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# ST JAMES PARISH CHURCH, SILSDEN

## WEEKLY NEWSSHEET

SATURDAY 30 AUGUST 2025

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### Readings for the Eleventh Sunday of Trinity

**Jeremiah Chap 2 verses 4-13 (or Ecclesiasticus Chap 10 verses 12-18); or  
Proverbs Chap 25 verses 6-7**

**Psalm 81 verse 1 and verses 10-16                      or                      Psalm 112**

**Hebrews Chap 13 verses 1-8 and 15-16**

**Gospel of Luke Chap 14 verse 1, and verses 7-14**

**Sunday 31 August 2025**

**9.30am Parish Communion – led by Rev Simon Phipps (also livestreamed on  
YouTube)**

**(10.20am - 10.55am Tea and Coffee in the St James Church Community Hall)**

**10.**

**11am Together @ 11 – Dreams, deceit and destiny  
led by Brian and Monday Home Group**

### **Services coming up**

Sunday 7 September	9.15am – Breakfast together in the Hall  10am – Gathering Service in the Hall  11am – Holy Communion in the church led by Rev Simon Phipps
Sunday 14 September	9.30am – Parish Communion led by Rev Simon Phipps  10.30am Tea and Coffee in the hall  11am – Together @ 11



### **Big Sing - 10.30am Saturday 6 September 2025**



On the morning of Saturday 6 September the three Silsden churches will be meeting together on the Methodist church forecourt to have a Big Sing together of hymns and worship songs, accompanied by the musicians from all the churches. This is a chance to worship and witness together – and let Silsden know the joy of our faith. Please come and join in to make a big joyful sound!

### **Rev Simon's contact details**

Here are two good ways of getting in touch with Rev Simon:

Email: [simon.phipps@leeds.anglican.org](mailto:simon.phipps@leeds.anglican.org)

Telephone: 07867 375965

### **Do you use WhatsApp?**

If you are user of WhatsApp then why not join our St James WhatsApp community? That way you will be able to see our general church community announcements of events, news etc, and then have option (if you wish) to request to join any of our 10 (so far) individual WhatsApp groups - e.g the prayer group, social mission, music group, walks and strolls, Sunday Home group, Friday@The King

For further details / to join speak to Ali or Helen or message Ali on 07719332972

Anyone wanting to add their existing groups to the St James Community , please see Ali.  
(Admins can maintain control of group memberships!)

## **Home Groups**

### **Wednesday Home Group is Back!**

We are returning after our summer break to our fortnightly meetings starting on September 3rd. We meet on zoom at 7.30, for about an hour and a half. We're a friendly group and new members are welcome - I just need your email address.

Alison

### **Sunday Home Group is also Back!**

Sunday Home Group resumes on Sunday 14 September, in the Hall at 7pm. Sunday Home Group will be following the updated Bible Course (by the Bible Society), starting on 14 September.

Everyone welcome!

### **Monday Home Group (Brian)**

This Home Group has a meeting this Monday (1st September), and then will recommence properly for the autumn on Monday 22nd September at Brian and Val's home, 7.30pm

## **Saturday Morning Prayers**

At 9am on Saturday 6 September we will meet in church for our monthly Saturday morning prayers, including prayers for Silsden. Please come for as long as you can before, at around 9.45am, we set up the hall for the Saturday Social and the Gathering – before going to the Methodist Church for the Big Sing.

## **Mothers' Union**

September's meeting of Mothers' Union is on Monday 15th September at 3.45pm and will be an activity led meeting whilst people share what they have done over the summer.

We look forward to seeing you all there.

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. The next dates are as follows:

3 September - Summerfield at 2pm

17 September – The Gables at 2pm

The Next Saturday Social is on Saturday 6 September – 2pm to 4pm



**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**  

## **Personal Growth and Leadership Course 2025-26**

Over recent years a number of people from St James Silsden have been on the Diocese's Personal Growth and Leadership course. It is a great course for those who want to see in themselves personal growth and confidence (including their Christian confidence). Don't worry about the use of 'Leadership' in the course title – attending the course doesn't mean you will have to be a leader once the course is finished!

The course will run from September this year to March next year and is based around six Saturday morning sessions held at Fountains Church in Bradford city centre

The course comes highly recommended by those from St James who have completed it.

The Saturday morning sessions – 10am-12.30pm – for the 2025-2026 course are:

- Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September
- Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October
- Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November
- Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January
- Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February
- Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March

The last Saturday clashes with the Scargill weekend but we will just have to work that out nearer the time.

## **Eco Church - Season of Creation**

Creationtide or Season of Creation stretches from 1st September to 4th October. This year the theme is 'Peace with Creation'. For those who want to hear more about it, please visit this page: <https://seasonofcreation.org/> . There are lots of downloadable resources, including a YouTube service you can join in, with Christians around the world, on the 1st September (or watch later) and a special prayer you can add to your daily devotions.

## **Fairtrade Fortnight 2025**

This year's Fairtrade Fortnight will be 22 September to 5 October 2025

## **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

### Regular church events

Friday Pub Social	First and Third Fridays of the month – 7pm to around 9pm	Next one Friday 5 September at the Kings Arms
Saturday Social	First Saturday of the month – 2pm until 4pm	Next one Saturday 6 September
Thursday Group	Fourth Thursday of the month 2pm at Sheila's house	Next one Thursday 25 September
PCC Meetings	Second Tuesday in the month at 7.30pm	Next one Tuesday 9 September
Prayer ministry Between our Sunday morning services	Usually the second Sunday and fourth Sunday of each month	Next one Sunday 14 September
Work Days	Third Saturday of the month – 2pm to 4pm	Next one Saturday 20 September
Saturday Morning Prayers	The day before the Gathering (so always a Saturday!) – 9am	Next one Saturday 6 September

### Diary for the week ahead

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<b>ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF TRINITY</b>			
Sun	31 August	9.30am	Parish Communion
		10.20am to	Tea and Coffee in the Hall
		10.55am	
		11am	Together@11
<b>September</b>			
Mon	1 Sep		
Tues	2 Sep		
Weds	3 Sep	2pm	Worship at Summerfield
Thurs	4 Sep		
Fri	5 Sep	7pm-9pm (ish)	Friday at the Kings Arms - pub social
Sat	6 Sep	9am	Saturday Morning prayers- in church
		9.45am	Set up hall for Saturday Social and Gathering
		10.30am	Churches Together Big Sing – outside Silsden Methodist Church
<b>TWELFTH SUNDAY OF TRINITY</b>			
Sun	7 Sep	9.15am	Breakfast together in the hall
		10am	Sunday Gathering worship in the Hall
		11am	Service of Holy Communion – a shorter, said service

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### Dates for the Diary

Pudding Night – Saturday 11 October (from 6.30pm)  
 Tear Fund Quiz Night – Saturday 15 November (from 6.30pm)  
 Autumn Fayre – Saturday 22 November (from 9.30am)  
 Silsden Christmas Market – Sunday 30 November

Church Christmas Party – Saturday 13 December (from 6pm)