
ST JAMES PARISH CHURCH, SILSDEN


WEEKLY NEWSHEET

SATURDAY 6 DECEMBER 2025

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Readings for 7 December 2025

Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah Chap 11 verses 1-10

Psalms 72 verses 1-7

Romans Chap 15 verses 4-13

Gospel of Matthew Chap 3 verses 1-12

Services on Sunday 7 December 2025

9.15am – Breakfast together in the Hall

10am – Gathering Service in the Hall - led by Rev Simon Phipps

11am – Holy Communion in the meeting room – led by Rev Bob Evans

Services Coming Up

Sunday 14 December	9.30am Parish Communion (also on YouTube) – led by Rev Simon Phipps 10.30am Tea/coffee in the hall 10.30am Between service prayer 11am Together @ 11– led by Rev Bob Evans
Sunday 21 December	9.30am Parish Communion (also on YouTube) – led by Rev Simon Phipps and Jen Read 10.30am Tea/coffee in the hall No Together@11

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

Thank you

A big thank you to everyone who helped in any way last Sunday with the Churches Together involvement at the Christmas Market and lights switch on.

St James Advent Calendar

The Advent calendar started on Monday 1st December - go to stjamesillsden.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.

Don't worry if you've missed any so far – you can still visit an earlier date to listen to that day's reflection.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this project – and to Val for pulling it all together.

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

A prayer for Mission at St James

Almighty God,
who called your Church to witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
through him who was lifted up on the cross,
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Funeral of Mrs Sheila Abercromby

Sheila - Helen's mum- was known to many of us at St James. Her funeral will take place at the Salvation Army Citadel, Hove on Monday 15 December at 9.30am.

Please pray for all the family.

There will be a Facebook livestream of the service (you will need to first join the Hove Salvation Army live Facebook page).

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.



Food Bank

We will be taking the final pre-Christmas food bank donations to the Salvation Army on Tuesday the 16th December. So please bring in anything you are wanting to give by Sunday the 14th December.

Thank you
Michael and Susan

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

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
Pens 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 – 13th December

🎄 Come and join us for a
Fun Night of Festive Cheer 🎉

St James' Christmas Party

Saturday 13th 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.

ALSO this would not be a party with fun and games. There will be an 'open mic' session so please come prepared to share a song or a poem or a reading or a joke or any other talent.

Tickets available from Deborah Thorley and Jo Towers

Keighley Musical Theatre Company Pantomime – 25th 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 (Note date – not fourth Thursday)
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 31 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.

Please note this replaces the date we previously asked you to put in your diary for this.

Diary for the week ahead

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
		7.00pm	Sunday Home Group in the hall

Mon 8 Dec

Tues 9 Dec 7.30pm

PCC Meeting

Wed 10 Dec 2.00pm

Carol Service at Summerfield

Thurs 11 Dec

Fri 12 Dec

Sat 13 Dec 6.30pm

Church Christmas Party

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sun	14 Dec	9.30am	Parish Communion
		10.30am	Between service prayer
		11.00am	Together@11



Christmas at St James

Sunday 21 December

9.30am Parish Communion (no Together @ 11 service)

Sunday 28 December

9.30am Parish Communion (no Together @ 11 service)



Christmas at St James Silsden

Monday 22 December 7pm

Carols by Candlelight

Christmas Eve - Wednesday 24 December

3.30pm Christingle

5pm Christingle (repeated)

Christmas Day - Thursday 25 December

10am Family Parish Communion

