

ST JAMES PARISH CHURCH, SILSDEN

WEEKLY NEWSHEET

SATURDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2025

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Readings for the Thirteenth Sunday of Trinity

Exodus 32 verses 7-14

Psalms 51 verses 1-11

1 Timothy 1 verses 12-17

Gospel of Luke Chap 15 verses 1-10

Sunday 14 September 2025

9.30am – Parish Communion led by Revd Simon

10.30am Tea and Coffee in the hall

Prayer ministry between services

11am – Together @ 11 led by Jen

Services coming up

Sunday 21 September	9.30am – Parish Communion 10.30am Tea and Coffee in the hall 11.00am – Together @ 11 led by Revd Simon
Sunday 28 September	9.30am – Parish Communion led by Revd Simon 10.30am Tea and Coffee in the hall Prayer ministry between services 11.00am – Together @ 11 led by Val 1.00pm - Baptism

Big Sing – thank you

Thank you to everyone who came along to and/or prayed for or supported in any other way the Churches Together Big Sing last Saturday morning.. It was wonderful to be able to sing outdoors, with our fellow churches here in Silsden, our praises to God.

We would like to do this again next year.

Rev Simon's contact details

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

Email: simon.phipps@leeds.anglican.org

Telephone: 07867 375965

Do you use WhatsApp?

If you use Whats App and are not already a member of the St James Community please speak to Ali or Helen or message Ali on 07719332972

Scouts Coffee Morning and Churches on the Air

It's Churches on the Air this Saturday, 13 September, and members of Keighley Amateur Radio Club are coming to St James trying to make contacts with other churches over the airwaves using special call sign GB1 STJ. Churches on the Air is a national event with lots of different churches taking part. They will set up from 9am to around 2pm on Saturday. Come along and see the radio amateurs in action with the special call sign GB1 STJ.



1st Silsden (St James) Scout Group & Keighley Amateur Radio Club

Coffee Morning & Churches on the Air



Coffee morning
9.30-12

**SEPT
13TH**

Churches
on the Air
9am
onwards



**Bacon / Sausage
sandwiches**



All proceeds go towards running of the group



Scouts

Mothers' Union

Our next meeting is on Monday 15th September at 3.45pm. There will be a harvest based craft and members are asked to bring foliage ...with or without berries or nuts like hawthorn, elderflower, acorns...etc from around their garden so that we can make a wreath. All welcome. A small donation towards tea and biscuits is all we ask.

Looking forward to seeing everyone.

Louise

Worship at the Homes

Please come along to help at our regular worship in the homes if you can make it. The next date is 17 September at the Gables (at 2pm)

Repair Cafe

The next Silsden Repair Cafe is on Saturday 20 September, at Silsden Methodist Church - between 9.30am and noon.

Climate Action Silsden hold a refill shop at the Repair Café. They stock Miniml (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.

Dradishaw Light Railway

Saturday 20th September Dradishaw Light railway (at 21 Dradishaw Road), weather permitting, are having a running morning. Open from 10.00 am till about 12.00 noon. Up to 6 locomotives in traffic, buffet open(tea/coffee biscuits). Children bring your parents/grandparents, (unaccompanied adults also welcome).

Michael

Personal Growth and Leadership Course 2025-26

The course will be starting on Saturday 20th September. Please pray for those members of our church family who are attending the course.

Church Work Day

The next church work day is on Saturday 20 September starting at 2.00pm. There are always jobs suitable for all so please do come along to help out keep out church and grounds looking fantastic.

Food bank cupboard

Just a reminder that we shall be going to the Salvation Army on Monday 22nd and we are still welcoming any donations folks can give. Cost of living is hard for us all at the moment but for some it's really hard.

Thank you all for your generosity.

Michael and Susan

Home Groups

Wednesday Home Group

We meet on zoom at 7.30, for about an hour and a half. The next meeting is on Wednesday 17 September. We're a friendly group and new members are welcome - I just need your email address.
Alison

Sunday Home Group

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 will recommence for the autumn on Monday 22nd September at Brian and Val's home, 7.30pm

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.

Dishwasher

There have been some problems getting the dishwasher started. It might be due to the plug not being removed when it is switched off, meaning water has not drained away. So – just a reminder please to ensure the plug is removed as we finish in the kitchen - and we will monitor if this solves the problem or if there is a different issue. We appreciate that the ‘on’ light not coming on is a very unhelpful problem. Thank you to everyone who do so much work in the kitchen for church.

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

The Sudan Link

From the Diocese of Leeds Website

Leeds Diocese is linked with the Episcopal Church in Sudan. That link opens a window on another part of the world helping to widen our horizons. The spirit of the link is partnership. Together we are members of the Body of Christ, so the link works both ways:

- We receive as much as we give
- We respect each other
- We listen to each other
- We pray for each other
- We work on shared tasks

We aim to support and encourage our brothers and sisters who feel marginalised and oppressed in their own country, yet maintain their faith in Christ with great courage.

By staying committed to the Church in Sudan we find we understand more about the church overseas than if we just follow wherever current headlines take us. We allow their lives to challenge us about how we live day to day, and how we can be better followers of Christ.

The War in Sudan

In April 2023 civil war erupted between the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF). According to the United Nations this has left over 25 million people dependent on

humanitarian assistance, whilst nearly 7.8 million people have been driven from their homes across Sudan, including 1.6 million forced to flee across its borders.

Latest Update

From the Church Association for Sudan and South Sudan

The war front has shifted south and westwards leaving the centre ravaged but relatively at peace.

However, a dramatic story is unfolding in the south west where three cities are under siege. One of them, El Fasher, with a population the size of the City of Bradford, is being walled in by the RSF. The rate at which the earthwork is being formed, they are about two months away from completing the encirclement. There is no safe passage out of the city: roads are blocked and those attempting to flee face attacks, extortion at checkpoints, community-based discrimination, and death.

See this report from the BBC

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c4gz1ekdee3o>

CASSS is appealing for special giving to support

- the survival of the Episcopal Church, the only church still functioning with a minister, in this area
- to get Archbishop Ezekiel and Bishop Hassan to the UK in November for strategic talks with partners here, plus a programme to visit London, Salisbury and Leeds.

Please see

<https://www.casss.org.uk/make-a-donation/>

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)

Honk – Sound of the Streets

 **Sound of the Streets**
Saturday 27th Sept 11am-1pm



Boom Dang, Barrow in Furness
Playing for HONK! at
Silsden Bandstand
Bolton Rd, Silsden, Keighley BD20 9ND



Regular church events

Friday Pub Social	First and Third Fridays of the month – 7pm to around 9pm	Next one Friday 19 September at the Kings Arms
Saturday Social	First Saturday of the month – 2pm until 4pm	Next one Saturday 4 October
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 14 October
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 4 October

Diary for the week ahead

Fri	12 Sep		
Sat	13 Sep	9.30am	Scouts Coffee Morning
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF TRINITY			
Sun	14 Sep	9.30am	Parish communion
		10.30am	Prayer Ministry
		10.30am	Tea and Coffee
		11.00am	Together @ aa
		7.00pm	Sunday Home group – in the hall
Mon	15 Sep	3.45pm	Mothers' Union meeting
Tues	16 Sep		
Wed	17 Sep	2.00pm	Worship at The Gables
		7.30pm	Wednesday Home group
Thurs	18 Sep		
Fri	19 Sep	7.00pm	Friday at the King
Sat	20 Sep	9.30am	Repair Cafe
		10.00am	Dradishaw Light Railway Open Morning
		10.00am	Personal Growth and Leadership Course
		2.00pm	Work Day
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