

Denholme Shared Church

A partnership between the Baptist Church, the Church of England and the United Reformed Church *Three traditions One Faith*



Newsletter for 24th November 2024 Service of Holy Communion with Revd Richard Burge and Helen Smithies

Midweek Services on Wednesday

10.00am BCP Eucharist at Cullingworth 2.30pm Prayer and Cake at Harden

Prayer Oasis: Travelling to Bethlehem

Set aside some quiet time in the busyness leading up to Christmas; Prayer zones for times of reflection focussing on those who travelled to Bethlehem and on our own journey to the heart of Christmas.

> Wednesday 27 November 7pm to 9pm Friday 29 November 2pm to 4pm Saturday 30 November 10am to 2pm at St Matthew's, Wilsden



"Waiting for the Light" A four session Advent Study Course starting next Thursday, 28th November, at Denholme Shared Church; 10.00–11.30 am followed by a light lunch. Please let Chris Wilcock know if you are interested in going. Email: <u>c.j.wilcock@hotmail.co.uk</u>



Quote of the week: "Contentment is natural wealth; luxury is artificial poverty" Socrates

Safeguarding Training

Safeguarding Foundations Training: St Matthew's Church Wilsden 7pm Wednesday 8 January 2025

Safeguarding Foundations Training: St John's Church, Cullingworth 7pm Tuesday 22 April 2025

Domestic Abuse Awareness Training: Denholme Shared Church 7pm Tuesday 13 May 2025

Don't feel that you have to wait for these dates if you wish to get some training immediately. We found it very useful to do the courses together, but if you go to: <u>This link on the Diocesan Website</u> you will find the same courses, which you can do on your own.



Christmas Tree Festival - 14th and 15th December.

Saturday 14th December 7.00 pm. Denholme Voices Christmas Concert. Come along for a joyful evening of varied Christmas songs. Tickets £7, including light refreshments, from any choir member or on the door.



Next Sunday, 1st December, "Meet & Eat" at Denholme Shared Church at 4.00 p.m. Come along for a home cooked two course meal (veggie option included) and enjoy a chat and fellowship. Booking isn't essential but, if possible, please confirm with Judith if you intend to come along.

Donations for tea/coffee

Donations received for refreshments during the month of November will be forwarded to Aireworth Dogs in Need. This is a volunteer run charity that rescues, cares and rehomes dogs in need in Keighley and the surrounding areas.



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 to your prayers please remember the following:-

- Church leaders of all denominations everywhere and, in particular, our own ministry team, both ordained and lay;

- survivors, victims and all who have been abused at the hands of others;
- all those involved in providing support in the process of reconciliation in places of conflict;
- those who are facing financial worries and the agencies who provide advice and support;
- those who are undergoing medical or surgical treatment;
- young people who struggle to navigate their way through life;
- the bereaved and those facing painful anniversaries.



We have sadly been unable to secure our usual week to be a hosting church this year. Each winter we have welcomed people who are homeless in Bradford to spend the night at St Matthew's as part of the Inn Churches Winter Shelter. We will still be raising money for the work of Inn Churches through our Christmas activities. If you would still like to volunteer at one of the shelters elsewhere please contact Inn Church on 01274 955010. We are hoping to be hosting church again next winter.

