

ST JAMES PARISH CHURCH, SILSDEN

WEEKLY NEWSHEET

SATURDAY 28 JUNE 2025

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Readings

for Peter and Paul

Zechariah 4 verses 1-6 and 10-14; or

Acts 12 verses 1-11; or Ezekiel 3 verses 23-27

Psalm 125

2 Timothy 4 verses 6-8 and 17-18;

or 1 Peter 2 verses 19-25

Gospel of Matthew Chap 16 verses 13-19

for Trinity 2

2 Kings Chap 2 verses 1- 2 and 6-14; or

1 Kings Chap 19 verses 15-16 and 19-21

Psalm 77 verses 1-2 and 11-20 or Psalm 16

Galatians Chap 5 verse 1 and verses 13-25

Gospel of Luke Chap 9 verses 51-62

Sunday 29 June 2025

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

11am Together @ 11

4pm Pizza Praise

Services coming up

Sunday 6 July	Gathering Breakfast in the Hall from 9.15am 10am Sunday Gathering in the Hall 11am short said service of Holy Communion, in church – led by Rev Bob Evans 1pm Baptism
Sunday 13 July	10.30am – Special Bell Themed Communion Service – led by Revd Denis Tate 12.00 noon – Bring and Share Lunch 1.00pm – start of peal attempt 4.00pm – Pizza Praise

Rev Simon's licensing service Friday 25 July 7pm – are you coming?

Rev Simon's licensing as Interim Vicar here at St James Silsden is at 7pm on Friday 25 July.

If you've received a written invitation but haven't yet replied please can you do so as soon as possible (whether it's a 'yes, I'm attending' or a 'no, sorry I can't be there')?

We do need to know numbers where we can (for example at the moment we need to order service sheets).

You can respond by email to deputychurchwarden@stjamessilsden.org.uk or there's a special post box at the back of church.

If you haven't received a written invitation, then many apologies. Please see Neil or Jayne and they will organize it.

To reiterate: you are still invited even if you haven't received a written invitation!

Change to service times - Sunday 13 July and Sunday 27 July

We are having the special bell ringing weekend here at St James Silsden on 12 and 13 July. As part of that we are only having one service on the Sunday, 13 July, Parish Communion – which will be at a later time – 10.30am.

Two weeks later – Sunday 27 July – is Rev Simon's first Sunday at St James and because it is also Gala day then again we have decided to have just one service that day, being Parish Communion – again at a different time - 10am on this Sunday.

Please put these different times in your diaries.

Thank you

Our pigeon visitor

Our 9.30am service last Sunday took an interesting turn when a large woodpigeon flew in in the middle of the service, and then took up residence in the roof.

The woodpigeon stayed for all our Sunday services, including the baptism, and didn't seem interested in leaving - even when the church doors were left open all Sunday afternoon and into the evening.

Thank you to everyone who came to church during Monday and Tuesday to sit in church with the doors open waiting patiently for the bird to make its way out of the building.

However, as it didn't seem to be able to find its way out on its own then on Tuesday evening nets were deployed, and around 8pm the pigeon was gently caught and released back into the church yard.

Thanks to everyone who helped in getting the pigeon released and thanks to Jayne who also worked hard to clean up after it.....

Food for after Rev Simon's licensing service on Friday 25 July

Rev Simon's licensing service here at St James will be a special celebration, with people travelling to attend. As part of our welcome and celebration we are providing finger food refreshments after the service for Simon.

Can you make a contribution to these refreshments? If so, there is a sign-up sheet on the notice board in the hall. Please note that we have decided to go with finger food only - things made with pastry (cakes and scones etc). We want to avoid sandwiches and puddings please.

If you are not sure what to bring, please talk to Sheila.

Many thanks for your contributions.

Prayer week

Whilst we are already praying for Simon and his family, of course, on the Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in the week running up to Simon's licensing we will be praying even more to help launch Simon's ministry here on a wave of prayer. As part of that we will be opening the church on Monday 21 July, Tuesday 22 July, Wednesday 23 July and Thursday 24 July, and inviting people to come and pray for

Simon and his family.

We will let you know nearer the time the specific times when the church will be open.

Mothers' Union

July's meeting is on Thursday 17th at 7.30pm and we have a speaker, Jenny Kimber, talking about family history. All are welcome. £2 donation for tea and biscuits.

Thanks

Louise

Susan Dobson's Open Garden

Susan has her annual open garden on Sunday 6th July 12 noon to 5pm. £5 admission - refreshments will be available. Proceeds will go to Sue Ryder Manorlands. She will also have a collection for Aireworth Dogs In Need and a plant sale for Bradley Environmental Group.

It is really worth a look.

1 Lane Top, Jackson's Lane, Bradley, BD20 9HG

Thanks

Louise

Scargill weekend - March 2026

We have reserved some places at Scargill House for a weekend stay there from Friday 6 March to Sunday 8 March 2026 (with full board).

The cost is set out on the schedule from Scargill which is at the end of this newssheet.

Please consider if you would like to attend as we will be taking firm bookings very soon.

Saturday morning prayers - 5 July at 9am

As usual, some of us will be meeting to pray in church before the Hall is set up for the Saturday Social and the Gathering. Please come along as for as long you wish. We pray together from 9am to around 9.45am.

Saturday Social – 5 July 2pm to 4pm

The next Saturday Social is on 5 July – 2pm to 4pm. Everyone welcome

Mission group - next meeting

Mission group is meeting on Zoom on Monday 30 June at 7.30pm.

The Zoom log in is:

Meeting ID: 796 8400 0869 Passcode: A1d1gy

Hall bins

We are looking for a small team of people take responsibility for putting the church hall bins out on a Monday evening, and retrieving them early the following morning.

If you can help please have a word with Jayne, Neil or Brian.

