


ST JAMES PARISH CHURCH, SILSDEN WEEKLY NEWSHEET

SATURDAY 31 MAY 2025

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He is Risen! Alleluia!

Readings for the Sunday after Ascension Day – 1 June 2025

Acts of the Apostles - Chap 16 verses 16-34

Psalm 97

Revelation Chap 22 verses 12-14, 16-17 and 20-21

Gospel of John Chap 17 verses 20-26

Sunday 1 June

9.15am – Breakfast together, in the Hall

10.00am – Sunday Gathering for Environment Sunday – in the Hall
followed by (if you can) an hour in the churchyard for the
St James Silsden Churchyard Count 2025

11.00am – Said Communion led by Rev Bob Evans, in the church

Coming Up

Sunday 8 June Pentecost	9.30am – Parish Communion led by Rev John Peet 10.30am Tea and Coffee in the hall 10.30am Between-service prayer ministry 11am Together @ 11 1pm - Baptism 4pm – Pizza Praise
Sunday 15 June Trinity Sunday	9.30am – Parish Communion led by Rev Dick Watson 10.30am Tea and Coffee in the hall 11am Together @ 11 4pm – Pizza Praise

This Sunday's Gathering Service

Our Gathering Service this Sunday is on Environment Sunday, which will be our theme for the day. This is also a time when churches are encouraged to do a count of all the nature they can find in the churchyard from plants, to bugs and other wildlife. This is called the Churches Count on Nature. After the Gathering, It would be wonderful if as many people as possible to join me in the churchyard for an hour to help count everything we can see in the churchyard. Those attending the Communion service can also join us once the service has finished.

To help with the counting, we will use the Inaturalist app to take photos of what we see and then record it (type 'Inaturalist' into the app store for your phone). Once you have downloaded the app, search under projects for St James Silsden Churchyard Count 2025. If you don't want to download the app, either team up with someone who does, or I will be around to capture your findings on the app. The results of the count will help organisations keep track of national trends and also help us with managing our churchyard for wildlife in the future. I'm looking forward to seeing how many species we can find!

Thank you, Jen

Saturday morning prayers

At 9am on Saturday (31 May) there will be the usual monthly prayers before we set up for the Gathering at around 9.45am. Please come along to pray together for the church and the community.

Mothers' Union Strawberry Teas – Sunday 15 June

The annual Mothers' Union strawberry teas this year is on Sunday 15 June, in the Hall, between 2.30pm and 4pm



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.

Please see this link for more information

https://leeds.anglican.org/who-we-are/news/new-online-taster-for-personal-growth-and-leadership-programme.php?fbclid=IwY2xjawKJtqpleHRuA2FlbQIxMQABHiyguGCDMBH9KOtzkycUaNw2ayBO LftVdS-AOYV7prurWG2q9rTRGxt7cIVf_aem_wPZPPLCec3zLUW8ycNDHaw

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

Mother's Union – next meeting

June's meeting is a trip to Woodbank nursery on Monday 16th June. Please, sign the form on the MU notice board so that we can organise cars and book a table in the café. We plan to leave the car park opposite the church at 1.30pm.

Thanks everyone for supporting our meetings
God bless
Louise

Worship at the Homes

Please come along to help at our regular worship in the homes if you can make it. It's even more important over the summer as some of our regulars will be away.

Here are the next couple of dates:

Wednesday 4th June 2:00pm at Summerfield
Wednesday 18th June 2:00pm at The Gables

The monthly pattern for the visits to the homes is:
Summerfield - the first Wednesday of the month at 2:00pm.
The Gables - the third Wednesday of the month at 2:00pm.

Next Sunday Home Group

Sunday Home Group next meets at 7pm on Sunday 8 June, in the Hall

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.

Saturday Social

The next monthly Saturday Social is on 7 June.



**SATURDAY
SOCIAL**

St James
Community Hall
Silsden

**1st Saturday
Every Month**

2.00 - 4.00 pm

*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*

  **ALL WELCOME**  

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 5 June
Thursday Group	The fourth Thursday of each month at 2pm	Next one Thursday 26 June at Sheila's house
Friday at the King Pub Social	First and Third Fridays of the month – 7pm to around 9pm – venue: Kings Arms Bolton Road	Next one Friday 6 June
Saturday Social	First Saturday of the month – 2pm until 4pm	Next one Saturday 7 June
PCC Meetings	Second Tuesday in the month at 7.30pm	Next one Tuesday 10 June
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 8 June
Work Days	Third Saturday of the month – 2pm to 4pm	Next one Saturday 21 June
Saturday Morning Prayers	The day before the Gathering (so always a Saturday!) – 9am	Next one Saturday 31 May

Diary for the week ahead

Sat	31 May	9am 9.45am	Saturday morning prayers Set up Hall for Gathering
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Sun	1 June	9.15am 10am 11am	Breakfast together in the Hall Sunday Gathering service – in the Hall Holy Communion (said) in the Church
Mon	2 June		
Tues	3 June		
Weds	4 June	2pm	Worship at Summerfield
Thurs	5 June		
Fri	6 June		
Sat	7 June	1pm 2pm- 4pm	Set up Hall for Saturday Social Saturday Social
PENTECOST			
Sun	8 June	9.30am	Parish Communion
		11am	Together at 11
		4pm	Pizza Praise
		7pm	Sunday Home Group



What's on

We have been asked by the Bradford City of Culture team to draw your attention to an online tool that has been developed called 'It's on in Bradford'.

This covers events across the District of Bradford – so it includes Silsden, and neighbouring areas – and includes events which are not City of Culture events.

You can find it at:

<https://itsoninbradford.co.uk/>

There are some amazing City of Culture events coming up and these include:

- The Wild Uplands sculpture trail in the beautiful setting of Penistone Hill Country Park, Haworth – starts this weekend (24 May)
- Starting on 21 June, Ice Age Art Now presents work by people living in Europe at the end of the last Ice Age, some as much as 32,000 years old. These astounding works reveal the deep roots of drawing, sculpture, realism, abstraction, signs, symbols and more – and the extraordinary skill and imagination of these early image makers find echoes in modern and contemporary art. This family-friendly exhibition features a wealth of rare items from the British Museum and local treasures from the collections of Bradford District Museums and Galleries
Ice Age Art Now will be on just down the road at Cliffe Castle, Keighley

And much more....!

Bell ringing weekend at St James



St James Church
Presents



A BELL EXTRAVAGANZA



Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th July 2025
Come and try bellringing on a mobile belfry
Come and try handbell ringing
Saturday evening concert by Bingley Handbell Ringers
Further details tbc

As we mark the District of Culture year at St James Silsden we are having a special bell ringing extravaganza weekend at our church on Saturday 12th and Sunday 13 July.

More information to follow.