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# ST JAMES PARISH CHURCH, SILSDEN

## WEEKLY NEWSSHEET

SATURDAY 4 OCTOBER 2025

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

**Habakkuk 1 verses 1 -4and Chapter 2 verses 1-4**

**Psalm 37 verses 1-9**

**2 Timothy 1 verses 1-14**

**Gospel of Luke Chap 17 verses 5-10**

**Sunday 5 October 2025**

**9.15am – Breakfast together in the Hall**

**10am – Gathering Service in the Hall led by the Wednesday Home Group**

**11am – Holy Communion in the church**

### **Harvest**

We will be celebrating Harvest at the Gathering on Sunday 5 October. If you wish, please bring offerings of food for the foodbank. Thank you.

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

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

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### **Services coming up**

Sunday 12 October	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 Michael and Susan – Our Stories Episode 11  4.00pm – Pizza Praise
Sunday 19 October	9.30am – Parish Communion led by Revd Simon and Jen  10.30am Tea and Coffee in the hall  11.00am – Together @ 11 led by Revd Simon  4.00pm – Pizza Praise

### **New Archbishop of Canterbury Announced**

His Majesty The King has approved the nomination of the Bishop of London, the Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally, as the next Archbishop of Canterbury, Downing Street has announced.

The 106th Archbishop of Canterbury since Saint Augustine arrived in Kent from Rome in 597, Bishop Sarah will be the first woman to hold the office.

She will be installed in a service at Canterbury Cathedral in March 2026.

Sarah Mullally has been the Bishop of London since 2018, the first woman appointed to that role, and before that was Bishop of Crediton in the Diocese of Exeter.

Prior to her ordination in 2001, she was the Government's Chief Nursing Officer for England – the youngest person ever to be appointed to that role at the age of 37 – having previously specialised as a cancer nurse.

Bishop Sarah has described nursing as "an opportunity to reflect the love of God".

The Crown Nominations Commission (CNC) for Canterbury nominated Bishop Sarah following a process of public consultation and prayerful discernment that began in February this year.

The Canterbury CNC was made up of representatives from across the Church of England, global Anglican Communion and the Diocese of Canterbury.

The most senior bishop in the Church of England, the Archbishop of Canterbury's ministry combines many roles including serving as the Diocesan Bishop of the Diocese of Canterbury, Primate of All England and Metropolitan, as well as primus inter pares – or first among equals – of the Primates of the global Anglican Communion, which consists of around 85 million people, across 165 countries.

In the House of Lords, the Archbishop of Canterbury is one of 26 bishops who comprise the Lords Spiritual.

Bishop Sarah said: "As I respond to the call of Christ to this new ministry, I do so in the same spirit of service to God and to others that has motivated me since I first came to faith as a teenager. "At every stage of that journey, through my nursing career and Christian ministry, I have learned to listen deeply – to people and to God's gentle prompting – to seek to bring people together to find hope and healing. "I want, very simply, to encourage the Church to continue to grow in confidence in the Gospel, to speak of the love that we find in Jesus Christ and for it to shape our actions. "And I look forward to sharing this journey of faith with the millions of people serving God and their communities in parishes all over the country and across the global Anglican Communion. "I know this is a huge responsibility but I approach it with a sense of peace and trust in God to carry me as He always has."

The Rt Revd Toby Howarth, Interim Bishop of Leeds said: "This is most welcome news. "On behalf of the Diocese of Leeds, may I offer the warmest congratulations to Dame Sarah on her nomination to be the next Archbishop of Canterbury. "I am delighted that she has been chosen with all that she brings from her experience as Chief Nurse and as Bishop of London, and that for the first time we have a woman as Archbishop of Canterbury. "We hold her in our prayers."

Lord Evans, Chair of the Crown Nominations Commission for Canterbury, said: "It has been a great privilege to have chaired the Crown Nominations Commission as it sought to discern who God is calling to lead the Church of England and Anglican Communion as Archbishop of Canterbury. "That discernment began with the public consultation, which heard the voices of thousands of people as they expressed their hopes for this nomination, and continued all the way through to the Commission's final meeting. "I would like to thank all those who took part in this process, particularly those who took time to share their views in the consultation and the members of the Commission who worked so diligently over several months, ably assisted by the Appointments Secretaries and by the Appointments and Vocations team at Lambeth Palace. "I shall be praying for Bishop Sarah as she prepares to take up this new ministry in the coming months."

