



PARISH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST CULLINGWORTH

IN THE BENEFICE OF HARDEN, WILSDEN, CULLINGWORTH AND DENHOLME

Newsletter for Sunday 16 November 2025

Second Sunday before Advent

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9.30 am	Communion at St John's, Cullingworth.
9.30 am	Communion at St Matthew's, Wilsden.
10.30 am	Sunday Service at Denholme Shared Church.
11 am	Café Church at St Matthew's, Wilsden.
11.15 am	Communion at St Saviour's, Harden.

The Children's Society

There is still time to donate to the Children's Society; every little helps. Please bring your boxes to church to be emptied, or if you prefer to donate, just give that to Debbie or leave it in an envelope with the churchwarden. Or you can donate to the Church by transferring the money to St John the Evangelist PCC Culling Sort Code 20-45-14 Account number 60703532. Please mark it CHILDREN'S SOCIETY. Or using the QR code. Thank you.

READINGS

2 Thessalonians 3 v 6 to 13

Luke 21 v 5 to 9

Psalm 98

Malachi 4 v 1 to 2a

Daily Prayers on the [Benefice Facebook Page](#)
8 am Morning Prayer and 9 pm Night Prayer



Midweek Services Wednesday 19 November

- 10 am BCP Communion at Cullingworth
- 10 am Communion at Wilsden
- 2.30 pm Personal Prayer at Harden
- 3.30 pm Messy Church at Denholme



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Every Tuesday from 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm in the St John's Room.
Refreshments are available. **Next meeting Tuesday, 18 November**
If you know anyone who would be interested, please invite them.

Fellowship Xmas Lunch

Saturday 13 December 12.30 pm, St John's Room.

Everyone is welcome.

Please let Jasmin know if you wish to attend
07725 107777



Prayer Group

Alison will be hosting our prayer group. Come along and join us.
On Monday, 17 November, at 7 pm in the Cullingworth Vicarage.



Warm Spaces.



St John's, Fellowship Warm Spaces on Saturday 13th December – contact Jasmin Smith if you plan to attend. All are welcome. Good company and a laugh. If anyone would like to volunteer to assist at warm spaces at any of the churches, please have a word with Alison.



LUNCH CLUB

12 noon on Thursdays at St Saviour's. £4 for a two-course meal. No booking required

WELL-BEING CAFÉ



The next gathering of the Well Being Café will be at St Matthew's in Wilsden on Tuesday, 25 November at 2 pm until 3.30 pm. 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 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.



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Charity for November

The Royal British Legion - the heart of a national network that supports our Armed Forces community. They have been here since 1921 and will be here as long as they need us. The country's largest Armed Forces charity, with 180,000 members, 110,000 volunteers and a network of partners and charities, helping us give support wherever and whenever it's needed. If you wish to donate, please make this to St John the Evangelist PCC Culling (details below) and add your surname and Legion as the reference.

THANK YOU!

We are grateful to all those who continue to support the church financially. **Please review your Giving. If you find that you have a little extra income and would be able to increase your giving at this time, it will help our financial situation enormously.**

You can Donate or set up Regular Giving by sending your gift to

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Account number 60703532.

Please include your name as a reference, so we can thank you

You can scan this code to donate through Give a Little.



EASY FUNDRAISING FOR YOUR ONLINE PURCHASES

A BIG THANK YOU for all registered with easyfundraising.org.uk and Cullingworth St. John the Evangelist. We have just received £81.90.



Smartie boxes are available from Debbie which will take your spare 20p coins to assist church funds



Support St John's by making a donation through this scheme using a Direct Debit.

This can be made on a monthly, quarterly or annual basis.

See parishgiving.org.uk look for Cullingworth to join



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YOUR PRAYERS

- Alison, Liz, and our ministry team.
- For Bishop Toby as he takes on the responsibilities of the Diocese of Leeds.
- For Alison, with her extra work and hours across the Benefice.
- For all those responsible for finding a new Team Rector and the person who will recognise the call.
- For people throughout our region who struggle to afford food for their families.
- For volunteers who work at food banks in Bingley and Bradford.
- For all leading the ongoing worship and work, both in church and online.
- For our Churchwardens, PCC officers and members.
- The people of Sudan, Syria and Rwanda and all affected by civil war.
- The lonely or those struggling with declining physical, mental, or emotional health.
- Pray that the peace may continue in the Middle East, Gaza and Israel.
- Healing for those who are sick and those known to us.
- For grandparents on whom so many families depend, and remember those who cannot see their grandchildren as often as they would like.
- For all the staff at our health centres, as seasonal infections add to the workload.
- For the people of Ukraine, and there may be an end to the war.
- Our Art Group, Craft n Chat and Ukulele Groups who use the St John's Room.
- Newcomers to Cullingworth, we may make our presence and message known.

