy Mission Please bring used stamps (of any description, GB or foreign, even the most ordinary ones) and leave them in the box in either church. The Leprosy Mission can sell them and the money raised goes towards funding healthcare and other projects for those suffering from leprosy. Please leave the stamps on the backing paper with a border of approx 1/2 cm or 1/4 in around them. Many thanks, Liz

Churches Together Christmas Card. A big thank you to all those at St. Matthew's who helped to deliver 1000 Christmas cards in Wilsden. Together with Trinity, who delivered almost 1100, we covered every house in the village. Thanks also to the members of the Congregational Church and other helpers who delivered cards to every home in Harden.

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 those who are not well and those who are no longer able to join us at our services:

Beatrice Waddington, Alice Griffiths and Edwina Butterfield.

Please pray for:

Ellah Grace Martin, to be baptised at St. Saviour's on Sunday 14th January 2018 and for her parents and godparents.

Prayers for the week beginning Sunday 17th 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 17 th	Pray for all taking part in our Carol Services today
Mon 18 th	Pray for CMS workers who can't be named, working on Bible translation in the Middle East, particularly for good relationships as they work in a new area.
Tues 19 th	Pray for staff and residents at Laurel Bank and that they may share in the good news of Christmas through the carol singing there today.
Wed 20 th	Pray for all who work at the medical centres in Wilsden and Cullingworth.
Thur 21 st	Pray for those from our communities or otherwise known to you who are in hospital at this time.
Fri 22 nd	Pray for the Leprosy Mission, particularly for their work in Myanmar
Sat 23 rd	Pray for any who are lonely during this festive period.

Please note that next week's newsletter will cover two Sundays 24th and 31st December.

Please give contributions for the next newsletter to Pauline - Tel: 01535 273814

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