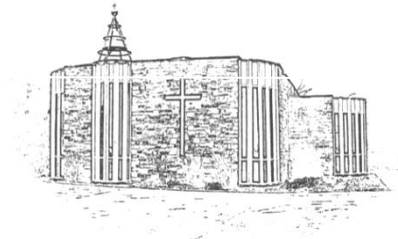


Parishes of Harden and Wilsden



Newsletter for 8th December 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!

Sunday 8 December		2nd in Advent		
Wilsden	9.30 am	Pick ‘n’ Mix & Nativity		
Harden	11.15 am	Pick ‘n’ Mix & Nativity		
Wilsden	6.30 pm	Holy Communion	Romans 15 :4-13	Matthew 3 :1-12

Services Next Sunday		
Wilsden	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Wilsden	11.00 am	Cafe Church
Harden	11.15 am	Holy Communion
Harden and Wilsden	6.30 pm	Carol Services

Don't forget that Harden's Christmas lights will be switched on at 5pm this evening.

Diary for the next week

Tue 10 th Dec	10.30-11.00	Churches Together Carol Singing at Laurel Bank
Wed 11 th Dec	10.45 am	Home Communion at Laurel Bank
Wed 11 th Dec	2.30 pm	Prayer & Cake at St Saviour's
Wed 11 th Dec	3.30 pm	Messy Church at St Matthew's
Thur 12 th Dec	7.00 pm	Carols in the Pub at the New Inn, Wilsden. Proceeds to Inn Churches
Fri 13 th Dec	2.00 pm	Craft & Chat at St. Matthew's
Sat 14 th Dec	10.30 am	Churches Together Carols at Stephen Smiths
Sat 14 th Dec	10.00–2.00	Turkey and Tinsel Coffee and Lunch at St. Saviour's
Sat 14 th Dec	10.00–4.00	Christmas Trees at Harden Congregational Church

Dates for your diary

Thurs 26 Dec to Mon 30 Dec	Inn Churches night shelter at St. Matthew's
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Calling all Singers Three opportunities to sing carols this week! Laurel Bank on Tuesday, the New Inn on Thursday and Stephen Smith's on Saturday morning.

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.

The Churches Together Christmas cards. Thank you to all the Wilsden stalwarts who delivered our share of the cards.

Christmas Cards This year, rather than sending lots of Christmas cards to all your Church friends, why not bring one Christmas card for everyone in Church. There will be a board to display them all and if you would like to donate the money that you have saved, that would be brilliant. It will go to the Children's Society. *Richard.*

Recycle your ink cartridges and raise money for Inn Churches, who can use any cartridges with 'printhead' metallic contacts but not laser toners.

A box will be available in the family rooms and will be emptied regularly.

Wilsden Living Advent Calendar 2019 During Advent until Christmas, a decorated window will 'open' each evening at a new address as part of Wilsden's 'Living Advent Calendar'. They will stay lit until Twelfth Night (6th January) Pick up a programme in church or from the St. Matthew's web-site.

The Leprosy Mission can sell used stamps to help support their work.

Please bring your used stamps to put in the box in each church. (leave a border of about 1/2 cm or 1/4 inch around the stamp) Stamps of all kinds, foreign and GB, even the most ordinary can be used. A recent letter said, "a gift of stamps has given hope, bringing light into darkness and demonstrating that people affected by leprosy are not forgotten."

A Thank You from Bradford Foodbank We just wanted to thank you for your recent food donation to Foodbank! This is very gratefully received, we can only feed hungry families in Bradford with support like yours.

Please find below our latest newsletter that I hope you find encouraging:

In October we've been busier than ever – in fact we fed 446 people with 3 day emergency food parcels - that's 4014 meals!

Daniel came back to Foodbank to say thank you so I'd thought I'd share it as I hope it inspires you that everything you donate is changing lives! He said:

'I needed Foodbank because I got sanctioned which left me with no money. Foodbank helped me through so I didn't go hungry. I started volunteering at Foodbank because I don't want to see other people suffering and I wanted to help them. Foodbank told me about CAP Job Club which was great. They helped me write my CV and with interview techniques. These skills and volunteering at Foodbank helped me get a bakery job. This place has inspired me and got me to where I am now.'

We also ran a 'Healthy Holidays' program again in October half term which was very busy helping 68 children. Veronika said: *'I'm on Universal Credit and I only have £100 left for everything after I've paid bills and rent and we can't live on that. Holidays are much harder because we don't have school meals. Foodbank really helps.'*

30 schools also did harvest collections for us for which we are really grateful. Heaton St Barnabas topped the table again by very generously donating 504KG of food!

Unfortunately, the need for Foodbanks is growing and it's becoming the unacceptable norm that families have to rely on us to survive. Josie Barlow, Foodbank manager

Prayers for the week beginning Sunday 8th 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	08-Dec	Pray for all at our family services today and that among all the fun, the singing, the dressing up, we will be reminded of the heart of the Christmas message.
Mon	09-Dec	Pray for Harden WI meeting at St. Saviour's today.
Tue	10-Dec	Pray for residents and staff at Laurel Bank and that the carol singing this morning brings happy memories.
Wed	11-Dec	Pray for all at the Messy Church Christmas party.
Thu	12-Dec	Pray for all who organise and take part in Carols at the New Inn, supporting Inn Churches, and for those who need the help our contribution provides.
Fri	13-Dec	Pray for the families to whom the toys given on Sunday will go.
Sat	14-Dec	Pray that the Christmas events at Stephen Smiths and the Harden churches help us to appreciate the meaning of the festival.

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

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