
ST JAMES PARISH CHURCH, SILSDEN

WEEKLY NEWSHEET

SATURDAY 29 MARCH 2025

CLOCKS GO FORWARD 1 HOUR AT 1AM ON SUNDAY MORNING

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Readings for Sunday 30 March - Mothering Sunday Fourth Sunday of Lent

Readings for Mothering Sunday

Exodus Chapter 2 verses 1-10

1 Samuel Chap 1 verses 20- 28

Psalms 34 verses 11-20

Psalms 127 verses 1-4

2 Corinthians Chap 1 verses 3-7

Colossians Chap 3 verses 12-17

Gospel of Luke Chap 2 verses 33-35

Gospel of John Chap 19 verses 25-27

Readings for Fourth Sunday of Lent

Joshua Chap 5 verses 9-12

Psalms 32

2 Corinthians Chap 5 verses 16-21

Gospel of Luke Chap 15 verses 1-3 and 11-32

Sunday 30 March

9.30am Parish Communion (also on YouTube) – led by Rev Pat Smith

11am Together @ 11 – led by Monday Home Group: foreigners, spies and God's family

4.00pm – Pizza Praise

Services coming up

Sunday 6 April	9.15am – Breakfast 10.00am – Sunday Gathering – ‘What a wonderful world’ led by Brian and Val 11.00am – Said Communion led by Rev John Peet 11.30am – APCM
Sunday 13 April Palm Sunday	9.30am Parish Communion – led by Rev Denis Tate 10.15am Blessing of the Palms by Father Michael of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Roman Catholic Church – at the Memorial Garden 11am – Together at 11

Our Stories

We heard some more ‘our stories’ last week. Our next ‘our stories’ at Together at 11 will be on Sunday 25th May. If you would like to share your story on 25 May, or at some other time in the future, please see Brian, Paul or Michael.

Sunday Home Group

Sunday Home Group next meets on Sunday 6 April at 7pm to plan the Together at 11 service for 27 April.

Mission Group

Mission Group next meets on Monday 28 April at 7.30pm, on Zoom.

Big Church Read

The Big Church Read continues on Tuesday 1 April starting at 7.45pm in the hall.

Flowers for Mothering Sunday

Thank you to the Mothers’ Union for the Mothering Sunday flowers.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2025

Our annual church meeting (the 'APCM') will be on Sunday 6 April 2025 at 11.30am in the Hall (after the said service of Holy Communion which follows the Gathering).

Recordings of 11am service

Connor regularly makes an AUDIO recording of the 11.00 service. If you would like to listen to the service, particularly the sermon, please email Val and she will send you the link. Services will be retained for 2 months. "Our Stories" will be retained indefinitely.

Thursday Zoom prayers

The next Zoom prayers on a Thursday will be on Thursday 3 April – 7.15pm

Worship in the Homes

Worship in the Care Homes update

We shall be celebrating Easter in the homes in April (albeit early for some!)

Wednesday April 2nd 2.00pm at Summerfield

Monday April 14th 2.00pm at The Raikes

Wednesday April 16th 2.00 at the Gables

Please support if you can. We struggled at the Raikes in March with just 4 of us.

Easter Community Café – Wednesday 9 April

Helen and Ali are organising a midweek coffee morning with an Easter Story theme. Refreshments with activities for children, raffle and tombola etc. They would love some help, some prizes, some prayers! Let them know if you can lend a hand

Church Walks

We are hoping to do some more church walks. If you are interested, please talk to Ali or Emma.

Does anyone have an iPad/iPhone camera connector that the music group could borrow please?

The music group could do with borrowing a special camera connector for an iPad (lightening connector to USB). Does anyone have one they could lend to the music group for a couple of weeks please?

Thank you

Holy Week

Sunday 13th April - Palm Sunday

Father Michael will bless and distribute palms in the Memorial Gardens at 10.15 am. All churches warmly invited to attend.

