

Denholme Shared Church

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



Three traditions One Faith



**Newsletter for 7th December 2025
Second Sunday in Advent**

10.30 am - Morning worship led by Chris Wilcock

Midweek Services on Wednesday 10th December

10.00am BCP Eucharist at Cullingworth

2.30pm Prayer and Cake at Harden



Christmas Tree Festival

Next Saturday 13 Dec 10.00-4.00pm

Sunday 14/Monday 15/Tuesday 16 Dec 1.00-4.00pm

It's not too late to volunteer! 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 of cakes etc to serve as refreshments would be very much appreciated, together with any items for a Christmas hamper raffle (no biscuits please!)

Please encourage friends and neighbours to visit and if you can spare a couple of hours or so on any of the days the building is open please have a word with Judith.

Quote of the week: "Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world." – Desmond Tutu

Tuesday morning prayer at Denholme Shared Church 10.00- 11.00 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 Advent and Prayer House Group. Everyone welcome. The second Advent session is tomorrow, Monday 8th December, at 7.00 pm in the St John's room.

Saturday 13th December 7.00 pm.

Denholme Voices Christmas Concert. Come along for a joyful evening of varied Christmas songs. Tickets £7, children £3.50, including light refreshments, available from any choir member or on the door.



It's time to decide which charities to support next year from donations received for refreshments on Sunday mornings. If you have any suggestions please provide details of the charity's name, address and payment details. A list is available in church.



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

Next Sunday at 3.00 pm, 14th December, 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.

Journeying to Bethlehem

Are you looking for some peace and quiet amidst the busyness of preparation for Christmas? Call into the Oasis of prayer - a time for quiet reflection and prayer for you.

Using reflections, poetry and prayers, travel with the main characters who travelled to Bethlehem for the Nativity.

As you reflect on their journeys, take time to consider your own journey to the heart of Christmas. Or just rest in the quiet.

The Prayer Oasis will be at
St Matthew's church, Wilsden
Friday 12 December 2pm - 4pm and 7pm – 9pm
Saturday 13 December 10am – 2pm



Do not be afraid –
white wings soar over the Machair
and skim the waves.

Do not be afraid –
children with tinsel haloes sing
old words, with new wonder.

Do not be afraid –
bright constellations dance
in the winter sky.

Do not be afraid –
the air trembles with God's presence
where we pray.

Do not be afraid –
be ardent and amazed;
active, passionately, for peace,
alive to God's glory in the here and now,
aware of angels everywhere.

Jan Sutch Pickard, from [A Book of Blessings](#)

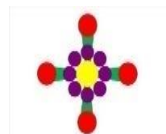


In your prayers this week please remember the following and try and still yourselves in the midst of busyness ...

- Church leaders of all denominations and, in particular our Revds Alison, Liz and Ian and our lay leaders;
- that the season of Advent may be a time of prayerful reflection and positive action;
- that the Christmas Tree Festival will be a good time for fellowship and outreach;
- those caught up in war zones, conflict and natural disasters;
- the Zephaniah Trust and John Froud in particular as he awaits surgery;
- the work of the Children's Society and the young people it supports;
- those who are caring for animals or who have suffered a pet bereavement;
- 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)