

Denholme Shared Church

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

Three traditions One Faith



Newsletter for 30th November 2025

**PLEASE NOTE THIS IS THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN A MONTH AND
THERE IS NO SERVICE IN DENHOLME. WE ARE SHARING IN THE
BENEFICE SERVICE AT ST MATTHEW'S, WILSDEN
COME ALONG AND JOIN US IN WILSDEN AT 10.30 a.m.**

Midweek Services on Wednesday 3rd December

10.00am Eucharist at Wilsden

10.00am BCP Eucharist at Cullingworth

2.30pm Personal Prayer at Harden

Tuesday mornings 10.00 am – We're holding a series of weekly gatherings, initially up until Christmas, for prayer and contemplation regarding the future of the Church here in Denholme. The next one is 2nd December in the church building. If you're unable to join us in person please hold us in prayer wherever you may be! Have a word with Janice if you would like any further information.



St John's in Cullingworth will be hosting the Advent and Prayer House Group for the next three weeks. Everyone welcome. The first Advent session is tomorrow, Monday 1st December, at 7.00 pm.

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 13th-16th December 2025

HELP NEEDED! The Christmas Tree Festival is one way we can reach out to others in the village. Please help us to make it a success.

Donations are needed for a tombola and hamper (no biscuits please), together with donations of cakes to sell with refreshments. Volunteers are also needed for when the church is open. Ideally a slot of three hours to either welcome visitors or serve refreshments. Viewing times:- Saturday 13th 10.00-4.00pm, Sunday 14th/Monday 15th/Tuesday 16th December 1.00-4.00pm.

Please let Judith know if you can help or if you have any queries about the hamper etc.

Breakfast with Santa

Saturday 6th December 9.30-11.00am

Fully booked now and looking forward to a lively morning!



Saturday 13th December 7.00 pm.

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



Donations for refreshments this month are going to Sunday Social at the Youth Café which provides a weekly two course meal for Denholme residents.



Monthly charities – it's that time of year when we will be looking at which charities we will be supporting in the coming year from donations received for refreshments on a Sunday morning. If you would like any particular charity to be considered please provide details of the charity's name, address and payment details. A list will be available at church.



The Bradford Choral at St John's Cullingworth **A Classical Christmas**

Including Dvorak Mass in D, plus music by Lauridsen, Taverner and more and including favourite Christmas Carols

6pm Saturday 6th December

Tickets £10 (including refreshments) on the door and via Ticket Source



Blue Christmas

3pm Sunday 14th 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.



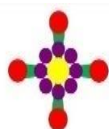


In your prayers this week please remember the following ...

- Church leaders of all denominations and, in particular, our own ministry team both ordained and lay;
- that the future of our churches can be discerned through prayer and worship;
- those caught up in war zones, conflict and natural disasters;
- that Breakfast with Santa next week will be a time of fun and joy;
- volunteers at local food banks and those in need of their service;
- those who are nearing end of life, their families and the agencies who provide care and support;
- the bereaved and those 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)