Bishop Anthony Poggo, Secretary General of the Anglican Communion, said: "I welcome and commend the nomination of Bishop Sarah as the next Archbishop of Canterbury and invite the churches of the global Anglican Communion to pray for her as she prepares to take up this important ministry.

“May God grant her wisdom and discernment, as she seeks to listen to Member churches, encourage mutual support, and foster unity. “The Anglican Communion Office is fully committed to supporting her ministry as she works with other Provinces and the Instruments of the Anglican Communion. “Let us pray that God will pour out His Spirit on the Anglican Communion to boldly share Christ's transformational love and the hope of the Gospel in today's world.”

*Article from Diocese of Leeds website.*

### **Worship at the Homes**

The timetable for the rest of the year is:-

Wed 15<sup>th</sup> October at 2.00pm The Gables  
Wed 5<sup>th</sup> November at 2:00pm Summerfield  
Wed 19<sup>th</sup> November at 2.00pm The Gables  
Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 2.00pm Carol Service at Summerfield  
Wed 17<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm Carol Service at The Gables

If you can support any of these please come along as our numbers seem to have dwindled.

Thanks  
Bob

### **Mothers' Union**

As we will be celebrating Harvest at the Gathering this week, please, take a moment to look at the display that some of our group put together at our last meeting in September. It represents God's gift to us in autumn as fruit, veg and produce are gathered in.

October's meeting is on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the hall. Ange and Phil are going to talk to us about their work in Dementia. All welcome. We just ask for £2 donation towards refreshments.  
Louise

### **Christmas Planning.**

Last year we had a small group who got together to plan Christmas. We're going to do the same this year so if you are interested in being part of this group please see Val

### **Advent Calendar**

It's preparation time!! Get your creative juices working. Most of you will know that we host our very own, St James created, advent calendar on the website. But we need the content!

This year we are going to base it on the alphabet and I would like to encourage you to sign up at the back of church to claim a letter that you can then use to choose a word about which you could write a short meditation.

So if you chose B - you might have Bethlehem, or Baubles, or Baby, or Birth.....  
If you chose M - you might have Mary, Madonna, Magi, Mince tarts.....

Meditation can include a picture, or we can add a song, a poem, verses from a carol - aim for approx. 150-200 words

Thanks. Any questions please see Val.  
UPCOMING EVENT

### **Pizza Praise**

Pizza Praise resumes on 12 October. These are the dates for the next few weeks

12 October, 19 October and 26 October  
9 November 16 November and 23 November

Pizza Praise is at 4pm on those dates.

Thanks to everyone involved

### **Home Groups**

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

### **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

### **St James Church Pudding Night on 11 October!**

Following on from the success of the Pudding Night last year, we are hosting another one this year on the evening of Saturday 11 October starting at 6.30pm – cost £5 – please pay Deborah.

Do you want to take the 2025 prize as St James' best pudding maker? If yes, then please enter your pudding into the pudding competition that will be held on St James Pudding Night (and so don't forget to bring it along on the night for everyone to try).

The Pudding Night is open to all to come and sample the puddings entered into the competition. A starter will also be provided and it is Bring Your Own drinks. There will also be quizzes!

If you want to enter a pudding please fill in an entry form – available from Deborah (who will also take your completed form to make sure you are entered). We would be grateful if you could fill this in plenty of time beforehand so we know in advance how many entries we have. Thank you

PS – we also need some pudding judges. Let Deborah know if you are interested in doing this.



**St James**

# **Pudding Night**

**11 October**

**6.30pm**

**£5**

**Quiz**



**Taste a range of home made puddings provided by  
our church family**

***Enter your own homemade pudding in our competition !!***

**Light starter included Bring your own drinks**

### **The church hall car park wall**

Everyone will have seen that the church hall car park wall remains fenced off. Unfortunately PCC is not able to provide any timescale for when the wall might be repaired.

