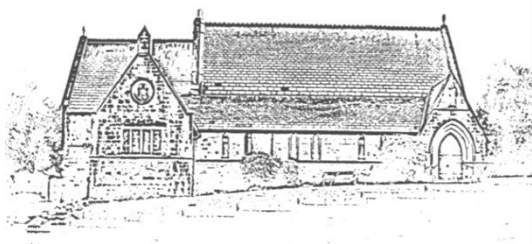


Parishes of Harden and Wilsden



Newsletter for 3rd 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!

Sunday 3 December		1st Sunday of Advent		
Wilsden	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Isaiah 64:1-9	Mark 13: 24-end
Wilsden	11.00 am	Café Church		
Harden	11.15 am	Holy Communion	Isaiah 64:1-9	Mark 13: 24-end

Harden’s Christmas Lights will be switched on at 6.30pm tonight.

Next Week’s Services

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	Evening Prayer

Next week’s diary

Wed	10.00 am	Holy Communion at St. Matthew’s
Wed	3.00 pm	“Roots” After School Club at St. Saviour’s
Thur	7.00 pm	Inn Churches training for new volunteers at St. Matthew’s
Fri	10.00 am	Crafts for Pick’n’Mix at St. Matthew’s

Nearly There! The rota for the night shelter is filling nicely but there are still some important slots vacant, especially for overnight carers and team leaders for the cooks. If you can help, have a look at the rota in the family room and contact:

David Haigh on 01535 274225 or david @haigh.demon.co.uk

Crafts for Pick'n'Mix The next session to prepare crafts for Pick'n'Mix will be on Friday 8 December at 10am. All are welcome. Tea and cakes will be provided.

St. Saviour's Turkey & Tinsel. Festive food & drink. Saturday 16th December 10.30 am to 2.00 pm. Please make a note in your diary to come and enjoy this popular event. Contributions for the Christmas Hamper would be very welcome and these may be left in the Coffee Morning box in the Choir Vestry.

Christmas in Cullingworth The village carol service will be held at St. John's on Wednesday 13th December at 6pm with contributions from Parkside School and the community choir, followed on Tuesday 19th December by Carols in the George at 7.30pm

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.

From the Mission Support Group We have a new letter from our CMS partner Awais bringing us up to date on her work in Leeds. Her main roles are with asylum seekers and refugees, helping them improve their language skills and working in the area of interfaith and intercultural understanding. The letter will be on the Mission noticeboard at St. Matthew's for two or three weeks, then at St. Saviour's.

From Bob and Suzanne We were so delighted to welcome about 60 of you from the Benefice to Bob's Induction Service. It meant so much to us that you came. Thank you! We also thought you might like to know how we have spent your very generous gift – you may or may not know that the gift included some place mats by Bingley artist Jane Fielder which remind us of the Bingley area. Also, the Vicarage here had an empty fireplace in the lounge with no gas fire, or gas point, or flue, which left us with electric options only. We found that it is now possible to obtain electric stoves which have a great real flame and smoke effect and so we have treated ourselves to one, so your gift warms us each evening when we sit in the lounge. Do come and see sometime! Our prayers for you all.

Love Bob and Suzanne

The Christingles for St. Matthew's will be prepared on Friday 22nd December at 10.00 am. All your help will be very much appreciated.

St. Saviour's flowers were donated on 19th November by June and Jim Waddington in memory of Mum and also by Stuart Faulkner and Daru Rooke.

Dates for your diary

Wed 13 Dec	7.00pm	Inn Churches up-date for all volunteers at St. Matthew's.
Thurs 14 Dec	7.00 pm	Carols in the Pub at the New Inn, Wilsden.
Sat 16 Dec	10.30 to 2.00 pm	'Turkey and Tinsel' at St. Saviour's.
Sat 16 Dec	11.00 am	Carols at Stephen Smith's.
Sun 17 Dec	6.30 pm	Carol Services at St. Saviour's & St. Matthew's.
Tues 19 Dec	10.30 am	Carols at Laurel Bank.
Sun 24 Dec	3.00 and 5.00 pm	Christingle services at St. Saviour's
Sun 24 Dec	4.00 pm	Christingle service at St. Matthew's
Sun 24 Dec	11.30 pm	Midnight mass in Harden and in Wilsden
Mon 25 Dec	10.30 am	Family Service of Holy Communion at St. Saviour's

CHURCH SERVICE THRILL

Vestry Roof Collapses

Bishop of Bradford's Narrow Escape

The Bishop of Bradford had a narrow escape at the Wilsden Parish Church on Sunday morning. The roof of the vestry, in which he had been sitting previous to occupying the pulpit, fell with a crash when he was about half-way through his sermon.

The bishop had been sitting at a table in the vestry before entering the church, and about three-quarters of an hour after he left the room the congregation was alarmed by hearing a loud crash.

Upon investigation it was found that half of the roof had fallen on and around the identical chair upon which the bishop had sat, bringing with it a large amount of plaster, laths and other building material. Had the fall taken place when the bishop was in the room there is no doubt he would have been seriously injured, if not worse, for the amount of debris which fell was of considerable weight and fell from a great height.

The service was a special one conducted by the Bishop to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the church and a particularly large congregation was present.

The Bishop did not allow it to interrupt his sermon.

Yorkshire Observer 1926

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:

Arabella Leni Grace Pickles, to be baptised at St. Saviour's on Sunday 17th December,
Ellah Grace Martin, to be baptised at St. Saviour's on Sunday 14th January 2018
and for their parents and godparents.

Prayers for the week beginning Sunday 3rd 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 3 rd	Pray that the readings and teaching in our churches during this season of Advent may guide and deepen our understanding of the love of God. Pray for all at the switch-on of Harden's Christmas lights.
Mon 4 th	Pray for those who use social networking sites, that they can enjoy social contact without thoughtless or damaging contributions.
Tues 5 th	Pray for parish representatives considering the needs of the benefice and looking for the right leader.
Wed 6 th	St. Nicholas, 4 th century Bishop of Myra. Stories of this saint are the origin of the Santa Claus tradition. Pray for children and families everywhere, remembering particularly those suffering in war zones and refugee camps.
Thur 7 th	Pray for families in need in our area.
Fri 8 th	Pray for all at the pre-school Nativity at St Saviour's.
Sat 9 th	Pray for all the clergy and lay readers who are doing even more than usual to help during the vacancy.

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)

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