
ST JAMES PARISH CHURCH, SILSDEN

WEEKLY NEWSHEET

SATURDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2025

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Readings for 16 November 2025

Second Sunday before Advent

Malachi Chap 4 verses 1-2

Psalm 98

2 Thessalonians Chap 3 verses 6-13

Gospel of Luke Chap 21 verses 5-19

Services on Sunday 16 November 2023

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

10.30am – Tea and coffee in the hall

11am Together @11 – led by Jen

4pm Pizza Praise – in the Hall

Services coming up

Sunday 23 November	9.30am Parish Communion (also on YouTube) – led by Rev Simon Phipps 10.30am – Tea and coffee in the hall Between service prayer 11am Together @ 11 – led by Monday Home Group 4pm Pizza Praise – in the Hall
Sunday 30 November	9.30am Parish Communion (also on YouTube) – led by Rev Bob Evans and Jen Read 10.30am – Tea and coffee in the hall 11am Together @ 11 – led by Revd Simo

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 – 6- 8 March 2026

Thank you to everyone who has said they are attending the Scargill weekend next March. Payment is now due, please. We will be in touch with you individually (we have 21 people going).

Pizza Praise

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

16 November and 23 November

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

Pizza Praise will then resume on Sunday 11 January 2026

Mother's Union

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

Work Day

The next church work day is on Saturday 15 November starting at 2.00pm. There are always jobs for everyone so please do come down to help keep on top of the little jobs that make our church and churchyard so wonderful.

St James Big Coffee Morning

The Big Coffee Morning will be on Saturday 22nd Nov 9.30am to 12 noon.

We need your help, only one week left!

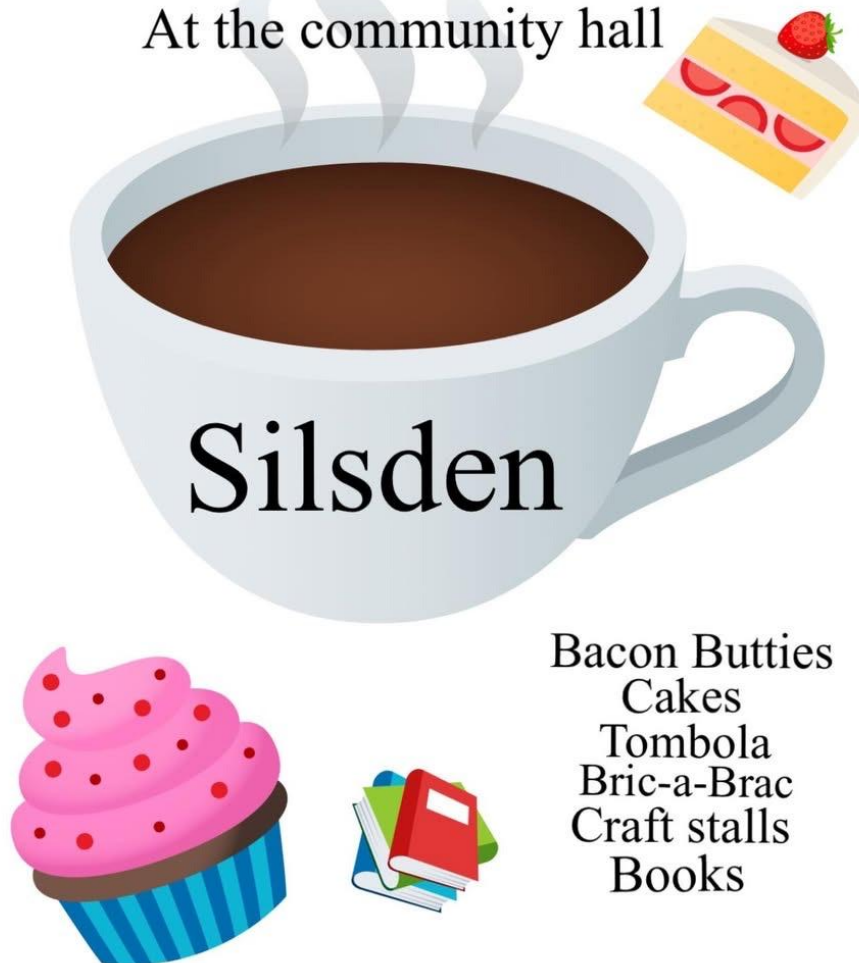
Can you please support us with donations for the stalls - Tombola, paperback books, Bric a brac, cake and Raffle. Donations can be left in the office beside the piano, cakes on the day.

If you can help at all on the day or would like to hold a stall (£10) please speak with me or Louise on Sunday.

Your help is greatly appreciated.

