
ST JAMES PARISH CHURCH, SILSDEN

WEEKLY NEWSHEET

SATURDAY 16 MARCH 2024

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Sunday 17 March 2024 – the Fifth Sunday of Lent

Readings for the Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jeremiah Chap 31 verses 31-24

Psalm 51 verses 1-13 or Psalm 119 verses 9-16

Letter to the Hebrews, Chap 5 verses 5-10

John's Gospel Chap 12 verses 20-33

9.30am Parish Communion – led by Rev Janice Smith

(10.20am - 10.55am Tea and Coffee in the St James Church Community Hall)

11am Together @ 11 – our stories, continued

4pm – Pizza Praise – in the Hall

Services coming up

Sunday 24 March Palm Sunday	9.30am Parish Communion (also on YouTube) – led by Rev Dick Watson 11am Together @ 11 – led by Wednesday Home Group 4pm – Pizza Praise
Good Friday – 29 March 10.30 am	Walk of Witness, starting at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Roman Catholic Church
Sunday 31 March Easter Sunday	9.30am Parish Communion (also on YouTube) – led by Rev Bob Evans 11am Together @ 11 Communion service led by Rev Bob Evans and Brian Goddard 4pm – Pizza Praise

Terry Shackleton

We are sad to inform you that Terry Shackleton died on 8 March 2024.

Terry's funeral will be at St James on Wednesday 27 March at 11.30am

Please pray for Rene and all the family.

Welcome Rev Janice Smith

We welcome back Reverend Janice Smith, to lead our 9.30am service this Sunday.

Palm Sunday 24 March 2024

Father Michael from Our Lady of Mount Carmel Roman Catholic Church will bless and distribute Palm Crosses at 10.15 am in the Memorial Gardens. We are welcome to attend.

Our 9.30am service will proceed but will be a shorter-than-usual service to enable Rev Dick Watson to go on to his next service and to allow us all to attend the blessing of the palms, if we wish.

Coffee and tea will be served at the usual time and Together @ 11 will proceed at 11am as usual.

Churches Together in Silsden – Walk of Witness: Good Friday (29 March)

The Walk of Witness visits all three church buildings in Silsden, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Roman Catholic Church, St James, and Silsden Methodist Church as Christians from all three churches process through Silsden from church to church as we witness together, visible to Silsden, the events of the first Good Friday, and that we are followers of Jesus Christ. As each church is visited the Good Friday story is told and we pray together.

The Walk of Witness starts at the Roman Catholic Church on Wesley Place at 10.30am.

Praying for Silsden

This week we are praying, as a church, for the residents and businesses on four more Silsden streets:

New Road
Aire View
Mill Field Court
Elliott Street

As well as being in our intercessions the home groups will be praying for the named streets/areas when they meet and please could you also include these places in your personal prayers this week? Thank you.

Thank you to Andrew Clayton-Stead for doing the planning for this cycle of prayer.

Process for appointing our next vicar

The advert for the vacant post at St James Silsden was published on 6 March 2024 with a closing date of 11 April. It can be found on line, here:

<https://leeds.anglican.org/vacancies/clergy-vacancies/interim-vicar-of-st-james-silsden.php>

As previously mentioned the post is being advertised on a 3 year interim basis, with specific objectives as follows:

1. To develop and implement a plan for mission amongst the people living and moving into the new housing developments in the parish;
2. To determine whether the parish's finances can be built up sufficiently to sustain the deployment of a full-time vicar in future;
3. To help the parish develop and articulate its identity, so it is clear what kind of skills and experience they are seeking in the next incumbent at the end of the Interim Ministry.