It is now two and half years since the PCC received a report which gave rise to concerns about the condition of the wall. When they saw the report PCC immediately installed the sandbags, and notified our insurers and Bradford Council.

PCC also made a Freedom of Information request of Bradford Council which – in June 2023 -revealed that the wall is recorded by the Council “as a council asset; maintenance responsibility of this wall is not known”

Unfortunately Bradford Council are saying that the repairs to the wall are the PCC’s responsibility, and PCC have had to dispute that. As part of this dispute Bradford Council have served a legal notice on the PCC requiring the wall to be repaired but PCC have challenged the validity of the notice.

Our insurer’s position is that, for them to get involved, PCC must prove that the PCC is responsible for the wall. This is impossible for us to do given that Bradford Council records the wall as their asset (and also given the information we have provided to Bradford Council to support the view that the wall was built as part of the construction of the turnpike road).

The wall is on the agenda for every PCC meeting and PCC had a special meeting last Tuesday to specifically discuss the wall as we had hoped by then to have received more information from Bradford Council. However this has not been forthcoming.

So PCC is considering the next steps and asks that we all pray about this situation – praying that the way forward can be discerned and that things will be resolved in an amicable way. Thank you.

### **SILSDEN SUPPORTING FAMILIES IN LIBERIA**

We will be holding a coffee morning in St James’ Church Hall on

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October**

**9.30am - 12.00pm**

To raise funds for our friends in Liberia for the continuation of the training course that God’s Kingdom of Hope International (GKHI) is currently running to empower vulnerable women.

**23 MORE PEOPLE ARE ON THE CURRENT TRAINING COURSE FOR BAKING AND FASHION DESIGN**

**We were able to buy 2 sewing machines with money you helped to raise earlier  
this year**

**TWELVE WOMEN ARE NOW INTO THEIR SEWING TRAINING THEIR AIM IS TO  
DEVELOP INDUSTRY AND INCOME FOR THEMSELVES AND THEIR COMMUNITY**

**Our aim is to help them along the journey to self-sufficiency, by helping them to  
grow and develop income streams and to engage with and encourage their own  
community to get involved and obtain grants and public donations**

Please come along and learn more about what they are doing.

We and they would really appreciate your support

Thank you

Joanna, Derek, Laura, Peter and Evangeline

### **Saturday Morning Prayers**

At 9am on Saturday 4 October 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.

### **Praying for Silsden**

Next week we are going to re-start St James Church praying weekly for different parts of the Parish.

Each week we will list in the newssheet a number of streets or roads or areas in the Parish for us to pray for - both as a church and also in our personal prayers.



**The next Saturday Social is on 4 October at 2pm**

(There will be a wedding happening in the church at 1.30pm...!)



**Regular church events**

Friday Pub Social	First and Third Fridays of the month – 7pm to around 9pm	Next one Friday 3 October 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 23 October
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 12 October
Work Days	Third Saturday of the month – 2pm to 4pm	Next one Saturday 18 October
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	3 Oct	7.00pm	Friday at the King
Sat	4 Oct	9.00am	Saturday morning prayers
		1.30pm	Wedding in church
		2.00pm	Saturday Social
			<b>SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF TRINITY</b>
Sun	5 Oct	9.15am	Breakfast
		10.00am	Sunday Gathering
		11.00am	Said Holy Communion
Mon	6 Oct	2.30pm	Visiting Bellringers
Tues	7 Oct		
Wed	8 Oct		
Thurs	9 Oct		
Fri	10 Oct		
Sat	11 Oct	6.30pm	Pudding Night
			<b>SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF TRINITY</b>
Sun	12 Oct	9.30am	Parish Communion
		10.30am	Tea/coffee in the hall
		10.30am	Between service prayers
		11.00am	Together@11
		4.00pm	Pizza Praise

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### **Dates for the Diary**

Clocks go back – overnight 25-26 October

Last Sunday after Trinity – 26 October

Remembrance Sunday – 9 November

Tear Fund Quiz Night – Saturday 15 November (from 6.30pm)

Autumn Fayre – Saturday 22 November (from 9.30am)

Christ the King – 23 November

Advent Sunday – 30 November (also Silsden Christmas Market)

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