

ST JAMES PARISH CHURCH, SILSDEN

WEEKLY NEWSSHEET

SATURDAY 12 APRIL 2025

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Readings for Sunday 13 April

Palm Sunday

Liturgy of the Psalms

Liturgy of the Passion

Gospel of Luke Chap 19 verses 28-40

Isaiah Chap 50 verses 4-9

Psalm 118 verses 1 - 2 and verses 19-24

Psalm 31 verses 9-18

Letter to the Philippians Chap 2 verses 5-11

**Gospel of Luke Chap 22 verse 14 to Chap 23 verse 56; or
Gospel of Luke Chap 23 verses 1-49**

Sunday 13 April

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

(The service of Parish Communion at 9.30am will therefore be a little shorter this week).

11am – Together at 11 – led by Wednesday Home Group

Services coming up

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
Sunday 27 April Low Sunday	9.30am Parish Communion – led by Revd Denis Tate 10.30am Tea and Coffee in the hall 10.30am Between service prayer ministry 11am Together @ 11 – led by Sunday Home Group

Rev Simon Phipps' arrival date at St James Silsden

Rev Simon will be licensed to St James Silsden by Bishop Toby on Friday 25 July 2025 at a special service in the evening here in church. The service will start at 7pm.

This date also happens to be St James' Day, and it is lovely that this special service will also fall on our patronal festival.

More information about this service will follow nearer the time.

Welcome Booklet for Rev Simon

The PCC have decided to put together a welcome booklet for Rev Simon so that he knows who all the church family at St James are and who does what. In order to prepare this, Val and Brian will be taking photos of you all. Please do support this to make Simon's welcome to St James really great.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2025

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Annual Parochial Church Meeting last Sunday.

The members of PCC for the coming year are:-

Steve Anderson, Connor Anderson, Michael Wilkinson, Steph Spence, Joanne Towers, Deborah Thorley (Treasurer), Val Goddard, Brian Goddard (Deputy Churchwarden), Paul Winstanley (Deanery Synod Rep), Joanna Kaye (Deanery Synod Rep), Lynne Heath (Deanery Synod Rep), Jen Read (Licensed Lay Minister)

Jayne and Neil have been re-elected as churchwardens for another 12 months.

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.

Mission Group

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

Social Mission Group

The Social Mission Group will be meeting on Tuesday 29 April at 7.30pm on Zoom. All welcome to attend.

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/3822705603?pwd=y7Gd6TofuslBFShT03bQSjFpSIKPTL1&omn=85933731622>

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.

Thursday Zoom prayers

The next Zoom prayers on a Thursday will be on Thursday 17 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.

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.

Eco-Church

Have you ever wondered how much carbon you use? The World Wildlife Fund has a handy online Carbon Footprint Calculator that works out how much carbon you use and then gives you helpful hints and tips on how to reduce it. More information about this can be found here: <https://footprint.wwf.org.uk/>.

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.

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.

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

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 17 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 2 May (not one on 18 April)
Saturday Social	First Saturday of the month – 2pm until 4pm	Next one Saturday 3 May
PCC Meetings	Second Tuesday in the month at 7.45pm	Next one Tuesday 13 May
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 27 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 3 May

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	12 April		
			PALM SUNDAY
Sun	13 April	9.30am	Parish Communion
		10.15am	Blessing of the Palms
		11am	Together @ 11
Mon	14 April	2.00pm	Worship at The Raikes
		7.00pm	Stations of the Cross at Mount Carmel Church
Tues	15 April	7.45pm	Big Church Read in Church Hall
Wed	16 April	2.00pm	Worship at The Gables
			MAUNDY THURSDAY
Thurs	17 April	7.00pm	Service at the Methodist Church
		7.15pm	Zoom Prayers
			GOOD FRIDAY
Fri	18 April	10.30am	Walk of Witness starting at Mount Carmel Church
		7.00pm	Service at St James – ‘The Nail’
Sat	19 April	2.00pm	Work Day
			EASTER SUNDAY
Sun	20 April	9.30am	Parish Communion

10.30am	Tea and coffee
11.00am	Together @ 11

Work Day

The next church work day will be on Saturday 19 April starting at 2pm. The main focus for this work day will be getting the church ready for Easter Sunday.