
ST JAMES PARISH CHURCH, SILSDEN


WEEKLY NEWSHEET

SATURDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2025

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Readings for 30 November 2025

Advent Sunday

Isaiah Chap 2 verses 1-5

Psalm 122

Romans Chap 13 verses 11-14

Gospel of Matthew Chap 24 verses 36-44

Services on Sunday 30 November 2025

9.30am Parish Communion (also on YouTube) – led by Rev Bob Evans

10.30am – Tea and coffee in the hall

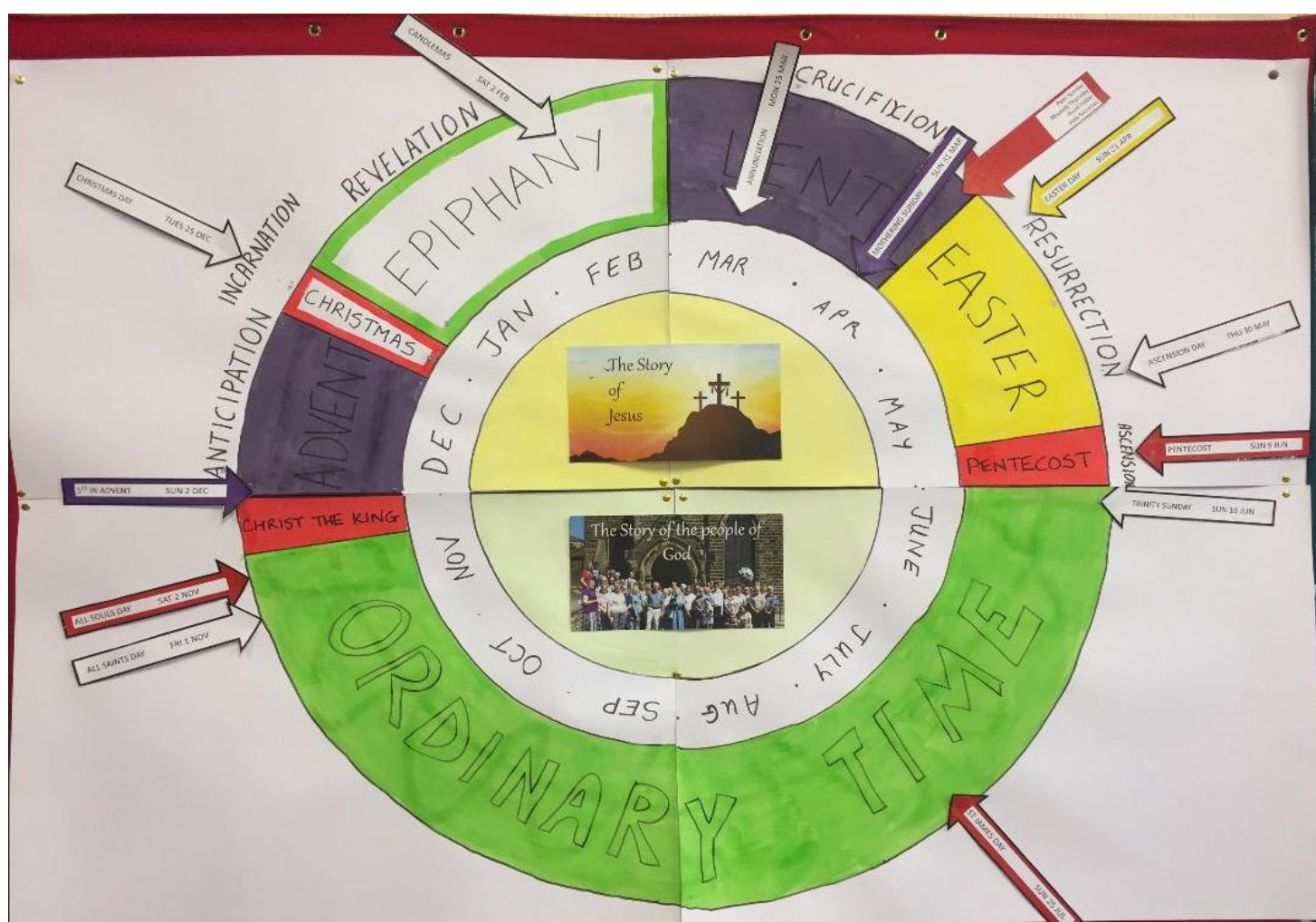
11am Together @ 11 – Prophecies (with Holy Communion) – led by Rev Simon Phipps

Services Coming Up

Sunday 7 December	<p>9.15am – Breakfast together in the Hall</p> <p>10am – Gathering Service in the Hall - led by Rev Simon Phipps</p> <p>11am – Holy Communion in the meeting room – led by Rev Simon Phipps</p>
Sunday 14 December	<p>9.30am Parish Communion (also on YouTube) – led by Rev Simon Phipps</p> <p>11am Together @ 11– led by Rev Bob Evans</p>

Advent Sunday (Happy New Year!)

