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# ST JAMES PARISH CHURCH, SILSDEN

## WEEKLY NEWSSHEET

SATURDAY 24 JANUARY



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### Readings for Sunday 25 January

**Third Sunday of Epiphany  
End of Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

**Isaiah Chapter 9 verses 1-4**

**Psalm 27 verse 1 and verses 4-12**

**1 Corinthians Chapter 1 verses 10-18**

**Gospel of Matthew Chapter 4 verses 12-23**

### Sunday 25 January 2026

**9.30am Parish Communion – led by Revd Tony**

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

**10.30am Between service prayer**

**11.00am Together @ 11 – led by Monday Home Group**

**2.00pm Service of Hope and Remembrance**

## Services coming up

Sunday 1 February	9.15am – Breakfast together in the Hall  10am – Gathering Service in the Hall - led by Jen Read  11am – Holy Communion in the meeting room – led by Revd Simon  1.00pm - Baptism
Sunday 8 February	9.30am Parish Communion – led by Revd Simon  10.30am Tea and Coffee in the St James Church Community Hall  10.30am Between service prayer  11.00am Together @ 11 – led by Michael and Susan

## Children's Society Boxes

Can I ask that any outstanding boxes/donations are brought to church this weekend please? I would like to bank the money next week. If anyone would like to start supporting the Children's Society I can give you a new supporters form on Sunday to fill in.

Thanks  
Louise

## Pizza Praise

Please note that there is NO Pizza Praise on Sunday 25 January.

## Sunday Home Group

Sunday Home Group next meets on Sunday 25 January at 7pm in the Hall – when we will conclude the Bible Course.

## Children's work Training Session

On Saturday 31 January 2026 from 9.30am to 12.45pm there will be a children's work training session in the Hall led by the diocesan children and youth team. Anyone who is interested in helping with our children's work is welcome to come along.



• We had a great second session of the Alpha Course last Tuesday. Thank you for all your prayers!

It isn't too late for people to join the course – so please do invite (or remind) people.

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 this week's Alpha video together  
8.15pm – discussion in small groups  
8.45pm – guests depart

### **Can you provide practical help on a Tuesday evening at Alpha?**

A big thank you to everyone who has said they will provide catering at the Alpha course. This element is such an important part of a successful Alpha.

With the number of guests we have we could do with some more volunteers to provide catering; and we could also do with some help with tidying up and washing up after the meal together.

Might you be able to assist with any of that please? If so, please speak with Simon or Jen or Neil or Jayne. Thank you

### **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.



## Watoto Children's Choir

Keighley St Andrew's church are hosting a concert by the Watoto children's choir (a Ugandan Christian Children's choir) on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm. Tickets are free but need to be booked on eventbrite. Here's the link to their website with the booking link: <https://www.keighleyparish.org/watoto>

## **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:

South View Terrace  
Haythorns Avenue  
Oakland Street  
Vale View

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

## **Mothers' Union**

2026 subs for Mothers' Union are now due. For 2026 the cost is £35. Please see Deborah.

Thankyou to everyone who came to the AGM last week. It was lovely to see so many members together enjoying fellowship and food. Also, our thanks to Simon for joining the meeting and sharing communion with us.

A full calendar of events for 2026 will be published soon but remember there is no meeting in February. We have our Valentine's coffee morning on 14th Feb coming up next month which we look forward to seeing you all at.

Blessings to all from Louise and Pat.

## **Worship in the Homes**

The timetable for the services is:-

4th February at Summerfield at 2 o'clock

18th February at The Gables also at 2 o'clock

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 25<sup>th</sup> January at 2.00pm. Everyone is welcome – especially those who have lost loved ones.



## 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](#)

## Weekend away with the Scargill Community – 6 to 8 March 2026

### Can you come along too?

For various reasons we find ourselves needing to urgently fill three places for our weekend at Scargill House. Can you come along please? The cost is £174.50 Full Board - from Friday evening meal to Sunday lunch. Please have a think and a pray about this (we will need your confirmation plus full payment very

soon please).

Do, please, have a chat with Deborah, Jayne, Neil or Simon if you have any questions

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

### **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, or for 30 minutes either side to give staff time to prepare and tidy.

### **Regular church events**

Thursday Group	The fourth Thursday of each month at 2pm	Next one Thursday 26 February 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 6 February
Saturday Social	First Saturday of the month – 2pm until 4pm	Next one Saturday 7 February
PCC Meetings		Next one Wednesday 18 March 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 25 January
Work Days	Third Saturday of the month – 2pm to 4pm	Next one Saturday 21 February
Saturday Morning Prayers	The day before the Gathering (so always a Saturday!) – 9am	Next one Saturday 31 January

## Diary for the Week Ahead

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Sat	24 Jan	9.30am	Coffee Morning for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at Mount Carmel House
<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY</b>			
Sun	25 Jan	9.30am	Parish Communion
		10.30am	Tea and coffee in the hall
		10.30am	Between service prayers
		11.00am	Together @ 11
		2.00pm	Service of Hope and Remembrance
		7.00pm	Sunday Home Group
Mon	26 Jan		
Tues	27 Jan	7.00pm	Alpha Course in the hall
Wed	28 Jan		
Thurs	29 Jan		
Fri	30 Jan		
Sat	31 Jan	9.00am	Saturday Morning Prayers
		9.30am	Children's Work Training Session
<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY</b>			
Sun	1 Feb	9.15am	Breakfast
		10.00am	Sunday Gathering
		11.00am	Said Holy Communion
		1.00pm	Baptism

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## Looking ahead

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

Tuesday 17 February – Pop in for Pancakes – 11am until 1pm

Ash Wednesday – 18 February 2026