

ST JAMES PARISH CHURCH, SILSDEN

WEEKLY NEWSSHEET

SATURDAY 10 JANUARY



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Readings for Sunday 11 January

First Sunday of Epiphany
The Baptism of Christ

Isaiah Chapter 42 verses1-9

Psalm 29

Acts Chapter 10 verses 34-43

Gospel of Matthew Chapter 3 verses 13-17

Sunday 11 January 2026

**9.30am Parish Communion – led by Rev Simon
Including the baptism of Claudia**

10.30am Tea and Coffee in the St James Church Community Hall

10.30am Between Service Prayer

Together @ 11 – led by the Wednesday Home Group

Please note that due to the prolonged cold snap the church has become very cold and so it is likely that the church will struggle to get much warmth in it this Sunday. Please therefore wrap up warm.

Services coming up

Sunday 18 January	9.30am – Parish communion - led by Revd Bob 10.30am – Tea and Coffee in the Hall 11.00am – Together @ 11 – led by Revd Simon 4.00pm – Pizza Praise
Sunday 25 January	9.30am – Parish communion - led by Revd Tony 10.30am – Tea and Coffee in the Hall 11.00am – Together @ 11 – led by Monday Home Group 2.00pm – Service of Hope and Remembrance 4.00pm – Pizza Praise

Thank you, thank you



Thank you to everyone who helped take down the Christmas decorations last weekend. It is much appreciated.

We had lots of people in the church and hall over the Christmas period so a big thank you to everyone who helped in anyway with the various services and in welcoming everyone.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the online Advent Calendar. It seems that people got a lot from it.

Children's Society Boxes

I am planning to count the boxes on Sunday 11th Jan. If you are able to help I would be very grateful. It could be done at coffee time or after the 11 am service.

Many thanks, Louise

Sunday Home Group

Sunday Home Group meets this Sunday (11th) at 7pm in the Hall – continuing with the Bible Course.

Next meeting of Mission Group

Our Mission Group meets on Monday 12 January at 7.30pm – on Zoom.

Here are the Zoom meeting details:.

Meeting ID: 796 8400 0869

Passcode: A1d1gy



Alpha – starts this Tuesday at 7pm!

Alpha works on the basis that St James Church hosts the course and we invite guests to attend. We then provide them with hospitality before we watch a video together, and then discuss it.

Guests are encouraged to present their viewpoint in the discussion and they will be listened to. The way Alpha works is that everyone's point of view matters, and is heard. No-one has to say anything at all (but we hope they will). The point is that Alpha is a place where people can put their own point of view (whatever that is) in an honest, friendly and open environment – where they are listened to. This is why the reassurance that there is “no pressure, no follow up and no charge” is important. Anyone is free to leave the course at any time. So they have nothing to lose – and everything to gain!

Our Tuesday-night Alpha course session works like this:

7pm – guests arrive and enjoy some food

7.45pm – we watch the week's Alpha video together

8.15pm – discussion in small groups

8.45pm – guests depart

The first session considers the question 'Is there more to life than this?'

It isn't too late to invite someone to the Alpha course we are running.

Praying for Alpha

Alpha needs prayer! Please pray individually or in groups

- beforehand that people will come, that those who are thinking of coming but are worried, or not sure, will decide to come. Please pray for the hosts from our church as they prepare

- on a Tuesday night as the course is happening that those on the course will participate and respond to what they learn about Jesus

Thank you

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins on Sunday 18 January and ends on Sunday 25 January. The theme this year is "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling" based on Ephesians Chapter 4, verse 4.

Churches Together in Silsden are hosting a coffee morning on 24 January – please see below.



Praying for Silsden

We are resuming praying, as a church, for the residents and businesses within the Parish street-by-street and week-by-week.

This week's streets are:

Harwal Gate
Monkmans Wharfe

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

Mothers' Union

This month is our AGM on Thurs 15th Jan at 7.30pm in the hall. We look forward to seeing you and if any members would like a lift let me know at church.

We will be taking part in the wave of prayer on Sat 10th January at 10am in the meeting room (in the Hall).

We would like to wish everyone in the congregation a very happy new year and pray for peace and happiness in 2026.

Louise

Worship in the Homes

The timetable for the services is:-

Wed 21st January 2.00pm at The Gables.

If you can support any of these please come along as our numbers seem to have dwindled.

Thanks

Bob

Service of Hope and Remembrance – Sunday 25 January at 2pm

We are having a short service of Hope and Remembrance at St James Church on Sunday 25th January at 2.00pm. Everyone is welcome – especially those who have lost loved ones.



Service of Hope and Remembrance

Sunday 25 January at 2pm
St James Church, Silsden

We come together to remember loved ones, of any age, who have passed away. This includes the opportunity to light a candle in their memory as we look to Jesus for comfort and hope.

A short service followed by light refreshments

Eco Church – January

With Christmas out of the way and a New Year ahead, you may be thinking about having a bit of a tidy up and getting rid of some of your old things. As good stewards of our planet, we should be trying to reuse and recycle our stuff as much as possible. Instead of taking items to the tip, why not sell them? Or even offer them for free on a Facebook site like [Silsden Reuse and Recycle](#)? If your items are broken, they may be fixable at the Silsden repair café, or the parts can be recycled. Let's do all we can to combat our throwaway culture which leads to further pollution of our planet. Here are some handy guides for this:

- [You and your stuff](#)
- [Sustainable fashion](#)

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

Pied Piper Pre-School

Pied Piper Pre-School is now open from 8am until 4pm Monday to Friday. Please note that the hall cannot be accessed during these times.

Regular church events

Thursday Group	The fourth Thursday of each month at 2pm	Next one Thursday 22 January at Sheila's house
Friday at the King Pub Social	First and Third Fridays of the month – 7pm to around 9pm at the Kings Arms	Next one Friday 16 January
Saturday Social	First Saturday of the month – 2pm until 4pm	Next one Saturday 7 February
PCC Meetings		Next one Wednesday 21 January at 7.30pm
Prayer ministry Between our Sunday morning services	Usually the second Sunday and fourth Sunday of each month	Next one after the 9.30am service on 11 January
Work Days	Third Saturday of the month – 2pm to 4pm	Next one Saturday 17 January
Saturday Morning Prayers	The day before the Gathering (so always a Saturday!) – 9am	Next one Saturday 31 January

Diary for the Week Ahead

Sat	10 Jan	10am	Mothers' Union Wave of Prayer First Sunday of Epiphany
Sun	11 Jan	9.30am	Parish Communion with Baptism
		10.30am	Between service Prayer
		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	12 Jan	7.30pm	Mission Group meeting on Zoom
Tues	13 Jan	7.00pm	Start of Alpha course in the hall
Wed	14 Jan		
Thurs	15 Jan	7.30pm	Mothers' Union AGM
Fri	16 Jan	7.00pm	Friday at the King
Sat	17 Jan	2.00pm	Work day

Second Sunday of Epiphany
Start of Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Sun	18 Jan	9.30am	Parish Communion
		10.30am	Tea and coffee in the hall
		11.00am	Together @ 11
		4.00pm	Pizza Praise

Looking ahead

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – 18 January to 25 January 2025

Service of Remembrance and Hope - Sunday 25 January 2pm

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas) – Monday 2 February 2026

Ash Wednesday – 18 February 2026