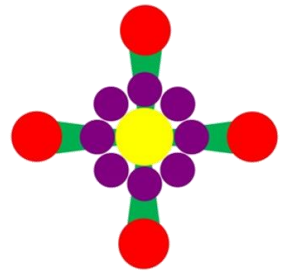


# THE BENEFICE OF HARDEN & WILSDEN, CULLINGWORTH & DENHOLME



## Harvest Festival, October Opening and the “Rule of Six” Restrictions

We have now been open successfully for two months and it has been a joy to worship together. When the Government announced the new “Rule of Six” restrictions they included church services among the places which were exempt due to the COVID secure measures that we have been careful to take. The only impact of the “Rule of Six” on our worship is that while we can have a congregation of any number to the limit of our ability to physically distance, no groups of more than six can come together to our services.

October begins our time of special festivals with Sunday 11 October being our Harvest Festival. All the services that day will have a Harvest Theme. People are usually very generous at this time in their gifts and we hope that this year will be no different. We will be giving out details as to how financial donations and gifts of tinned and dried food can be gathered to support those in need at this time. We will also be announcing how we will be commemorating All Souls’ tide this year as October moves into November.

The continuing rise in cases highlights that certain groups of people continue to be at increased risk of severe disease from COVID-19, including people who are aged 70 or older, regardless of medical conditions. Individuals who fall within this group are still advised to stay at home as much as possible and, if they do go out, to take particular care to minimise contact with others outside of their household. Our written Sunday Service sheets and our enhanced online services will all continue alongside the services to be held in church. If you haven’t tried some of the service options that are around, do give them a try!

We will be holding one service in each church on each of the first three Sundays in October. Please do book in so that we know how many we are expecting. Physical distancing limits the number of people that can attend so the booking process ensures that we have enough places for those wishing to come. Please also make sure that you tell us if there are others that you are able to sit with as when people can sit in groups our capacity increases.

**It is compulsory to wear masks in church, unless you have a valid reason for not doing so.  
If you feel unwell or experience any COVID-19 symptoms you must not attend the church.**

If you would like to attend any of the services in October please complete the booking form. Mark each of the services you wish to attend and return it to us by Friday 25 September. You can telephone Helen on 07788 848830 or email her at: [beneficehwcd@gmail.com](mailto:beneficehwcd@gmail.com)

**From now on please assume you are booked in unless we contact you.**

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