

ST JAMES PARISH CHURCH, SILSDEN

WEEKLY NEWSHEET

SATURDAY 5 APRIL 2025

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Readings for Sunday 6 April
Fifth Sunday of Lent – Passion Sunday

Isaiah Chapter 43 verses 16-21

Psalms 126

Philippians Chapter 3 verses 4-14

Gospel of John Chapter 12 verses 1-8

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 in the church

11.30am – APCM

Services coming up

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 10.30am – between service Prayer ministry 11am – Together at 11
Sunday 20 April Easter Sunday	9.30am Parish Communion – led by Revd Bob Evans and Jen Read 10.30am Tea and Coffee in the hall 11am – Together @ 11 – led by Revd Bob Evans and Jen Read

Saturday Morning Prayers

Saturday Morning Prayers are this Saturday at 9am in the hall. Please do come along if you can.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2025

Our annual church meeting (the ‘APCM’) is this Sunday 6 April 2025 at 11.30am in the Hall (after the said service of Holy Communion which follows the Gathering).

Our Stories

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 15 April starting at 7.45pm in the hall.

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.

Funeral of Mrs N Waite

The funeral of Mrs N Waite will take place at church on Friday 11 April at 11.30am. Please remember the family in your prayers.

Thursday Zoom prayers

The next Zoom prayers on a Thursday will be on Thursday 10 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!)

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.

Church Walks

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

Balcony Tidy

The church balcony needs tidying. We will be doing this on Wednesday 9 April starting at 2pm. If you are able to come along to help, that would be great.



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.

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

Easter eggs - thank you

A big thank you for all the Easter Eggs which were donated through church to Homeless not Hopeless

The charity has collected them all and they are very grateful.

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

Boots the Chemist has started collecting blister pill and vitamin packets for recycling. For those of you who can't easily get to a Boots, there will be a box at the back of church from next week. Once it is full, Jen will take all the packets to Boots in Keighley for recycling.

Repair Cafe

Silsden Repair Cafe is on Saturday 26 April, at the Methodist Church.

Also Climate Action Silsden hold a refill shop at every Repair Café. They stock Minimal (now based in Silsden!) household and personal care products, (all products are Vegan, Cruelty Free and Paraben Free and contain no synthetic dyes or perfumes).

The liquids available are washing up liquid, laundry detergent, fabric conditioner, multi-surface cleaner, toilet cleaner, floor cleaner, hand soap, bubble bath / shower gel, shampoo and hair conditioner. Please take your empty containers and the refill shop will fill them for you. They are a profit free organisation and so sell at cost price, just with a small round-up to cover costs of any spills.

We are now officially a Fairtrade church!

Jen has presented details of our church's Fairtrade credentials to the Fairtrade Foundation, and they have awarded us Fairtrade Church status for a year.

Thank you Jen

We do of course want to continue keep up with our Fairtrade status so watch this space about how we will do that.



**Awarded to
St James Silsden**

**On
27th March 2025**

Next Renewal due:
27th March 2027

Michael Gidney
Chief Executive
Fairtrade Foundation



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

Haygill Nook
Walker's Lane
Ridge Lane
Low Lane

Bank Account 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

Free boat trip

As some of you know, I am involved in a charity that provides day trips on the canal with an emphasis on providing for people with disability of any kind. We also take families. Most of our customers are from the care homes or from charities that support vulnerable people.

We are wanting to have more photographs available in order to promote what we do on our website and on social media, and this means obtaining permission from our customers, many of whom do not have the capacity to give consent. Therefore, we have decided to offer a free boat trip to members of St James, maybe with your friends, on the condition that you are able and willing to sign a consent form for us to use your photograph in publicity i.e. social media/press releases. The trip will take place on Friday, the 25th of April and will begin at 10 am from Snaygill Boats. We will take you towards Skipton to the hospital ramp where we normally pick up people in wheelchairs, continuing into Skipton Canal basin where we will turn, and then we will travel in the other direction as far as Kildwick, returning to Snaygill. The trip will be between four and five hours duration, and we may ask someone to sit in a wheelchair from time to time! The boat is limited to 12 passengers, but one of those places is taken by the videographer so I am able to offer 11 to the church. Due to consent issues you need to be 18 or over, not difficult for most of us! You would need to bring your own packed lunch, but we will provide as many hot drinks as you like.

Please have a word with me if you'd like to join us. In the event of very high winds, or gloomy weather which is bad for photography, we would need to postpone.

Bob

Saturday Social

It is Saturday Social tomorrow – Saturday 5 April.

A vertical poster with a blue background. At the top, there are three white line drawings: a puzzle piece on the left, a ball of yarn with knitting needles in the center, and two dice on the right. The title "SATURDAY SOCIAL" is written in large, white, hand-drawn capital letters in the upper middle. Below the title, the text "St James Community Hall Silsden" is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. To the left of this text is a small illustration of two people sitting at a table. To the right is a fan of playing cards. Below the venue name, the text "1st Saturday Every Month" is written in bold, black, sans-serif font. Underneath that, the time "2.00 - 4.00 pm" is written in bold, black, sans-serif font. A paragraph of italicized 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 a large, white, sans-serif font.

Silsden supporting families in Liberia

We will be holding a coffee morning in St James' Church Hall on Saturday 26th April - 9.30am - 12.00 to raise funds for our friends in Liberia for the continuation of the training course that their organisation God's Kingdom of Hope International (GKHI) is currently running to empower vulnerable women.

They had over 70 women apply to attend the course which started in November with funding which you, St James' congregation have already helped to provide but they do need more with so many people eager to learn. Because of the large numbers wanting to attend they were split into two groups. The first group have just graduated, and the second group will start after Easter. However, the first group are eager to do more moving on to more advanced sewing and textiles.

WE ARE RAISING FUNDS TO BUY SEWING MACHINES SO THEY CAN LEARN TO SEW IN ORDER TO DEVELOP INDUSTRY AND INCOME FOR THEMSELVES AND THEIR COMMUNITY.

Please come along and learn more about what they are doing.

We and they would really appreciate your support.

Thank you

Joanna, Derek, Laura, Peter and Evangeline

For book lovers

Wendy Neville is organising a book event on Sunday May 4th in Silsden Town Hall - doors open at 1.30pm for a 2pm start with local author Liz Mistry speaking about her work. We will then break up into groups and discuss her book *The Blood Promise*, which will be followed by a question and answer session. At 4.30pm there will be light refreshments and book sales and signings.

You will need to read *The Blood Promise* beforehand.

Wendy has a number of free tickets spare. If you would like to attend this event please email Wendy on nevillewendy7@gmail.com

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 10 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 TBC	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	5 April	9am	Saturday morning prayers
		9.45am	Setting up the Hall for the Saturday Social and the Gathering
		2pm-4pm	Saturday Social
			FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT – PASSION SUNDAY
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
		7.00pm	Sunday Home Group
Mon	7 April		
Tues	8 April	7.45pm	PCC meeting
Wed	9 April	9.30am	Easter cafe
		2.00pm	Balcony tidy
Thurs	10 April	7.15pm	Zoom Prayers
Fri	11 April	11.30am	Funeral of Mrs N Waite
Sat	12 April		
			PALM SUNDAY
Sun	13 April	9.30am	Parish Communion

10.15am	Blessing of the Palms
10.30am	Between service Prayer Ministry
11am	Together @ 11
