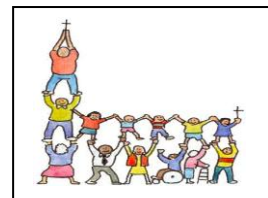


Denholme Shared Church

A partnership between the Baptist Church,
the Church of England and the
United Reformed Church



Three traditions One Faith



Newsletter for 14th December 2025
Third Sunday in Advent

10.30 am - Morning worship led by Robert Priestley

Midweek Services on Wednesday 17th December

10.00am Eucharist at Wilsden

10.00am BCP Eucharist at Cullingworth

2.30pm Personal Prayer at Harden

3.30pm Messy Church at Denholme



Christmas Tree Festival
Continuing today, Sunday 14th December,
Monday 15th, and Tuesday 16th 1.00-4.00pm

Closes Tuesday afternoon at 4.00 pm. Please invite friends and neighbours to come along, view the lovely trees and support our local church. Hot turkey sandwiches and soup Saturday and Sunday; light refreshments Monday and Tuesday. Gluten free options available

Quote of the week: "Waiting is an art that our impatient age has forgotten." – Dietrich Bonhoeffer



Tuesday morning prayer at Denholme Shared Church 10.00 am, until the New Year. Come and join in prayer and reflection as we think about the future of our Church and Christian presence in Denholme.

St John's in Cullingworth is hosting the third Advent and Prayer House Group. Everyone welcome. Next meeting, tomorrow, Monday 15th December, at 7.00 pm in the St John's room.



We are collecting Stamps again!

The Royal National Institute of Blind People, the RNIB, is able to raise funds from used stamps. Please cut stamps out of envelopes leaving a good margin around the edge (5mm) and bring them to church where we can gather them together and get them to the RNIB

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See differently

Next Sunday, 21st December at 10.30 am we are having the Carol Service at Denholme Shared Church. Invite friends and neighbours for a service of readings and carols on what will be the last Sunday before Christmas.



A list is available at church for you to provide details of any particular charity you would like to be supported next year. This will be from the donations received for refreshments on Sunday mornings.

Please provide details of the charity's name, address and payment details.



Donations for refreshments this month are going to the Children's Society which was founded in 1881. The Society fights for hope and peace for children and young people by understanding their needs and providing support through their most serious life challenges.



Blue Christmas

Today, Sunday 14th December, at 3.00 pm, St Matthew's Wilsden

Christmas can be a difficult time for many. There may be sad and painful memories associated with a time of year when so many are celebrating. This is a service which holds the light of the Christmas Message into the darkness which life can bring. It is a beautiful, simple and quiet time of depth and peace.

Advent prayer

Wet days
Long nights
Red candles
Old songs

Warm us God
Wrap us round with wonder

Furl us deep
into your joy and justice
Love us
through the moments
of our nights and days.

Ruth Burgess, from Friends and Enemies

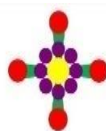


In your prayers this week please remember the following ...

- Churches everywhere amidst the busy preparations of Advent, especially our own churches within the Benefice;
- our prayer and house groups that they may be a time of stillness and reflection leading to positive action;
- those who attend the Prayer Oasis and Blue Christmas service, that they find a sense of Peace and the real meaning of Christmas;
- all those who attend the Christmas Tree Festival and that it will be a good time for fellowship and outreach;
- survivors of abuse and the agencies who provide support;
- the work of the Children's Society and the young people it supports;-
- all those who are bereaved or facing painful anniversaries.



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Donations or Regular Giving – a plate is provided for donations or envelopes during our services. You can also send your gift to Denholme Shared Church Sort Code 30-63-55, account number 56734560 but please include your name as a reference or we will be unable to thank you. Cheques can be sent to the Treasurer c/o Denholme Shared Church (address above)