

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 9 December		2 nd in 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

Next Sunday's services - 3 rd Sunday of Advent				
Wilsden	9.30 am	Holy Communion		
Wilsden	11.00 am	Cafe Church		
Harden	11.15 am	Holy Communion		
Harden/Wilsden	6.30 pm	Carol Services at both churches		

Diary for the next week

10.30am	Carol Singing at Laurel Bank – All welcome			
7.15 pm	Advent quiet time at St. John's Cullingworth			
10.45am	Home Communion at Laurel Bank			
2.30pm	Prayer & Cake at St. Saviour's			
3.00pm	Roots after school club at St. Saviour's			
3.30pm	Messy Church at St. Matthew's			
7 for 7.30pm	Inn Churches Training at St. Matthew's			
7.30pm	Benefice Men's Group Christmas Meal at the Ling Bob			
7.00pm	Carols in the Pub with Christmas quiz, at the New Inn, Wilsden			
11.00am	Carol Singing at Stephen Smith's Garden Centre			
10.30 – 2pm	Turkey & Tinsel at St. Saviour's			
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Turkey & Tinsel – Come and join us in St. Saviour's Family Room next Saturday, 15th December, for turkey sandwiches, mince pies, festive stalls and our Grand Christmas Draw. From 10.30 am; bring your friends and family!

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

Towels Our night shelter guests each need a medium sized towel for their stay with us. If anyone has a spare one to donate, please speak to Anne Palmer at St. Saviour's or David Haigh at St. Matthew's.

Celia Dawson is still recruiting cleaning teams for each morning of the shelter. If you feel able to help, speak to Celia or contact her at:

celiaanndawson@hotmail.com or on 07952 692639.

Carol Services on Sunday 16th December

As usual both churches will be serving refreshments after the service. Donations of mince pies or mulled wine would be very welcome. Please have a word with Liz Hartley, Jean Crerer, or Jean Bastow.

Preparation of Christingles 10am on Saturday 22nd at St. Matthew's and 2pm on Sunday 23rd at St. Saviour's. All help will be welcome.

Carol Singing with Churches TogetherLook out for opportunities coming up to sing carols in the community with friends from
other churches.Tues 11th December10.30amThurs 13th December7pmSat 15th December11amCarol Singing at Stephen Smith'sDo come along and join in!

Dates for your Diary

Wed 26th Dec – Monday 31st Dec Night shelter at St. Matthew's

Craft and Chat at St. Matthew's will take a break over the holiday period with no meeting on Friday 14th December. The first meeting of the New Year will be on Friday 11th January just in time to prepare for the January Pick'n'Mix.

Churches Together Christmas Card 2018.

A big thank you to everyone at St. Matthew's who delivered our share in record time! And another big thank you to our friends at the Congregational Church and the volunteers who delivered the Churches Together Christmas card together with the Tittle Tattle magazine in Harden.

Copies of Tittle Tattle are available at the back of St. Saviour's for those who haven't received a copy.

Newsletters over Christmas Please note that there will not be a newsletter on 30 December, if you have any items for inclusion in the newsletter for 23 December please let us have them on or before Tuesday 18th December.

A Special Pork Pie has been created as part of the WFD 130 celebrations to mark Wakefield's 130th anniversary of city status.

Commissioned by Wakefield Business Improvement District and created by champion pork pie-makers, Hofmann's of Wakefield, the new WFD PIE is based on Nigel and daughter Emily's award-winning secret family recipe with the added twist of a rhubarb topping – a vegetable famously from the city.

Wakefield was given city status – thanks to Wakefield Cathedral – in 1888 and eight years later, Nigel's great great granddad setup the family's first butchers on Westgate in 1896. Over time, the secret family recipe for pork pies has been tweaked culminating with a final twist to create the WFD PIE which is now on sale.

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 was held last Monday at St. Saviour's.

Prayers for the week beginning Sunday 9th 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	09-Dec	Pray for all at our Pick'n'Mix Nativity and Toy services, that the wonder and the love we celebrate shines through to touch hearts and minds.
Mon	10-Dec	Pray for the families to whom our gifts of toys will go.
Tue	11-Dec	Pray for residents at Laurel Bank and that carol singing there today may bring happy memories and peace of mind.
Wed	12-Dec	Pray for the Benefice Men's Group as they meet for a Christmas meal this evening.
Thu	13-Dec	Pray for a happy carols and quiz evening at the New Inn and for a generous contribution to Inn Churches
Fri	14-Dec	Pray that the right person may feel called to serve as our Team Rector.
Sat	15-Dec	Pray for a happy and successful Turkey and Tinsel event at St. Saviour's.

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) **Copy Deadline**: 12.00h on the **WEDNESDAY** before publication *Please note we can only mention people, by name, in the newsletter with their consent.*

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