Monday 14th April - Stations of the Cross - 7.00 pm at Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

Thursday 17th April - Maundy Thursday Service by Clare Stainsby at 7.00 pm at the Methodist Church

All invited to join.

Friday 18th April - Good Friday Walk of Witness

Starting at 10.30 am at Our Lady of Mount Carmel and progressing to St. James church and then the Methodist church

Friday 18th April - Good Friday service at 7.00pm: "The Nail" at St James

On Good Friday evening, in St James' Church, there will be a reflective service telling the story of the cross using accounts from witnesses, readings, silence and drama.

Bishop Nick Baines

The Right Reverend Nick Baines, the Bishop of Leeds, has announced that he will retire from the post of Bishop of Leeds in November this year. Bishop Nick's work and duties will be delegated to the Right Reverend Toby Howarth, Bishop of Bradford from September, until an appointment of a new Bishop of Leeds is made. Please pray for Bishop Nick and his wife Linda as they prepare for this change, and please pray for Bishop Toby as he takes on new responsibilities. We thank God for Bishop Nick and for Bishop Toby.

Foodbank

Depending on stocks in our food store cupboard we intend taking a contribution to the Salvation Army on Monday 7 April. If you are able would you please bring any donations towards this for Sunday 6 April.

Thank you.

Michael and Susan

Mothers' Union

We have been asked by the charity 'Douglas' if we could collect toiletries for their work with pregnant women from 6 weeks before the birth to 6 weeks after and at the time of the birth. They work in conjunction with BRI. The items they require are as follows:-

- deodorant
- shower gel
- soap
- flannels
- shampoo
- maternity sanitary pads
- breast pads
- lip balm,
- baby wipes
- cotton wool balls

Pat will take any items collected to the next Area Meeting which is on the 19th May. Items can be put in the basket at the back of church or given to Pat.

Eco-Church

Do you like to head out for a walk a couple of times a week?

Why not get involved with the Woodland Trust Nature Calendar?

This helps the Woodland Trust to keep track of climate change by asking regular walkers to note when they first see or hear signs of the change of seasons such as frogspawn, tadpoles and particular birds, and then log it on their website. More details at the Woodland Trust Website here: <https://naturescalendar.woodlandtrust.org.uk/>.

If you do sign up, let Jen know so we can note this for our eco-church award.

Jen Read, Eco-Champion

Footloose – Save the Date

Keighley Musical Theatre Group are bringing the musical 'Footloose' to the stage in October and Sandra is organising a St James trip for the afternoon performance – 1.15pm - on Saturday 18 October.

The prices are yet to be advised but an early group booking will secure a 10% discount – so Sandra is collecting names of those who would like to attend. There is a sign-up form pinned on the noticeboard in the Hall.

Streets for this week

This week we are praying for the residents off the lanes in the more rural parts of the Parish – being

Kit Lane
Horn Lane
Hayhills Lane
Hole Lane

Silsden Tapestry Exhibition – this weekend

This weekend at Silsden Town Hall is the Tapestry exhibition.

This from the Town Hall's website:

“The Textile Art Exhibition will show work by 15 local textile artists and textile groups who combine fibre and fabric to create pictures, hangings and sculptural pieces using a variety of techniques. The centrepiece of the Exhibition will be the newly-created Silsden Tapestry. The Tapestry has been stitched over the last year by 27 Silsden ladies who have combined their skills and ideas to create a portrayal of Silsden life, past and present. The Tapestry shows what the town means to the people who live there - its landscape, history and architecture. The Tapestry demonstrates many stitching skills, from applique and fine embroidery to crochet and felting.”

On Saturday the exhibition is open 10am to 4pm

On Sunday the exhibition is open 11am to 3pm

St James Parochial Church Council

There will be a very short meeting of PCC (in the Office) at 10.45am on Sunday, to approve the accounts for 2024.

Bank Details

St James' bank account details for direct payments (for Share/general church funds) are:-

Barclays Bank
Silsden Parish Church PCC
Sort Code 20-45-14 Acc No 90871176

Saturday morning prayers

At 9am on Saturday 5 April there will be the usual monthly prayers before we set up for the Saturday Social and the Gathering at around 9.45am. Please come along to pray together for the church and the community.

