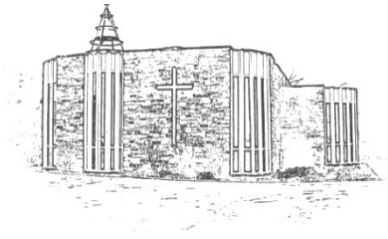
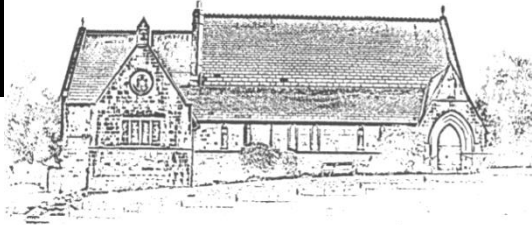


Parishes of Harden and Wilsden



Newsletter for 6 January 2019

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 6 January			Epiphany	
Wilsden	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Revelation 19:6-10	John 2:1-11
Harden	10.30 am	Churches Together Joint Service at Harden Congregational Church		
Wilsden	6.30 pm	Churches Together Joint Service at St. Matthew's		

Next Sunday's services		
Wilsden	9.30 am	Pick 'n' Mix
Harden	11.15 am	Pick 'n' Mix
Wilsden	6.30 pm	Holy Communion

Diary for the next week

Wed	10.45am	Home Communion at Laurel Bank
Wed	3.00 pm	Roots After School Club at St. Saviour's
Wed	3.30 pm	Messy Church at St. Matthew's
Fri	2.00 pm - 4.00 pm	Craft and Chat at St. Matthew's along with preparations for Pick'n'Mix.

Dates for your diary

Sunday 3 rd February	Curry Night at the Cardamon
Sat 16 th Feb	St. Saviour's Coffee Morning

Churches Together We celebrate the first Sunday of the New Year with joint services in the two villages. In Harden the St. Saviour's congregation visit the Congregational Church at 10.30am. In Wilsden the Trinity congregation will join with St. Matthew's for an evening service led by Liz Moy with an address by Christine Crabtree.

A Big Thank You to all those who have helped in any way over the Christmas season in Church, whether by decorating our churches so beautifully, by serving refreshments and working so cheerfully in the kitchens. Also thank you to those who made Christingles, and shared God's love through welcoming both friends and strangers. And for all those other background jobs which contribute greatly to the smooth running of all that goes on in our buildings. A particular thank you to those who worked so tirelessly to co-ordinate and support the overnight shelter for Inn churches in St Matthew's, immediately after Christmas.

Liz Moy

An Even Bigger Thank You to the many volunteers from the church and the wider community who gave up their time over the holiday season to make the night shelter a success. Over the five nights we provided 60 bed/nights, something of a record. On the first night we, and Juli from Inn Churches, were surprised to find we had 13 guests. We were even more surprised to find we had an extra bed! Explain that!

The Next Curry Night will be on Sunday 3rd February 6.30 at the Cardamon. Names to Helen Ludkin (pahardenwilsden@gmail.com or 07788848830) by 27th January.

Craft and Chat will resume on Friday this week, when we will also be preparing for the next Pick'n'Mix. Coffee and cake provided. All welcome.

100 Club The winners of the December draw were:-

£25 - 50 – Daru Rooke

£10 - 9 – Gillian Howell

Children's Society house-boxes are now due for collection. These should be given to Margaret Robertshaw at St. Matthew's, Lorna Pickersgill at St. Saviour's, or a church warden, in the next few weeks. Thank you.

A Group of seven Christian and Muslim women in Riddlesden near Keighley have held an overnight sleep-out in the car park of St. Mary's Riddlesden, raising money for the charity War Child which tries to support and rescue children in conflict areas around the world. Despite the bitter cold, and getting very little sleep, organiser, the Revd Jenny Ramsden, Assistant Curate of Morton and Riddlesden, said it was an important statement.

Fair Trade News Thank you to everyone who supported the stalls in the autumn. As you know, a few months ago Traidcraft announced that it was in some financial difficulties. However, at present it appears that the company will be able to continue operating in some form so we will have our usual stalls for at least the next few months.

Boxing Day Pilgrimage A record number of pilgrims, around 2000, have taken part in this year's pilgrimage from Ripon Cathedral to Fountains Abbey in North Yorkshire. The traditional four-mile pilgrimage on December 26th follows in the footsteps of a group of Cistercian monks who set out from Ripon the day after Christmas, 1132 AD, to found a new Cistercian monastery at Fountains on the banks of the River Skell.

It was the first walk to be led by the recently appointed Area Bishop of Ripon, the Rt. Revd. Dr Helen-Ann Hartley. She joined the Dean of Ripon, the Very Revd John Dobson and more than 12 hundred pilgrims who set off from Ripon Cathedral's West Front and along the cobbled streets of Ripon following a service of Holy Communion. Numbers swelled along the way as those who were less able joined at various points along the route.

Bishop Helen-Ann said she found her first pilgrimage awe-inspiring. "It's brilliant and it's overwhelming to see so many people set out from the Cathedral and make this four mile pilgrimage to Fountains. The fact that those monks made this journey in 1132 is quite awe-inspiring. Journeying and pilgrimage are as alive today as they ever have been."

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.

Prayers for the week beginning Sunday 6 January

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	6-Jan	Epiphany. As God led people to find him by the guiding of a star, pray for all seekers looking for meaning and purpose in their lives and for the work of Churches Together in Harden and Wilsden.
Mon	7-Jan	Pray for the homeless, particularly in wintry weather. Pray for the work of charities like Shelter and for the on-going Inn Churches project in Bradford.
Tue	8-Jan	Pray for families in Harden and Wilsden, giving thanks for happy times spent together. Remember those whose relationships are in difficulty.
Wed	9-Jan	As Messy Church begins again for the new year, pray for the children and adults who attend, asking that they may come to know Jesus in their lives. Give thanks for all who help and ask God's blessing and guidance for them.
Thu	10-Jan	Pray for those who go to the Wilsden Thursday group or St. Saviour's luncheon club.
Fri	11-Jan	Pray for the leaders and congregation of Denholme Shared Church.
Sat	12-Jan	Pray for Suzy and all at St. John's Cullingworth.

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

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