

# ST JAMES PARISH CHURCH, SILSDEN

## WEEKLY NEWSHEET

SATURDAY 26 APRIL 2025

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### Sunday 27 April

#### He is Risen! Alleluia!

Readings for Low Sunday – 27 April 2025

Acts of the Apostles Chap 15 verses 27-32 or Exodus Chap 14 verses 10-31 and Chap 15  
verses 20-21

Psalms 118 verses 14-29 or Psalm 150

Revelation Chap 1 verses 4-8

Gospel of John Chap 20 verses 19-31

### Sunday 27 April

9.30am Parish Communion – led by Rev Denis Tate

10.30am Tea and Coffee in the hall

10.30am Between service prayer ministry

11am Together @ 11 – led by Sunday Home Group: Jesus walks on water

1pm Baptism

2.30pm Sunday Stroll

4pm – Pizza Praise

### Coming Up

Sunday 4 May	Gathering Breakfast in the Hall from 9.15am  10am Sunday Gathering in the Hall – led by Wednesday Home Group  11am Service of Holy Communion (said) – in church
Sunday 11 May	9.30am – Parish Communion led by Rev Denis Tate  10.30am Tea and Coffee in the hall  10.30am Between service prayer ministry  11am Together @ 11 – led by Monday Home Group; Christian Aid  4pm – Pizza Praise

### Baptism

Baby Wilf is being baptised at St James church this Sunday. Please pray for Wilf and his family on this special day. It would be lovely if some of us could attend the baptism service (it starts at 1pm) to welcome and to witness.

### Sunday Stroll 27 April

Join in for a Sunday stroll (about 2 miles on the flat) starting at 2.30pm from church.

### 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.

## **Thank You from Homeless not Hopeless**

A big thank you from Homeless not Hopeless for the generous number of Easter Eggs donated by St James Church. These have been distributed by the Charity's volunteers

### **Thank you**

Thank you to everyone who set up the church for Easter Day.

Thank you to everyone who came along to the work day last Saturday to continue with the list of jobs around church that needed doing.

### **Lost and missing**

A pair of spectacles was left in a pew after last Sunday's services. We have them safe if they are yours.

Also, those who attended the 11am service last Sunday will know that we handled a number of different printed pictures as part of the service.

There are a few of those printed pictures that we can't now find and so if you were at that service please can you check files, bags, pockets, etc

Thank you very much

### **Repair Cafe**

The next 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.

### **Mission Group**

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

Meeting ID: 796 8400 0869

Passcode: A1d1gy

### **Silsden supporting families in Liberia**

We will be holding a coffee morning in St James' Church Hall on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> 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

### **Mother's Union**

April's meeting is on Monday 28th April at 3.45pm where we will welcome Mary White who will talk about a "Bronte love story ". All are welcome to join us. In May on Thursday 15th at 7.30pm Susan Dobson, a local florist, will lead a gardener's question time. Again, all are welcome to join us and if people would like to submit questions in advance for Susan that would be great otherwise just come along with your queries on the night. A small donation of £2 for tea and biscuits would be greatly appreciated.

We would also like to thank all those who have donated toiletries for the Doulas charity.

Thanks

Louise

### **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=y7Gd6TofuslBFShT03bQSjFpSIKPTl.1&omn=85933731622>

## **Memorial Mass for Pope Francis**

A Memorial Mass for Pope Francis will be held at Our Lady of Mount Carmel on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 12.00 mid-day. All are warmly invited to attend.

## **Songs of Praise - Together at 11 on Sunday 18 May**

Our 11am service on Sunday 18 May is going to be a 'Songs of Praise' service where we will worship using hymns and songs that you choose as your favourites.

Please nominate your chosen hymn or worship song as soon as possible so we can put together the service and so the worship group can practice.

We cannot guarantee your choice will make the final line up (there may be too many put forward!) but we hope to have a good selection from which to choose. So please – make your nominations!

To make your nomination please complete the form, and place it in the 'post box', all at the back of church on Sunday. Thank you.

## **Eco-Church**

It was Earth Day on Tuesday and to celebrate this, various events have been organised to coincide with this date. In our local area St John's in Ben Rhydding is running an Earth Day event on Saturday 3rd May 10am-12pm where local artists will display their work and there will be stalls run by local groups.

The Earth Day website also has a very interesting article on how Christians can respond to the climate emergency over the Easter season: <https://www.earthday.org/isnt-it-time-we-act-with-the-same-compassion-for-the-earth-as-we-do-for-people/>.

## **Personal Growth and Leadership Course**

Four members of our church have just finished the Personal Growth and Leadership course run by the Diocese. The Diocese will be running a taster session for anyone thinking of going on the course when it is run again, starting in September. The taster course will be online on 25 June in the evening (7pm to 8.30pm) so if you think you might be at all interested in going on the course please put that date in your diary.

More information about the course generally will follow.

### Saturday morning prayers

At 9am on Saturday 3 May 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 3 May.



A vertical poster with a blue-to-purple gradient background. At the top, there are three white line-art icons: a puzzle piece on the left, a ball of yarn with knitting needles in the center, and two dice on the right. The main title 'SATURDAY SOCIAL' is written in large, white, hand-drawn capital letters. Below this, the text 'St James Community Hall Silsden' is 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 an illustration of a fan of playing cards. Below the hall name, the text '1st Saturday Every Month' is in a bold, black, sans-serif font. Underneath that, the time '2.00 - 4.00 pm' is in a bold, black, sans-serif font. A paragraph of text in a cursive-style font 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, black, sans-serif font.

**SATURDAY  
SOCIAL**

St James  
Community Hall  
Silsden

**1st Saturday  
Every Month**

**2.00 - 4.00 pm**

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  **ALL WELCOME**  

### 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

### Christian Aid Week Coffee Morning



Please come and support our  
**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK**  
**COFFEE MORNING**  
**Saturday May 10<sup>th</sup>**

**9.30 am - 12 noon**

**Silsden Methodist Church**

**Thank you**

**Silsden Christian Aid Committee  
and Churches Together in Silsden**

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### 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](mailto: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 1 May
Thursday Group	The fourth Thursday of each month at 2pm	Next one Thursday 22 May at Sheila's house
Friday at the King Pub Social	First and Third Fridays of the month – 7pm to around 9pm - venue 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 17 May
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

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Sat	26 April	9.30am	Coffee Morning for families in Liberia
		9.30am	Repair Cafe
<b>EASTER 2 - FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER</b>			
Sun	27 April	9.30am	Parish Communion
		10.20am	Tea and Coffee – in the Hall
		10.30am	Between service prayer ministry
		11am	Together @ 11
		1pm	Baptism
		2.30pm	Sunday stroll
		4pm	Pizza Praise
Mon	28 April	3.45pm	Mothers' Union meeting
		7.30pm	Mission Group meeting
Tues	29 April	7.30pm	Social Mission Group meeting
Wed	30 April	12 noon	Memorial Mass for Pope Francis @ Mount Carmel church
Thurs	1 May	7.15pm	Zoom Prayers
Fri	2 May	7.00pm	Friday at the King – venue TBC
Sat	3 May	9.00am	Saturday Morning Prayers
		2.00pm	Saturday Social
Sun	4 May	9.15am	Breakfast
		10.00am	Gathering
		11.00am	Holy Communion

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## Dates Coming Up

Christian Aid week 11-15 May

Ascension Day – Thursday 29 May

Pentecost - Sunday 8 June

Trinity Sunday – 15 June

Silsden Open Gardens 28-29 June