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# ST JAMES PARISH CHURCH, SILSDEN

## WEEKLY NEWSSHEET

SATURDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2025

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### **Readings for the Fourteenth Sunday of Trinity**

**Amos 8 verses 4-7**

**Psalms 113**

**1 Timothy 2 verses 1-7**

**Gospel of Luke Chap 16 verses 1-13**

**Sunday 21 September 2025**

**9.30am – Parish Communion led by Revd Simon**

**10.30am Tea and Coffee in the hall**

**11.00am – Together @ 11 led by Revd Simon**

### **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

### **Services coming up**

Sunday 28 September	9.30am – Parish Communion led by Revd Bob  10.30am Tea and Coffee in the hall  Prayer ministry between services  11.00am – Together @ 11 led by Val  1.00pm - Baptism
Sunday 5 October	9.15am – Breakfast together in the Hall  10am – Gathering Service in the Hall  11am – Holy Communion in the church

### **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

### **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.

### **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.

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

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

### **Food bank cupboard**

Just a reminder that we shall be going to the Salvation Army on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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**

#### **Monday Home Group**

The Monday Homegroup (Brian and Val) will be restarting on Monday 22 September. We will be starting a new series looking at the life of the prophet Elijah.

If anyone would like to join us please have a chat with Brian or Val and we will give you more details.

#### **Wednesday Home Group and Sunday Home Group**

These home groups have also re-started after the summer break. If you want more information about a home group, please talk to Rev Simon.

### **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 1<sup>st</sup> October at Summerfield.

### **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

### **The Sudan Link**

#### **Prayers for Sudan**

A special zoom prayer meeting to pray for Sudan will be held on the 25<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm.

This is to allow us to meet in order to pray about the issues highlighted in the newsletter below and is being organised by Andrew Clayton-Stead and Revd Simon.

The zoom link is <https://zoom.us/j/95143025606?pwd=KC9rHtkQKxhTaNspol8oZ5aKXG24QO.1>

#### **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



**HONK!** Street Band Festival  
**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 28 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

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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
			<b>FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF TRINITY</b>
Sun	21 Sep	9.30am	Parish communion
		10.30am	Tea and Coffee
		11.00am	Together @ 11
Mon	22 Sep		Start of Fairtrade Fortnight
		7.30pm	Monday Home Group
Tues	23 Sep	7.30pm	PCC extra meeting
Wed	24 Sep		
Thurs	25 Sep	2.00pm	Thursday Group
		7.00pm	Zoom prayers for Sudan
Fri	26 Sep		
Sat	27 Sep	11.00am	Sound of the Streets
			<b>FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF TRINITY</b>
Sun		9.30am	Parish Communion
		10.30am	Tea and coffee
		10.30am	Between service prayer
		11.00am	Together @ 11
		1.00pm	Baptism

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