
ST JAMES PARISH CHURCH, SILSDEN


WEEKLY NEWSHEET

SATURDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2025

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Readings for 16 November 2025

Christ the King

Jeremiah Chap 23 verses 1-6

Psalm 46

Colossians Chap 1 verses 11-20

Gospel of Luke Chap 23 verses 33-43

Services on Sunday 23 November 2023

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 with Baptism

4pm Pizza Praise – in the Hall

Services coming up

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 Simon
Sunday 7 December	9.15am – Breakfast together in the Hall 10am – Gathering Service in the Hall led by Revd Simon 11am – Holy Communion in the Meeting Room

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

Baptism in Together at 11 service on Sunday

We welcome Jordan as he comes to be baptised this Sunday during the 11am service. This will be a wonderful moment for us to witness. Please pray for Jordan. He will really appreciate our support.

Pizza Praise

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

23 November

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

Pizza Praise will then resume on Sunday 11 January 2026

Sunday Home Group

Sunday Home Group continues with the Bible Course this Sunday at 7pm (in the Hall)

Thank yous

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Work Day last Saturday, and thank you to Ali and team for a fun evening as we participated in the Tearfund Big Quiz (which was also last Saturday).

Thank you also for the wonderful response to the foodbank appeal.

Funeral at St James – Monday, 24 November

The funeral of Dennis Cockburn will take place at St James this Monday, at 1pm. Please pray for the family.

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).

St James Silsden Parochial Church Council ('PCC')

The PCC is meeting on Tuesday, 25 November, at 7.30pm in the Hall.

Mother's Union

Thanks to those who attended on Monday to watch the presentation sent from the Children's Society. They do a lot of valuable work and are well supported by our church.

We would like to support Homeless not Hopeless again and will have a box at the back of church for donations of the following:

£5 Gregg's voucher
Small torch with spare batteries
Selection boxes
New underwear (small and medium, male and female)
Thick unisex socks
Combs and hairbrush
Biodegradable wipes
Packets of tissues
Plain hats
Reusable cups with lids
Lens and notepads
Plastic bottles of lol
Roll on deodorant

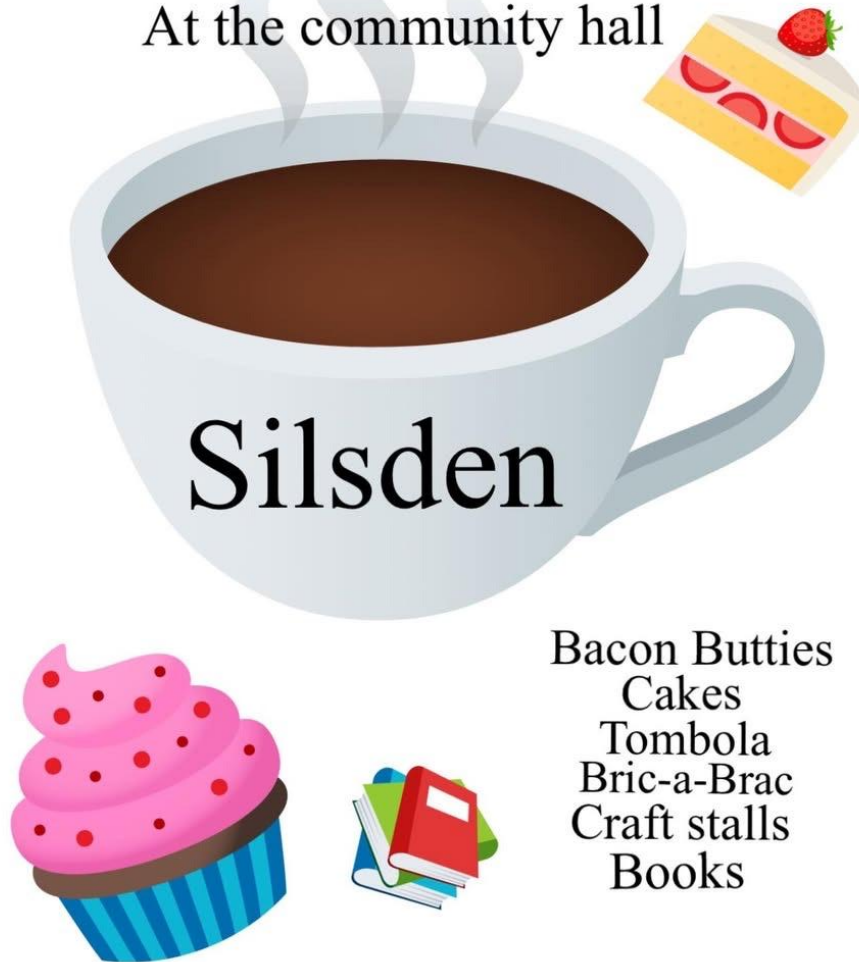
Next month we will be having our Christmas party on Thurs 18th Dec at 7.30. It is a bring and share buffet with music.

There is a list on the board in the hall for members to put what they can bring.

