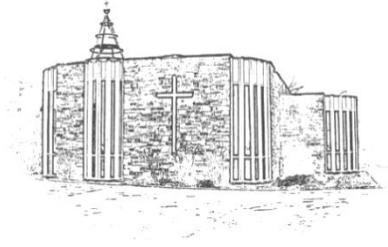
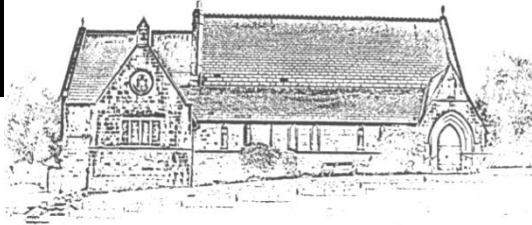


Parishes of Harden and Wilsden



Newsletter for 2 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 2 December			1st Sunday of Advent	
Wilsden	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Jeremiah 33 :14-16	Luke 21:25-36
Wilsden	11.00 am	Café Church		
Harden	11.15 am	Holy Communion	Jeremiah 33 :14-16	Luke 21:25-36
Wilsden	6.30 pm	Benefice Advent Service		

Wilsden Christmas lights switch on in Wilsden Park at 5pm this evening, preceded by nativity procession and followed by refreshments in the village hall.

Harden Christmas lights switch on at Harden War Memorial at 5pm this evening, with refreshments afterwards at St. Saviour’s.

Next Sunday’s services - 2nd Sunday of Advent

Wilsden	9.30 am	Pick ‘n’ Mix: Nativity and Toy Service
Harden	11.15 am	Pick ‘n’ Mix: Nativity and Toy Service
Wilsden	6.30 pm	Holy Communion

Diary for the next week

Tues	7.15 pm	Intercessors Evening at Denholme Shared Church
Wed	10.00 am	Holy Communion at St. Matthew's
Wed	7.00 pm	Advent course at Denholme Shared Church
Thurs	10.00 am	Advent course at Denholme Shared Church
Thurs	7.15 pm	Advent quiet time at St John's Cullingworth
Thurs	7.00 pm for 7.30 pm	Inn Churches Training at St. Matthew's
Fri	2.00 pm - 4.00 pm	Craft and Chat at St. Matthew's

Pick'n'Mix Toy Service. Next Sunday please bring along good quality toys as gifts for needy families.

Children are invited to come dressed as characters from the nativity story.

Advent Quiet Time – St John's Cullingworth -Thursday evenings at 7.15pm for ½ hour, on the 4th, 11th and 18th December
Everyone welcome

Night Shelter The rota is now full and David is beginning to recruit a reserve list. Last year a combination of severe flu, bad weather and bereavements meant that several volunteers were unable to take part at short notice, making such a list essential. Being a reserve would not commit you to anything other than being phoned if there was a vacancy; if you had other commitments you would just say no.

If you are willing to join the list, contact David Haigh at david@haigh.demon.co.uk or on 01535 274225.

Celia Dawson is currently recruiting cleaning teams for each morning of the shelter.

If you feel able to help, speak to Celia or contact her at:

celiaandawson@hotmail.com or on 07952 692639.

Carol Singing with Churches Together

Look out for opportunities coming up to sing carols in the community with friends from other churches.

Sat 8 th December	10am -12noon	Advent Coffee Morning at Trinity
Tues 11 th December	10.30am	Carol Singing at Laurel Bank
Thurs 13 th December	7pm	Carols in the New Inn with Quiz
Sat 15 th December	11am	Carol Singing at Stephen Smith's

Do come along and join in!

Dates for your Diary

Tues 11 th Dec	Carol Singing at Laurel Bank 10.30am. All welcome!
Wed 12 th Dec	Inn Churches Training at St. Matthew's, 7 for 7.30pm
Weds 12 th Dec	Benefice Men's Group Christmas Meal at the Ling Bob at 7.30pm
Thurs 13 th Dec	7.00pm Carols in the Pub with Christmas quiz, at the New Inn, Wilsden
Sat 15 th Dec	11.00am Carol Singing at Stephen Smith's Garden Centre.
Sat 15 th Dec	10.30 – 2pm Turkey & Tinsel at St. Saviour's
Wed 26 th Dec – Monday 31 st Dec	Night shelter at St. Matthew's

Churches Together Christmas Card 2018.

A big thank you to everyone at St Matthew's who delivered our share in record time!

Carols in the Pub. Oops!!!

Please note that Carols in the Pub at the New Inn will be on THURSDAY 13th DECEMBER at 7pm.

(not Wed 12th).

Please spread the word and come along.

Counting the Carbon Churches across the diocese are being trained in measuring the environmental impact of church activities using the first ever Church Carbon Calculator. A two-part training programme has been held taking place with four groups from across the diocese. Parish environment reps and churchwardens have been looking, firstly, at why caring for creation is a gospel issue and then learning how to use the calculator to measure their churches' carbon footprint.

Using the tool, participants have been collecting data about different aspects of church life which all generate greenhouse gases: energy use, congregational and staff travel, food served at church, other church expenditure, and waste.

Now the participating churches will be finishing off their data gathering and initial results are expected in January 2019. These will be the first comprehensive church carbon emissions figures in the country.

Curry evening – Please note that there will be no curry evenings in December and January.

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 pray for the family and friends of Nancy Hempel whose funeral will be held on Monday 3 December at St Saviour's at 11.00am.

Prayers for the week beginning Sunday 2nd 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	02-Dec	As we enter this special period of preparation at the start of the church year, pray for all who take part in the Benefice Advent Service this evening, in person or in their quiet reflection and prayer at home.
Mon	03-Dec	Pray that the next few weeks may lead us to a proper appreciation of the Christmas festival and prevent us being swamped by all the non-essentials by which we are surrounded at this time.
Tue	04-Dec	Pray for all who lead intercessions in our churches.
Wed	05-Dec	Pray for those who lead this country, for wisdom, for a genuine call to service and willingness to work together for the common good.
Thu	06-Dec	Pray for those who are working to find the right person to be our Team Rector.
Fri	07-Dec	Pray for children and teachers at Harden and Wilsden Primary Schools.
Sat	08-Dec	Pray for all at Trinity Church and all attending their Advent Coffee and Carols this morning.

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

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