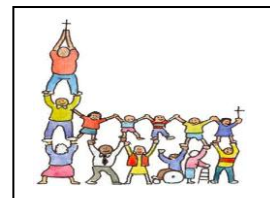


Denholme Shared Church

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



Three traditions One Faith

Newsletter for 28th September 2025

10.30 am – Communion service led by Revd Ian Slater

**Following worship there will be a Congregational meeting
Please try and stay for this important meeting**

Midweek Services on Wednesday 1st October

10.00 am Communion at St Matthew's, Wilsden

10.00 am BCP Eucharist at Cullingworth

2.30 pm Personal Prayer at Harden



Together in Vacancy – a message from Revd Alison

As you know, we are now in a time of vacancy. To help ensure that all the different aspects of our church life continue as smoothly as possible, I will be serving full-time

across the benefice during this period. This will allow me to offer oversight and support for the many activities, services, and ministries that are such an important part of our life together.

I know that each of our churches is in the very capable hands of our Churchwardens and PCCs, and I am deeply thankful, as I'm sure you are for their faithful service and leadership.

This is also a time to encourage all-member ministry. We are blessed with many gifts and skills across our congregations, and I would love to see them used in building up the life of our churches. If you have ideas, gifts, or talents you would like to offer during this time, please do get in touch with me. Please continue to hold our benefice, and the process of appointing a new Team Rector in your prayers.

Quote of the week: - "Behind every great work of God you will always find someone praying" – D L Moody

Prayer for the appointment of a new Rector

There is a prayer group who meet to pray about our new Team Rector. **The next meeting will be tomorrow, Monday 29th September at 7pm** at the Vicarage in Cullingworth. Everyone is welcome to come along.



Community Eco Garden - We're in Autumn now but there are still lots of attractions for butterflies, bees and birds. Sit down for a while and observe them. Any help with weeding or general tidying up before winter would also be appreciated! Please see Robert if you can spare a few minutes.

Are you continuing to play your part in reducing waste? Don't forget we're aiming for the Gold Eco Award! We can all play our part, united and individually. Buy locally, save water and energy and use public transport when possible. Why not try doing a personal or household carbon footprint calculation by completing a questionnaire, which can be found online. It's a good way to see where you are doing well and where you could do better. Compare your findings with friends and family.



Autumn Sing - Saturday 18th October, 2.00 – 4.30 pm.

Free entry. Tombola, Plant Stall, Greetings cards, Soap and candle stall, cake, Tea and coffee, not forgetting superb entertainment by Denholme Voices!

Donations and refreshments this month will go to Baptist Home Mission. This helps Baptist churches and individuals to reach their mission potential, supporting new initiatives and churches together with supporting the ongoing work of churches, their ministers and families.



Would you like a day of Peace and Quiet?

The Blackley Centre near Elland provides a wonderful opportunity to enjoy beautiful surroundings, rest, reflect, pray, walk and grow spiritually. It is a place and space to seek peace within.

The days are from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm on Friday 31st October and Friday 28th November.

Each day begins with a short optional gathering reflection.

Resources are available to create a personal retreat, just for you.

Cost is £30 including lunch, £20 concession for retired/unwaged.

Refreshments are available throughout the day.

If you are interested please have a word with Janice or visit the website

[Peace & Quiet Days 2025 - The Blackley Centre](#)



Fair Trade Fortnight 2025 runs from Monday 22nd September to Sunday 5th October.

Look out for special events in our area such as Paddington's Haworth Adventure on Saturday 4th October, 11.30 am till 4pm. For more information Google 'Fair Trade Bradford.'

WELL BEING CAFÉ

The next gathering of the Well Being Café will be at St Matthew's in Wilsden on Tuesday 30 September at 2pm until 3.30pm. It is a great place to come along if you are beginning to struggle with memory, if you have dementia or are caring for someone who has, or if you would just like some company on a Tuesday afternoon. We enjoy drinks and chat and we usually have a jigsaw on the go! It's a very friendly afternoon. Come along and join in.



Daily Prayers on the [Benefice Facebook Page](#)

8 am Morning Prayer

5 pm Evening Prayer

9 pm Night Prayer

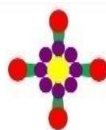


In your prayers this week please remember ...

- All those responsible for the smooth running of our local churches, both ministry and lay members;
- Those caught up in the relentless ravages of war and conflict;
- Christians world wide who are under pressure to renounce their faith;
- The work of Baptist Home Mission;
- Those in our local communities who have failing health and/or awaiting surgical intervention;
- Young children, and their parents, who have only recently started school;
- 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)