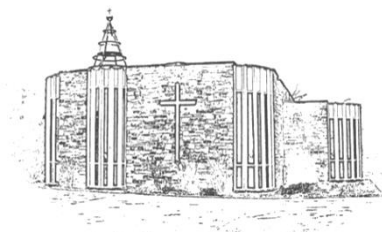
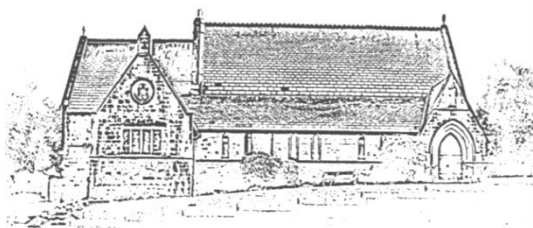


## Parishes of Harden and Wilsden



### Newsletter for 10<sup>th</sup> 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!*

**All the toys** donated at the services today will be passed to the Salvation Army to distribute to families who are struggling this Christmas.

Sunday 10 December		2 <sup>nd</sup> in Advent		
Wilsden	9.30 am	Pick ‘n’ Mix & Toy Service		
Harden	11.15 am	Pick ‘n’ Mix & Toy Service		
Wilsden	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Isaiah 40:1-11	Mark 1: 1-8

**The Carol Services at both St. Matthew’s and St. Saviour’s** will be next Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30. All are welcome at these key events in our church life.

### Next Week’s Services

Wilsden	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Harden	11.15 am	Holy Communion
Harden	1.00 pm	Baptism of Arabella Leni Grace Pickles
Harden/Wilsden	6.30 pm	Carol Service

## Next week's diary

Wed	10.45 am	Home Communion at Laurel Bank
Wed	2.30 pm	Prayer and Cake at St Saviour's
Wed	3.00 pm	Roots After School Club at St Saviour's
Wed	3.30 pm	Messy Church at St Matthew's
Wed	6.00 pm	Cullingworth Village Carol Service at St John's
Wed	7.00pm	Inn Churches up-date for all volunteers at St. Matthew's.
Thurs	6.30 pm	Carols in the Pub at the New Inn, Wilsden.
Sat	10.30 to 2.00 pm	'Turkey and Tinsel' at St. Saviour's.
Sat	11.00 am	Carols at Stephen Smith's.

**Just Three Slots to Fill** in the night shelter rota. If you can help, have a look at the rota in the family room and contact: David on 01535 274225 or david@haigh.demon.co.uk

### **St. Saviour's Turkey & Tinsel.**

Please come along and join us next Saturday 16 December from 10.30 am to 2.00 pm for "Festive food & drink" including tea, coffee, mulled wine, mince pies and a turkey sandwich lunch.

There will be stalls and a raffle for a Christmas Hamper and raffle tickets are available. The raffle will be drawn on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

Contributions for the hamper would be very welcome and these may be left in the Coffee Morning box in the Choir Vestry.

**November 100 Club winners** were - £25 -57 - Deborah Allwood & £10 - 89 - Joyce Hall.

### **The Christingles**

**St. Matthew's** will be prepared on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 10.00 am.

**St. Saviour's** will be prepared on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 and next Sunday for donations towards Christmas flowers.

Margaret Harrison

## Dates for your diary

Tues 19 Dec	10.30 am	Carols at Laurel Bank.
Tues 19 Dec	7.30 pm	Carols in the George, Cullingworth at 7.30pm
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
Tues 26 Dec to Mon 1 Jan		Inn churches at St Matthew's
Sun 7 Jan	6.45 pm	Curry Night (names to Helen by 31 Dec)

**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](http://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. There are two opportunities: Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 11am at Steven Smith's Garden Centre and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 who delivered the cards 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:

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

## Prayers for the week beginning Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> 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 10 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for all at our Nativity and Toy services today, that the fun elements may underline the joy of the Christmas message.
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for our local police officers, community support officers and school crossing patrols.
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for those who work in our village post offices and for those who deliver the post.
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for any who are finding Christmas preparations a source of stress and worry. Pray that the meaning behind the keeping of this festival may break through and refresh them.
Thur 14 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for shops and businesses in Harden and Wilsden.
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for all at the school Christmas concert at St Saviour's
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for a happy and successful Turkey & Tinsel event at St Saviour's. Pray for the carol singing at Stephen Smith's and for that at Girlington Morrisons to support the church in Sudan.

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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