We set out in a previous newssheet some questions about interim ministry and we set them out again, below:

- *Is the appointment of an interim minister a kind of trial, so we can assess the new person?*
No. Interim ministry is absolutely not a "trial period" to see if the priest is good enough for the post; it is a valuable ministry opportunity in its own right.
- *Does the appointment of an interim minister mean we are in 'special measures'?*
Absolutely not. The life and energy at St James is being recognized and the interim ministry at our church would be specifically aimed at making the best use of that life and energy so that in three years' time we are in a much more sustainable position to fulfill our mission potential.
- *Is an interim minister appointment a sanction for not having paid our Share?*
Not at all. We might have expected to receive authority for an appointment on reduced hours (to reflect the shortfall in the amount of Share we are paying). But a full time appointment is still proposed, albeit for a time bound period of 3 years (at the end of which we should be somewhere new, somewhere that hopefully was the shared vision of the church and the Bishop).
- *Will an interim appointment be just a temporary solution for us?*
Interim ministry is not a temporary solution. As mentioned above it is a valuable ministry opportunity in its own right.

If you have any other questions please have a word with Jayne, Neil or Brian, or with any other member of PCC. Thank you.

Please pray for the process and for all those who might be interested in the post.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2024

Our APCM and Vestry Meeting (the St James' AGM) will be held on Sunday 7 April at 11.30am in the Hall. That Sunday is the first Sunday of the month and is Sunday Gathering morning so we are timing the Annual Parochial Church Meeting to take place immediately after the 11am service of Holy Communion which follows the Gathering.

We choose - elect – our Churchwardens and PCC at this meeting so this is an important meeting and we ask you to attend if at all possible please.

However we will first need to consider, and if thought fit, agree the following special resolution:

‘Section 3 of the Churchwardens Measure 2001 shall not apply to the Parish of St James, Silsden’

This is to enable Neil to continue as Churchwarden during the vacancy and for when our new priest is appointed. Once that has happened we will need to pass another resolution to reapply the Section 3

We will try and deal with everything quickly at the meeting

Churches Together in Silsden - Holy Week 2024

Please note the following CTIS events during Holy Week:

Monday 25 March

Stations of the Cross - 7.00 pm at Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Romans Catholic Church, Silsden

Thursday 28 March

Service for Maundy Thursday at the Methodist Church at 7.00 pm.

Good Friday, Friday 29 March

Walk of Witness. Gather at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Roman Catholic Church at 10.30 am followed by procession to St. James and after St James on to Silsden Methodist Church.

Can you read three of the Stations at Stations of the Cross on Monday 25 March?

Please can you consider taking on three readings at the Stations of the Cross service at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Roman Catholic church in Silsden on 25 March? Please speak with Neil or Jayne if you can – or if you want to know more about what it involves. Thank you

Sunday Home Group

Sunday Home Group meets this Sunday 17 March, at 7pm, in the Hall. We have paused our look at the first 5 books of the Bible to continue to consider Tom Wright's videos 'Thinking through Salvation'.

Thursday Zoom prayers

15 minutes of prayer time together online at 7.15pm (Zoom) - please come along!

Meeting ID: 952 0002 8284

Passcode: 201804

<https://zoom.us/j/95200028284?pwd=WFB5NUYxUExXVmhVNEVPbmpUUDFnUT09>

There will be no Zoom prayers on Thursday 28 March, Maundy Thursday

Stamps

If you have any used stamps, I am collecting them for charity. Please bring to church and either give to me or leave in my pigeon hole.

Thanks, Deborah

Revision of the Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll for St James is open for revision on 9th March. If you wish to be added to the roll, please complete a form (available in the link) and give to Deborah.

Opening the Church – Monday 1 April and Tuesday 2 April

We would like to open the church in the two days following Easter Sunday – 10am to 3pm – but need volunteers to staff the church during that period. One hour shifts of two people for each hour only needs ten of us. If you can help with this please sign up on the sheet at the back of church, or let Neil, Jayne, Brian or Val know please (as soon as possible please as we need to advertise this which we can only do if we know we have the volunteers). Thank you.

Worship in the Residential Homes

Thank you to everyone who supports the worship in the homes. The dates are as set out below. The worship at Summerfield is at their request, and we are giving it a go to see if we have sufficient volunteers in order to sustain it each month. At this stage it is for one month only. Please support any or all if you are able.