We've reproduced this wheel before at Advent but as Advent is the start of the church year then it seems appropriate to show it again as we start a new church year this weekend. This was prepared by a home group a few years ago. You can use it to follow the church year clockwise, starting with Advent Sunday at 9 o'clock.



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

St James Advent Calendar

The Advent calendar will commence on Monday 1st December - go to stjamesilsden.org.uk to listen to the meditations created by church members. It does not follow the normal timeline for Advent but is an A-Z of topics relating to the Christmas story

Worship at the Homes

The timetable for the rest of the year is:-

Wed 10th December at 2.00pm Carol Service at Summerfield – please note postponed from 3rd December due to illness

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

Advent – praying for mission

We are pausing praying for streets in Silsden during Advent to pray for mission at St James Church during this season of reflection.

God of Mission, who works on Earth through all those who love you,
we pray for your Church here in Silsden.

We pray for our fellowship here at St. James; that we may grow in faith and in the confidence to bring others to find your Son, our Lord Jesus and so to find You.

Send your Holy Spirit on us to bring vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions, faith to our lives, hope to our community, and love to our hearts.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Saturday Social – 6 December

It's the Saturday Social again on Saturday – 6 December. 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.



**SATURDAY
SOCIAL**

St James
Community Hall
Silsden

**1st Saturday
Every Month**

2.00 - 4.00 pm

*Would you like some company on a
Saturday afternoon? Drop in during the
times above for chat and refreshments .
Games and activities will be available , or
bring a book, a magazine, your knitting/
crochet etc*

  **ALL WELCOME**  

Scouts Coffee Morning this Saturday



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

Sudan Link 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.

Mothers' 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

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.

Amnesty International Cards

Please take an Amnesty International human rights "Christmas" Card from the table at the back and remember and help people who face very difficult lives for expressing their opinions.

PLEASE FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE PAPER ACCOMPANYING THE CARD
- DO NOT SEND THIS PAPER DESCRIBING THE PERSON'S SITUATION WITH THE CARD.

Church Christmas Party – 14th December

🎄 Come and join us for a
Fun Night of Festive Cheer 🎉
St James' Christmas Party
Saturday 14th December
6.30pm - 9pm
Tickets -£5
Please bring your own drinks.
Mulled wine and cooked meat to be provided. Please sign up to bring salads and puddings.
Tickets available from Deborah Thorley and Jo Towers

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.

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 around 4:30pm.

Donations of Bibles still wanted please

We hope to be handing out Bibles at our Churches Together stall at the Christmas market and there is still time to donate please. So if you have any unused Bibles in good condition and you would be willing to donate them for this purpose please bring them to church on Sunday and see Simon or Jayne. Thank you.

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.

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

Regular church events

Friday Pub Social	First and Third Fridays of the month – 7pm to around 9pm	Next one Friday 5 December 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 18 December
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 14 December
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	We are not having our Saturday Morning Prayers in December. Our next Saturday morning prayers are on Saturday 3 January 2026

No Saturday Morning Prayers in December

The coffee morning in our Hall on Saturday 6 December means we are not going to have our usual monthly Saturday morning prayers in December.

We will resume on Saturday 3 January 2026.

Please pray for our community, and for the December Gathering, in your personal prayers – thank you.

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



Alpha Course – starts Tuesday 13 January 2026

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.

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.

Diary for the week ahead

Sat	29 Nov	9.30am	Scouts 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
Mon	1 Dec		St James online Advent Calendar opens
Tues	2 Dec		
Weds	3 Dec	2pm	Carol service at Summerfield
Thurs	4 Dec		
Fri	5 Dec		
Sat	6 Dec	morning	Silsden Veterans Association coffee morning in the Hall
		1pm	Set up hall for Saturday Social
		2pm – 4pm	Saturday Social
			SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Sun	7 Dec	9.15am	Breakfast together – in the hall
		10am	Sunday Gathering worship service – in the hall
		11am	Holy Communion service – in the meeting room



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)