Prayer: say14me@hotmail.com If you know people who would like prayer, or if people would like to request us to pray for them, then we have a dedicated email address:

OUR BENEFICE TEAM AT ST JOHN'S

Team Rector:	Vacant		
Team Vicar:	Revd Alison Young	01535 270687	alison.young@leeds.anglican.org
Associate Priest	Revd Liz Moy	01535 645991	zilyom@btinternet.com
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	Robert Smith	07342 267080	
Baptism Visitor:	Candida McKay	01535 272906	
Verger	Sandra Pattinson	01535 957181	
Benefice Administrator	Nicole Dickinson	07788848830	beneficehwcd@gmail.com

Stay Connected

If you know anyone who would like to receive our notices, please contact Robert at 07342 267080 or by e-mail at robertandjasmin@btinternet.com. If people need assistance, support, food, or medicine deliveries or just a chat, please contact Alison.

Please respect the Clergy's days off – Alison: Thursday ; Liz: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday.

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Carol of the Seven Hills.

This is the Episcopal Area's contribution to the City of Culture, and it is a great opportunity to showcase the talent in our schools and churches.

The main narrative tells a fast-paced story of the district from the Industrial Revolution to the present day. In each scene, there is an intriguing, unnamed stranger.

There are six venues for the performances, all at 7.00 pm:

Nov 27: Immanuel College, Idle

Nov 28: All Saints, Ilkley

Nov 29: St Andrew's, Keighley

Dec 4: Bradford Forster Academy, Bowling

Dec 5: Buttershaw Business & Enterprise College

Dec 6: Fountains Church, Bradford



At each venue, interspersed through the main narrative, are three different performances from local people, particular to that place, giving each night a very localised flavour. This will mean the performance will be different in Bowling as it will be in Keighley, for example. We hope that these short community performances will also give the audience thinking time to work out who the mysterious stranger might be and what his constant presence may mean for them.

This production has been specially written by Jonathan Hall (Radio 4) and directed by Julia Smith (RSC, amongst others). Tickets are available via the Eventbrite links below, £5 for Adults and £2 for 16 and under.

<https://CarolofthesevenhillsImmanuel.eventbrite.co.uk>

<https://CarolofthesevenhillsIlkley.eventbrite.co.uk>

<https://CarolofthesevenhillsKeighley.eventbrite.co.uk>

<https://CarolofthesevenhillsForsters.eventbrite.co.uk>

<https://CarolofthesevenhillsBBEC.eventbrite.co.uk>

<https://CarolofthesevenhillsFountains.eventbrite.co.uk>

We are looking for **an Independent Examiner for St John's Church Accounts.**

Do you know of anyone who would be able to offer their services? This is to examine our church accounts, working alongside our Treasurer, Pamela. If you are interested, please speak to Pamela, who can provide more information.



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Denholme Shared Church
Christmas Tree Festival
13th-16th December 2025



Denholme Shared Church are holding a Christmas Tree Festival, and we invite you to take part. We welcome entries from community groups, individuals and businesses.

You will need to provide your own artificial tree with battery lights. Last year we had some very imaginatively decorated trees reflecting many local groups and businesses, so please get your creative hats on and sign up to take part.

Viewing opening times:

Saturday 13th 10.00-4.00pm, Sunday 14th/Monday 15th/Tuesday 16th December 1.00-4.00pm. Also during the evening of Saturday 13th December when Denholme Voice will be presenting their annual Christmas concert.

We will be open to set up the trees on

Friday 12th December 2.00-4.00pm, 6.00-8.00pm

Collection of trees after the festival will be on

Wednesday 17th 2.00-3.30pm or from 6.00-8.00pm

(Other times can be arranged if you let us know)

*Please contact Margaret Lambert
email: margaretlambert@live.co.uk or phone 07990 584035 to book a place
(It would be helpful if you could reply by 17th November)*



Wilsden Sheddars

Thursday 11 December at 10 am
St Matthew's Church, Wilsden

Atrial Fibrillation

If anyone wants to be AF tested, they are welcome, provided they are over 65 years old.



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