St James Big Coffee Morning

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

Come and join us!
At the community hall



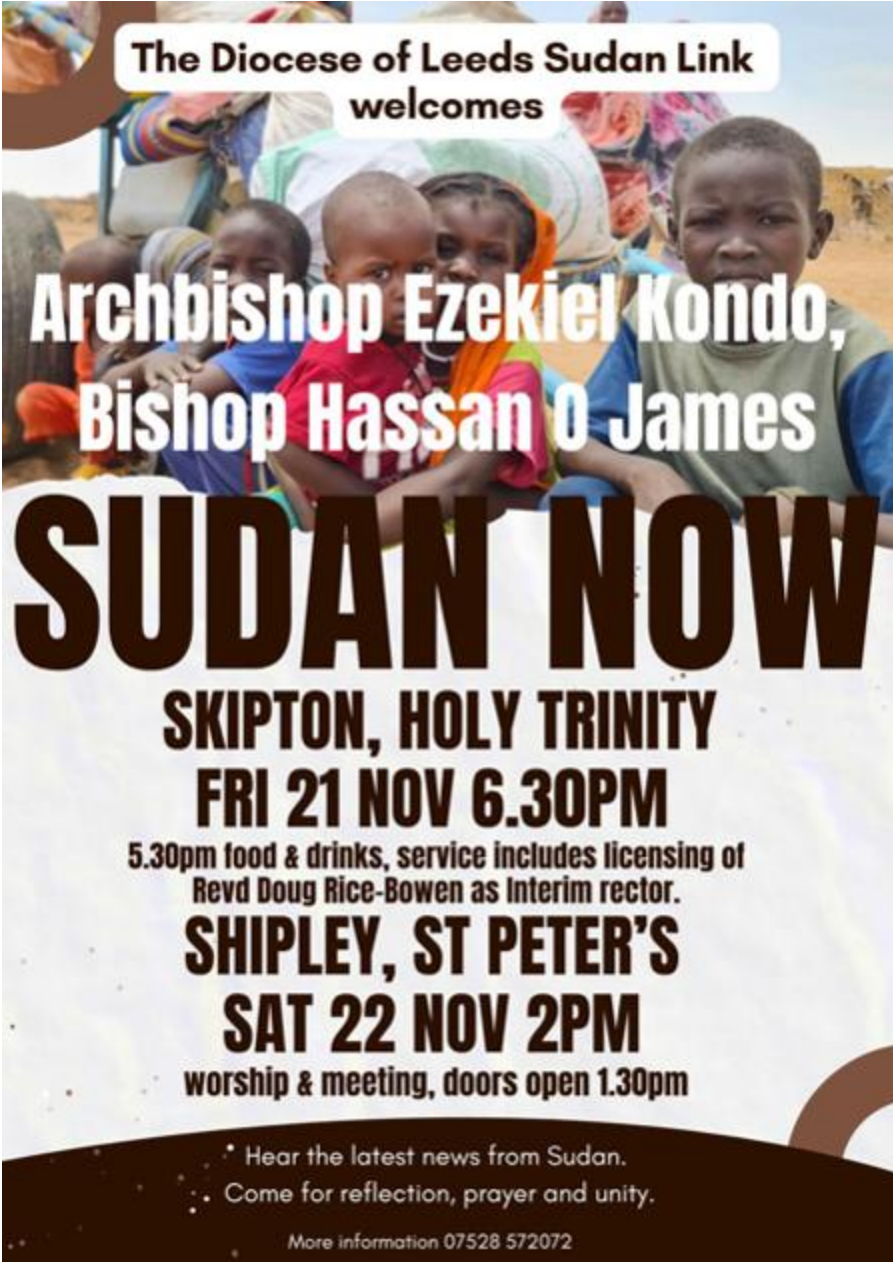
Bacon Butties
Cakes
Tombola
Bric-a-Brac
Craft stalls
Books

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.

Thanks
Louise

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

Sudan Diocesan calendars

We have some Sudan Link calendars available at church in return, please, for a donation to the Sudan Link. Thank you to Andrew Clayton-Stead for obtaining these.

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 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:

The streets where members of our congregation who don't live in Silsden live.

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

Date for the Diary

Please put Saturday 17 January 2026 – 9.30am to 12.45pm – in your diaries for a children's work training session in the Hall led by Liz Morton from the Diocese.

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 20 December

Saturday Morning Prayers	The day before the Gathering (so always a Saturday!) – 9am	Next one Saturday 6 December
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Diary for the week ahead

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
		7.00pm	Sunday Home Group in the Hall
Mon	24 Nov	1.00pm	Funeral of Dennis Cockburn
Tues	25 Nov	7.30pm	PCC Meeting
Wed	26 Nov		
Thurs	27 Nov	2.00pm	Thursday Group
Fri	28 Nov		
Sat	29 Nov	9.30am	Scout's Coffee Morning ADVENT SUNDAY
Sun	30 Nov		Silsden Christmas Market
		9.30am	Parish Communion
		10.30am	Tea and Coffee in the Hall
		11.00am	Together @ 11

Dates coming up

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

Help at Christmas please

We need people to help please with the catering at the Carol Service on Monday 22 December and also with the Christingles (welcomers and safety wardens (!) during the busy Christingle services, and also in assembling the Christingle kits the day before).

There are sign-up sheets in church

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