St James Church
Big coffee morning
Saturday 22ND November
9:30 - 12:00

Come and join us!
At the community hall



Bacon Butties
Cakes
Tombola
Bric-a-Brac
Craft stalls
Books

Repair Cafe

The next Silsden Repair Cafe is on Saturday 15 November, at the Methodist Church - between 9.30am and noon.

Climate Action Silsden hold a refill shop at every 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.

Tearfund Big Quiz

We will be holding a Tearfund Big Quiz on Saturday 15 November. Doors open at 6.30pm. For £2 you get entry into the quiz and snacks. Please bring your own drinks. There will be other activities during the evening where you can donate to Tearfund.



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

Mission Group

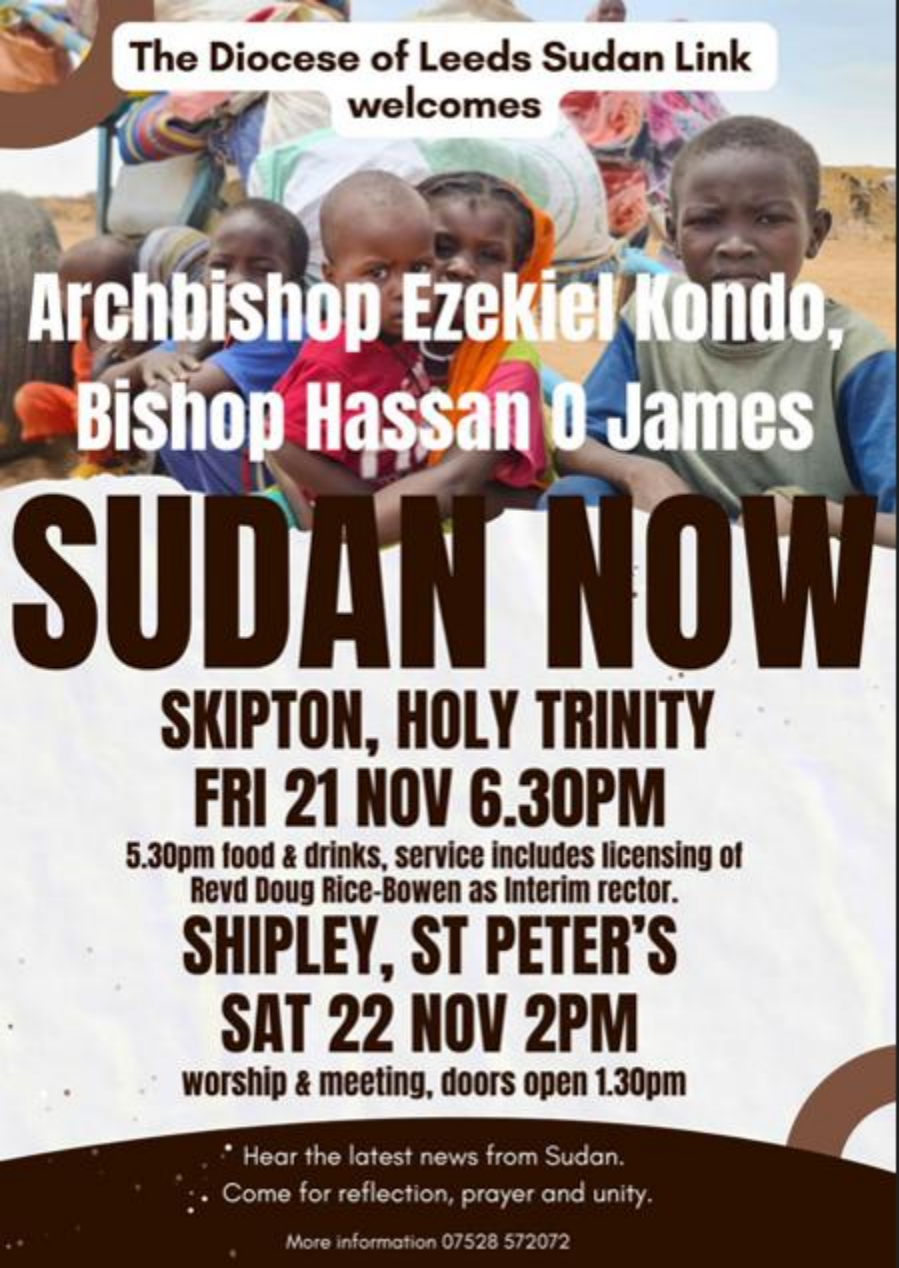
Mission Group meets this Monday (17th) at 7.30pm on Zoom

The Zoom log in is:

Meeting ID: 796 8400 0869

Passcode: A1d1gy

Diocese of Leeds Sudan Link



**The Diocese of Leeds Sudan Link
welcomes**

**Archbishop Ezekiel Kondo,
Bishop Hassan O James**

SUDAN NOW

**SKIPTON, HOLY TRINITY
FRI 21 NOV 6.30PM**

5.30pm food & drinks, service includes licensing of
Revd Doug Rice-Bowen as Interim rector.

