
ST JAMES PARISH CHURCH, SILSDEN WEEKLY NEWSHEET

SATURDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2025

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Readings for the fourth Sunday before Advent

Isaiah Chap 1 verses 10-18

Psalm 32 verses 1-8

2 Thessalonians Chap 1
verses 1-12

Gospel of Luke Chap 19 verses 1-10

Sunday 2 November 2025

Gathering Breakfast in the Hall from 9.15am

10am Sunday Gathering service in the Hall– led by Michael and Susan

11am short said service of Holy Communion, in the meeting room – led by Rev Bob Evans

Services coming up

Sunday 9 November	9.30am Parish Communion (also on YouTube) – led by Rev Simon Phipps
Remembrance Sunday	10.45am Service of Remembrance at the Memorial Garden (10.15am - 10.35am Tea and Coffee in the St James Church Community Hall)
Sunday 16 November	9.30am Parish Communion (also on YouTube) – led by Rev Simon Phipps 10.30am – Tea and coffee in the hall 11am Together at 11 4pm Pizza Praise – in the Hall

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

Scargill Weekend Away - 6-8 March 2026

Our weekend away at Scargill House is getting closer.

Scargill have kindly made some more spaces available for us, but we will need to claim them quickly - so if you would like to come and haven't put your name down please do so. Forms will be at the back of church but you can also email Neil at churchwarden2@stjamesilsden.org.uk

The price for full board (but all the en-suite rooms have gone) is £174.50.

Pizza Praise

Pizza Praise has restarted. These are the dates for the next few weeks

9 November, 16 November and 23 November

Pizza Praise is at 4pm on those dates. Thanks to everyone involved

Saturday Social at St James

It's the Saturday Social again on Saturday – 1 November. Please invite anyone you know who will enjoy this social time together – and why not bring them along? Thank you to everyone who works to put this on.



Remembrance Sunday – arrangements

On Sunday 9 November we will be having our usual Parish Communion (albeit a bit shorter than usual) at 9.30am with tea and coffee after the service in the hall; and for those who wish to join in the community

remembrance at the Memorial Garden that service starts at 10.45am. There is no service at 11am at St James on Sunday 9 November.

Saturday Morning Prayers

We'll be meeting to pray together in the church on Saturday 1 November at 9am before we set up for the Saturday Social and the Gathering . Please come along as we pray for our community

Mother's Union

Firstly, huge thanks go to Ange and Phil for their really informative talk on dementia at last month's meeting. Personally, I am lucky that I don't have any close friends or family with this but in my work I see patients who have this diagnosis and it has made me so much more aware of how they see life and their surroundings. They delivered a very insightful presentation with information on how to change the environment to make it a less stressful place. Awareness is key and I thank them both for all the work that they are doing in Keighley.

Our next meeting is on Monday 17th November at 3.45pm in the hall. The Children's Society are sending a presentation on their work. All are welcome. £2 towards tea and biscuits.

Look forward to seeing you all there.

Louise

St James Big Coffee Morning

The Big Coffee Morning will be on Saturday 22nd Nov 9.30am to 12 noon. We plan to offer bacon butties, cakes, paperback books, bric a brac, raffle and a bottle and tombola stall. If anyone would like to have their own stall there will be a £10 donation to the church. If you can bring donations for tombola, bottles, bric a brac etc to church before 22nd we would be eternally grateful and any offers of help to run stalls or waitress would be great too - see Jo or Louise.

Thanks

Social Mission Group

Tearfund Big Quiz

We will be holding a Tearfund Big Quiz on Saturday 15 November. Please see the WhatsApp group or Ali for details.



Children's Society

Many of you will have had your latest news sheet from CS. I plan to ask those people with boxes to bring them in during December and plan to count them in early January. I will give you all notice in the next few weeks. If anyone would like to join us at Mother's Union on Monday 17th Nov to see the presentation on their work with vulnerable children we would welcome you to join us.

Thanks
Louise

Bank 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

Silsden Panto - December 2025

A group from church are going to the Silsden Panto on Saturday 6 December, 6pm performance. Please see Ali at church

Other performances are available (7.30pm on Friday 5 December, 2pm on Saturday 6 December and 2pm on Sunday 7 December).

Worship at the Homes

The timetable for the rest of the year is:-

Wed 5th November at 2:00pm Summerfield

Wed 19th November at 2.00pm The Gables

Wed 3rd December at 2.00pm Carol Service at Summerfield

Wed 17th 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



Alpha Course - coming soon!

We are planning to run the Alpha Course in January. Might you want to come on the course? Might you be able to help run it? Watch this space.....

Praying for Silsden

We have re-started praying, as a church, for the residents and businesses within the Parish street-by-street and week-by-week.

This week's streets are:

Millfields
Taylor Avenue
Tunncliffe Place

Please also pray for these streets in your own prayers. Thank you.

Regular church events

Friday Pub Social	First and Third Fridays of the month – 7pm to around 9pm	Next one Friday 7 November at the Kings Arms
Saturday Social	First Saturday of the month – 2pm until 4pm	Next one Saturday 1 November
Thursday Group	Fourth Thursday of the month 2pm at Sheila's house	Next one Thursday 27 November
PCC Meetings	Second Tuesday in the month at 7.30pm	Next one Tuesday 11 November
Prayer ministry Between our Sunday morning services	Usually the second Sunday and fourth Sunday of each month	Next one Sunday 23 November (Please note – there will be no prayer ministry between the services on 9 November, Remembrance Sunday)
Work Days	Third Saturday of the month – 2pm to 4pm	Next one Saturday 15 November
Saturday Morning Prayers	The day before the Gathering (so always a Saturday!) – 9am	Next one Saturday 1 November

Diary for the week ahead

Sat	1 Nov	9am	Saturday morning prayers – in church
		9.45am	Set up hall for Saturday Social and Gathering
		2pm	Saturday Social - in the Hall
FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT			
Sun	2 Nov	9.15am	Breakfast together – in the hall
		10am	Sunday Gathering worship service – in the hall
		11am	Holy Communion service – in the meeting room
Mon	3 Nov		
Tues	4 Nov		
Weds	5 Nov	2pm	Worship at Summerfield
Thurs	6 Nov		
Fri	7 Nov		
Sat	8 Nov		
THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT			
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY			
Sun	9 Nov	9.30am	Parish Communion
		10.15am to	Tea and Coffee in the Hall
		10.35am	
		10.45am	Service of Remembrance at the Memorial Garden

Dates coming up

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) – note that Briggate will be closed for the Market

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

Christmas 2025

We hope to be able to publish details of our Christmas services in next week's newssheet.