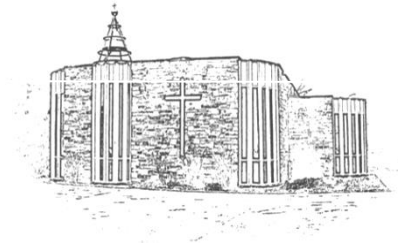


# Parishes of Harden and Wilsden



## Newsletter for 24<sup>th</sup> November 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”.
- 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!*

<b>Sunday 24 November</b>		<b>1st Sunday before Advent</b>		<b>Christ the King</b>
Wilsden	9.30 am	Morning Worship	Jeremiah 23 :1-6	Luke 23 :33-43
Wilsden	11.00 am	Café Church with Holy Communion		
Harden	11.15 am	Morning Worship	Jeremiah 23 :1-6	Luke 23 :33-43
Wilsden	6.30 pm	Holy Communion	Colossians 1 :11-20	Luke 23 :33-43

<b>Services Next Sunday</b>		
Wilsden	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Wilsden	11.00 am	Café Church
Harden	11.15 am	Holy Communion

## Diary for the next week

Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10.45 am	Home Communion at Laurel Bank
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	2.30 pm	Prayer and Cake at St Saviour's
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	7.30 pm	BEAF meeting at All Saints Ilkley
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	2.00pm-4.00pm	Craft and Chat at St. Matthew's
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10.00 to 2.00 pm	Christmas Family Event at St. Matthew's

## Dates for your diary

Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Curry Night at the Cardamon
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Advent Quiet Time, 7.00 pm for half an hour at St. John's.
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Organ concert 7.30pm at St. John's
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Breakfast with Santa at Denholme SC, booking essential
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Churches Together Carol Singing at Laurel Bank 10.30 – 11.00am
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Carols in the Pub 7pm at the New Inn. Proceeds to Inn Churches
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Churches Together Carols at Stephen Smiths at 10.30 am
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Turkey and Tinsel Coffee and Lunch at St. Saviour's
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Tree event at Harden Congregational Church
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Carol Services at St Matthew's and St Saviour's

**Cold Winter Nights** are already with us and this coming Monday the first Inn Churches shelter of the winter will begin. This year the parent charity celebrates its 10<sup>th</sup> birthday with 17 churches opening their doors to the homeless. Our own benefice will once again offer shelter between Christmas and New Year, a special time when most of us have plenty but some have very little.

Steve Rhodes has worked very hard to organise the rota and with just four weeks to go there are just a few crucial gaps. A particular need is for the night shifts. It is especially important that we try to have at least one woman for each night. Juli Thompson, the CEO of Inn Churches, has said we can have a men-only shelter, but emergencies happen and many of us remember setting up a last minute honeymoon suite in St. Matthew's.

So if you might be able to volunteer, please have a look at the rota, either the printed version in each church or the electronic one on the St. Matthew's website, and contact Steve Rhodes on:

07958 744514 or at [steve5621@icloud.com](mailto:steve5621@icloud.com)

**Sudan Link Calendars** The 2020 calendars are available from Astrid. Each month has a lovely recent photo, information about the church in Sudan and points for prayer. Two sizes, £3 and £5.

**Turkey & Tinsel at St Saviour's**

Saturday 14th December 10am until 2pm

This event is in conjunction with the Congregational Church's display of decorated Christmas trees by organisations in the village.

Watch out for posters giving more details.

All refreshments, including our delicious Turkey Sandwiches are only available at St. Saviour's.

**St Saviour's Grand Christmas Raffle** – Prizes include a bumper Christmas Hamper. Tickets are available from members of the congregation.

**Fair Trade Festival.** Thank you to everyone who supported this event. It was a pleasant social event with brisk sales. A donation of £100 has been sent to Traidcraft Exchange supporting farmers and artisans in the Third World. If you were unable to attend, Advent Calendars and Christmas cards are still available to order. Please contact Sandra H.

**The Churches Together Christmas cards**, giving details of the many Christmas events in the two villages, are now ready for distribution. Harden's will go out along with Titledattle, but our share of the Wilsden delivery is available in St. Matthew's. Please take a bundle.

**Next Saturday** brings the St. Matthew's Christmas Fayre, with "music, food, and fun for all ages." Come along between 10 and 2 and bring your friends. The children's film, Arthur Christmas, will keep the little ones entertained, while you spend your money. Contributions for the cake and fancy goods stalls and the tombola will be welcome.

**Wilsden's Living Advent Calendar** on the theme "The Star of Bethlehem," will open next Sunday, the 1<sup>st</sup> December, with a display at the Coop. St. Matthew's will be starring on December 23<sup>rd</sup>. (Any volunteers?) A programme will be available in church next Sunday.

## **Prayers for the week beginning Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November**

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	24-Nov	Pray for those leading our worship today as in awe and humility we rejoice in Christ the King.
Mon	25-Nov	On the day when hymn writer Isaac Watts is remembered, pray for all who lead the music in our churches.
Tue	26-Nov	As the General Election approaches, pray for candidates, that they are sincere in their beliefs and seek to persuade honestly, truthfully and without malice.
Wed	27-Nov	Pray for all at the service of Holy Communion at Laurel Bank today.
Thu	28-Nov	Pray for the children and communities we have supported through World Vision. Give thanks for all Wendy and her family do for this work.
Fri	29-Nov	The Church of England has designated this a day of intercession and thanksgiving for missionary work. Pray for our mission support group and the organisations these parishes regularly support.
Sat	30-Nov	Pray for a happy and successful Christmas event at St Matthew's.

### **Prayer Chains at St. Matthew's and St. Saviour's.**

St. Matthew's: Margaret Harrison 272305. (Reserve is Dorothy 01274 497898)

St. Saviour's: June Thompson 273787. (Reserve is Hazel 274234)

Please pray for: Beatrice Waddington and all those no longer able to join our services  
Bob and Suzanne Evans      Malcolm and Di Halliday

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 to 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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