**SHIPLEY, ST PETER'S
SAT 22 NOV 2PM**

worship & meeting, doors open 1.30pm

- Hear the latest news from Sudan.
- Come for reflection, prayer and unity.

More information 07528 572072

Advent Calendar

Could all those who have offered to do a meditation for the advent calendar please submit it to Val as soon as possible - preferably in 2 formats - words and audio. You can record on your phone if you have a smart phone. That way folk get to read and listen which helps them absorb your message. And thanks for the ones that have already been sent!

Christmas Market in Silsden

Sunday 30 November is the day when Silsden's 2025 Christmas market and Christmas lights switch on will take place.

The Christmas Market is centred on the Town Hall - 10:00am to 4:00pm – where Churches Together in Silsden will have a presence. If you can help with staffing that stall for an hour or so please let Simon or Jayne know.

Also – we hope to be handing out Bibles there, so we are asking that, if you have any unused Bibles in good condition, whether you would be willing to donate them for this purpose please? If so, again please see Simon or Jayne. Thank you.

At around 4.15pm there will be carol singing around the bandstand and the churches are leading this – so please come along to sing heartily and get Silsden folk joining in!

This whole vent is a great opportunity for people who don't normally come to church to be reminded that Christmas is about Jesus

The Christmas lights will be switched on at 4:30pm.

Vehicle access to St James for our services on Sunday 30 November – Christmas Market day

Briggate will be closed from 8.00am until 6.00pm so there will be no practical access to the church hall car park. Also, whilst the main car park in Silsden will not be closed it is likely to be full of cars associated with the various stalls so please do not assume that parking will be available there.

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).

Keighley Musical Theatre Company Pantomime - January

I have tickets for sale for the Robin Hood pantomime at Victoria Hall, Keighley on Sunday 25th January at 2.15pm.

Prices are FULL £11.70 CONCESSION £9.90

Please add your name and number needed to the list in the Hall.

Thank you

Sandra

Worship at the Homes

The timetable for the rest of the year is:-

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 running the Alpha Course at St James – on Tuesday evenings starting on 13 January. If you would like to get involved in leading the course - attending each week (into March) – then please let Neil know.

We are also now asking for volunteers who would be prepared to prepare a meal for the Alpha participants one Tuesday during the course. Again, if you are willing to cater a meal for our Alpha course please let Neil know. Thank you.

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:

Norton Street
School Street
Barrett Street

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 21 November at the Kings Arms
Saturday Social	First Saturday of the month – 2pm until 4pm	Next one Saturday 6 December
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 9 December
Prayer ministry Between our Sunday morning services	Usually the second Sunday and fourth Sunday of each month	Next one Sunday 23 November
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 6 December

Diary for the week ahead

Sat	15 Nov	2.00pm	Church Work Day
		3.00pm	Visiting Bellringers
		6.30pm	Tear Fund Big Quiz
			SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT
Sun	16 Nov	9.30am	Parish Communion
		10.30am	Tea and Coffee in the Hall
		11.00am	Together @ 11
		4.00pm	Pizza Praise
Mon	17 Nov	3.45pm	Mothers' Union meeting
		7.30pm	Mission Group meeting
Tues	18 Nov		

Wed	19 Nov	2.00pm	Worship at The Gables
Thurs	20 Nov		
Fri	21 Nov	7.00pm	Friday pub social
Sat	22 Nov	9.30am	Big Coffee Morning
			CHRIST THE KING
Sun	23 Nov	9.30am	Parish Communion
		10.30am	Tea and Coffee in the Hall
		11.00am	Together @ 11
		4.00pm	Pizza Praise

Dates coming up

Big Coffee Morning – 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

Assembling Christingles

We will be assembling the Christingle kits on Tuesday 23 December at 2pm – in the Hall.



Christmas at St James

Sunday 21 December

9.30am Parish Communion (no Together @ 11 service)

Monday 22 December

7pm Carols by Candlelight - a traditional service of readings and carols by candlelight

Christmas Eve, Wednesday 24 December

*3.30pm Christingle Service
(repeated at 5pm)*

Christmas Day, Thursday 25 December

10am Family Parish Communion

Sunday 28 December

9.30am Parish Communion (no Together @ 11 service)



We will need extra help with some of these services please – we will have sign-up sheets at church.
Thank you