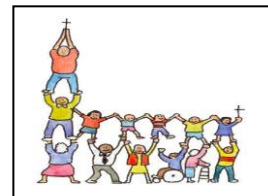


Denholme Shared Church

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

Three traditions One Faith



Newsletter for 8th December 2024

Second Sunday in Advent

Morning Worship with Robert Priestley



Midweek Services on Wednesday

10.00 am BCP Eucharist at Cullingworth

2.30 pm Prayer and Cake at Harden

Blue Christmas

3.00 pm Sunday 8th December at St Matthew's Church, 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.



This Wednesday, 11th December, at 3.30-5.30 pm
Messy Church Christmas Nativity with Christmas crafts
and other activities plus pizza for tea!

Christmas Card - as in previous years a large Christmas Card has been put out on the baptistry area where you can record your good wishes and greetings to everyone at church. Any donations in lieu of buying cards will go to the Inn Churches charity.

Quote of the week: "A prison cell, in which one waits, hopes...and is completely dependent on the fact that the door of freedom has to be opened from the outside, is not a bad picture of Advent." Dietrich Bonhoeffer



Christmas Tree Festival

Saturday 14th December 10am to 4pm

Sunday 15th December 2pm to 4pm

Come and enjoy the Christmas tree displays from local organisations and groups

Denholme Voices Christmas Concert

7.00 pm Saturday 14th December

Come along for a joyful evening of varied Christmas songs among the Christmas trees!

Admission £7 including light refreshments

More volunteers are needed at the Christmas Tree Festival. If you can spare an hour on the rota, including any offers of help in the kitchen, it would be very much appreciated. Please have a word with either Margaret or Judith.

DONATIONS FOR REFRESHMENTS

Donations received for refreshments during the month of December will be forwarded to the Children's Society.



Inn Churches

Shipley Baptist Church is hosting Inn Churches in the week beginning 20th January 2025 and volunteer helpers are needed. If you are able to help, please contact 01274 533732.



Carols & Quiz at the New Inn Wilsden

Always a memorable evening!

Thursday 12th December at 7pm

Come and join in the fun of Richard's Quiz

Enjoy the singing of many a carol

and the 12 Days of Christmas Finale!

Raising money for Inn Churches

PRAYER REQUESTS TO: say14me@hotmail.com

If you know of anyone who would like prayer to be said on their behalf or on behalf of others please provide the above link or send the details on their behalf. Alternatively, please speak with any member of the ministry team. Please note that people can only be identified in the newsletter by name with their consent.



Never forget the power of prayer as you offer your prayers to God this week. As a guide please remember the following:-

- Church leaders of all denominations, especially our own Ministry Team at this busy time of year;
- those caught up in war zones and conflict;
- Those who have suffered as a result of the bad weather;
- Farmers and all those who have to work outside despite the weather;
- those for who this time of year brings back painful memories;
- those facing financial pressures;
- the bereaved and those facing painful anniversaries;
- to give thanks for the presence of friends and loved ones.

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Cullingworth, Denholme Benefice <http://www.denholmechurch.org.uk>

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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)