Saturday Social

The next monthly Saturday Social is a week on Saturday – 5 April

A poster for the Saturday Social event. The background is a gradient of blue and purple. At the top, there are illustrations of a white puzzle piece, a ball of yarn with knitting needles, and two dice. The title "SATURDAY SOCIAL" is written in large, white, hand-drawn capital letters. Below the title, it says "St James Community Hall Silsden" in white. To the left of this text is an illustration of two people sitting at a table. To the right is an illustration of a fan of playing cards. Below the location, it says "1st Saturday Every Month" in bold black text. Underneath that, the time "2.00 - 4.00 pm" is written in bold black text. A paragraph of text follows: "Would you like some company on a Saturday afternoon? Drop in during the times above for chat and refreshments. Games and activities will be available, or bring a book, a magazine, your knitting/ crochet etc". At the bottom, there are four icons: a cupcake, a teapot, a cup of coffee, and a slice of cake. To the right of these icons, the words "ALL WELCOME" are written in large, bold, black capital letters.

**SATURDAY
SOCIAL**

St James
Community Hall
Silsden

**1st Saturday
Every Month**

2.00 - 4.00 pm

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  **ALL WELCOME**  

Scouts Coffee Morning



1st Siden Scout Group

Scouts

Coffee Morning

at St James Church hall

Saturday 29th March
9.30am - 12 noon

Tea, Coffee & Biscuits
Bacon, Sausage & Egg
Sandwiches
Cake Stall

Please come &
support us

Regular church events

Thursday Zoom prayers	Every Thursday 15 minutes of prayer time together online at 7.15pm (Zoom) - please come along! Meeting ID: 952 0002 8284 Passcode: 201804	Next one – Thursday 3 April
Thursday Group	The fourth Thursday of each month at 2pm	Next one Thursday 24 April at Sheila's house
Friday at the King Pub Social	First and Third Fridays of the month – 7pm to around 9pm at the Kings Arms	Next one Friday 4 April
Saturday Social	First Saturday of the month – 2pm until 4pm	Next one Saturday 5 April
PCC Meetings	Second Tuesday in the month at 7.45pm	Next one Tuesday 8 April
Prayer ministry Between our Sunday morning services	Usually the second Sunday and fourth Sunday of each month	Next one after the 9.30am service on 13 April
Work Days	Third Saturday of the month – 2pm to 4pm	Next one Saturday 19 April
Saturday Morning Prayers	The day before the Gathering (so always a Saturday!) – 9am	Next one Saturday 5 April

Prayer Ministry

In addition to being available twice a month between 9:30 and 11:00am services, the Prayer Team will also now be available following each Together@11 service if anyone would like prayer. Team members will be wearing a green lanyard - just make yourself known to one of them.

If anyone is interested in joining the Team, please talk to Brian.

Diary for the week ahead

Sat	29 Mar	9.30am	Scouts' Coffee Morning
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MOTHERING SUNDAY – FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER LENT			
Sun	30 Mar	9.30am	Parish Communion
		10.45am	Short meeting of PCC (in the Office) to approve the accounts for 2024
		11.00am	Together @ 11
		4.00pm	Pizza Praise
Mon	31 Mar	APRIL	
Tues	1 April	7.45pm	Big Church Read 'How to hear God' – in the Hall
Weds	2 April	2pm	Worship at Summerfield
Thurs	3 April	7.15pm	Zoom prayers
Fri	4 April	7pm	Friday at the King
Sat	5 April	9am	Saturday morning prayers
		9.45am	Setting up the Hall for the Saturday Social and the Gathering
		2pm-4pm	Saturday Social
Sun	6 April	9.15am	Breakfast in the Hall
		10am	Sunday Gathering in the Hall
		11am	Holy Communion (said) in church
		11.30am	Annual Parochial Church Meeting – in the Hall