THEME: Lent

Wednesday 20th March at 2:00 at The Gables – led by Andrew

THEME: Easter

Wednesday 3rd April at 2:00 at Summerfield – led by Bob

Wednesday 17th April at 2:00 at The Gables led by Andrew

On each occasion please arrive about 10 minutes prior. Thank you.

CAMEO

The next Cameo meeting is on Tuesday 2 April at 1.30pm – at the Old Post Office. CAMEO always meet on the first Tuesday of the month.

Thursday Group

The next meeting of the Thursday group will be on 28 March 2024 (Maundy Thursday) starting at 2pm, at Sheila's house.

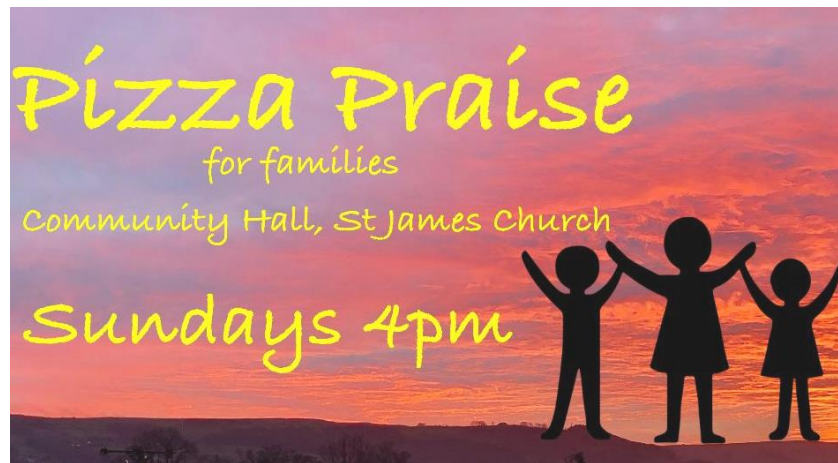
Clocks go Forward - soon

The clocks go forward one hour overnight on Holy Saturday – 30 March. This means one hour less in bed the night before Easter Sunday.

From the Mothers' Union

The March meeting will be in the evening on the 21st March 7.30pm - don't miss this Easter themed meeting.

Pizza Praise



Pizza Praise is happening again this week. Thank to everyone who is helping.

Pizza Praise is every Sunday tea-time - 4pm - in the Hall.

Please continue to pray for this exciting initiative.

The best way to encourage families to attend is to talk to them about it, invite them and even (if you can) bring them down to the Hall on a Sunday tea-time.

Thank you to everyone involved in making this service happen – including Fiona and our friends from All Saints Ilkley who design and lead the service, and including the kitchen staff from St James

Diary for the week ahead

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT			
Sunday	17 March	9.30am	Parish Communion
		10.20am –	Tea and Coffee – in the Hall
		10.55am	
		11am	Together @ 11
		4pm	Pizza Praise – in the Hall
		7pm	Sunday Home Group – in the Hall
Monday	18 March		
Tuesday	19 March		
Weds	20 March	2pm	Worship at the Gables
Thurs	21 March	7.15pm	Zoom prayers
		7.30pm	Mothers' Union meeting – in the Hall
Fri	22 March		
Sat	23 March	4.30pm	Music group practice – in Hall
PALM SUNDAY			
Sun	24 March	9.30am	Parish Communion
		10.20am –	Tea and Coffee – in the Hall
		10.55am	
		11am	Together @ 11
		4pm	Pizza Praise – in the Hall
HOLY WEEK			
Mon	25 March	7pm	Stations of the Cross – at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Roman Catholic Church, Silsden
Tuesday	26 March		
Weds	27 March	11.30am	Funeral of Terry Shackleton
Maundy Thursday			
Thurs	28 March	2pm	Thursday Group
		7pm	Service for Maundy Thursday at Silsden Methodist Church (no Zoom prayers this week)
Good Friday			
Fri	29 March	10.30am	Walk of Witness - starts at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Roman Catholic Church at 10.30 am followed by procession to St. James and after St James on to Silsden Methodist Church