Thank you.

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.

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.

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

Admission of Churchwardens Service 2 July

Jayne and Neil will be formally admitted as our churchwardens at a special service at St Andrew's Keighley on Wednesday 2 July – 7pm for 7.30pm. Please feel free to come along.

Prayer Ministry

Prayer ministry is available on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month between 9:30am and 11:00am services. 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.

Rotas

The new rotas will be prepared and circulated on Monday 30th June. This Sunday is your last chance to let Deborah know if you want to be added or taken off the rotas.

Bell ringing weekend at St James

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.

Details in the posters below.

St James Church Presents



A BELL EXTRAVAGANZA



**Saturday 12th &
Sunday 13th July
2025**



Saturday 12 July

9.30am – 12 noon Bell themed coffee morning
9.30am – 12 noon Open come & try sessions on mobile bells
12.30pm – 6.00pm Pre-booked sessions on mobile bells
2.00pm – 3.00pm Come & Try - tune ringing on handbells
3.00pm – 4.00pm Learn a tune for Sunday Service
7.00pm – 8.30pm Handbell concert by Bingley Handbell Ringers

Sunday 13 July

9.00am – 10.30am pre- booked sessions on mobile bells.
10.30am "Bell themed" Sunday service with Holy Communion
12 noon Bring and Share Parish lunch
1.00pm – 4.00pm Attempt at full peal on tower bells (Please come and listen)
From 1.00pm mobile bells also available if there is interest

*Concert at St James
Church, Silsden*

Bingley Handbell Ringers

*Saturday 12th July
7:00pm*

**Part of the St James Church Bell
Ringing Weekend, 12 & 13 July**



ST. JAMES CHURCH

**Free entry - donations
welcome**



Handbells at Bell Extravaganza Sunday Service

We have a set of 12 handbells that belong to St James. As part of the special Sunday service on 13 July, we would like to perform a tune using these handbells. Tune ringing on handbells is very easy to learn. If you would like to take part, please sign up on the sheet in the hall. There will be a rehearsal on Saturday 12 July at 3pm.

What are Mobile Bells?

Mobile Bells, or a mobile belfry, are a set of bells that are portable and can be taken to events to promote bellringing. They allow non-ringers to try out ringing bells in a safe way. They are smaller than the ones in the tower at St James; they need to be or they would not be mobile! They are suitable for people of all ages to ring – from about age 3 upwards. So why not come along and have a go and bring your friends and neighbours too.

Bell Themed Coffee Morning

We will be starting the bell extravaganza with a bell themed coffee morning (sorry tea total only). I need some help with making bell shaped biscuits. I also need help with running the coffee morning as I will be helping people to ring on the mobile bells. There will also be some other bell themed activities (but you will have to come to the coffee morning to find out what they are). If you can help out with the baking or on the day, please let me know.

Thanks
Deborah

Bring and Share Lunch on Sunday 13 July

Following on from our special bell themed service on Sunday 13 July, we will be sharing lunch. Please do come along and bring some food to share. It is a while since we have ‘broken bread’ together so it will be great to have the time to do this.



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 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....!

Gala

We are hosting a prayer tent on the Gala field on Sunday 27 July. Please will you consider spending some time to help with this on Gala Day, not only with being there as a host whilst the Gala is on in the Park, but also helping to set up the tent first thing on the morning of Sunday 27 July. If you can offer some help please let Paul, Alison, Jayne or Neil know. Thank you.

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 July
Thursday Group	The fourth Thursday of each month at 2pm	Next one Thursday 24 July 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 4 July
Saturday Social	First Saturday of the month – 2pm until 4pm	Next one Saturday 5 July
PCC Meetings	Second Tuesday in the month at 7.30pm	Next one Tuesday 8 July
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
Work Days	Third Saturday of the month – 2pm to 4pm	Next one Saturday 19 July
Saturday Morning Prayers	The day before the Gathering (so always a Saturday!) – 9am	Next one Saturday 5 July

Diary for the week ahead

Sat	28 June		
Sun	29 June	9.30am	SECOND SUNDAY OF TRINITY
		11.00am	Parish Communion
		4.00pm	Together @ 11
		7.30pm	Pizza Praise
Mon	30 June		Mission Group Meeting (on Zoom)
Tues	1 July		
Wed	2 July	2.00pm	Worship at Summerfield
		7.30pm	Admission of Churchwardens at Keighley St Andrew
Thurs	3 July	7.15pm	Zoom Prayers
Fri	4 July	7.00pm	Friday at the King
Sat	5 July	9.00am	Saturday Morning Prayers
		9.45am	Set up Hall
		2.00pm	Saturday Social
			THIRD SUNDAY OF TRINITY
Sun	6 July	9.15am	Breakfast
		10.00am	Sunday Gathering
		11.00am	Short Communion Service
		1.00pm	Baptism

We have been awarded Eco Church's Bronze Award!



Thank you Jen for looking at everything we do in church and presenting our case



Scargill Movement

Lives shared, lives transformed

Prices for 2026

Standard weekend adult rate with full board is £174.50 (£87.25 per night)

Standard mid-week adult rate with full board is £338.00 (£84.50 per night)

En suite supplement - £11 per person per night including children 5 years of age and over.

(£196.50 for a weekend per an adult & £382.00 for a mid-week programme per an adult)

Day visitor's rates agreed on request

Discounts

Children under 5 are free

Children 5 – 7 years old 70% reduction

Children 8 – 11 years old 50% reduction

Children 12 – 16 years old 30% reduction

Full time students 30% reduction

Single parent families 10% reduction in total cost

Carers 20% reduction in their cost

Scargill weekend programmes run from 4pm on Friday to 2pm on Sunday, and mid-week programmes run from 4pm on Monday to 10am on Friday.