
ST JAMES PARISH CHURCH, SILSDEN

WEEKLY NEWSSHEET

SATURDAY 7 FEBRUARY



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Readings for Sunday 8 February

Second Sunday before Lent

Genesis Chapter 1 verse 1 to chapter 2 verse 3

Psalm 136

Romans Chapter 8 verses 18-25

Gospel of Matthew Chapter 6 verses 25-34

Sunday 8 February 2026

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 – Our Stories episode 12

4.00pm Pizza Praise

Services coming up

Sunday 15 February	9.30am Parish Communion – led by Revd Pat 10.30am Tea and Coffee in the St James Church Community Hall 11.00am Together @ 11 – led by Revd Simon with baptism
Sunday 22 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 Alison and Paul

A Thank You to Everyone

As we look back over the past year, we want to pause and say a heartfelt **thank you** to everyone who has so generously given their time, finances, skills, prayers, and resources. Every act of service — whether seen or unseen — has helped make our church a place of welcome, care, and hope. From those who volunteer faithfully, to those who give financially, to those who support quietly behind the scenes, your generosity has enabled St. James to grow and reach others in meaningful ways. We are deeply grateful for all that you do, and we praise God for each of you and the spirit of love and commitment you bring to our church family.

Love Simon

Saturday Social – 7 February

It's the Saturday Social again on Saturday – 7 February. 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.



Sunday Life Group

The Sunday Life group (formerly the Sunday Home Group!) meets this Sunday in the Hall at 7pm.

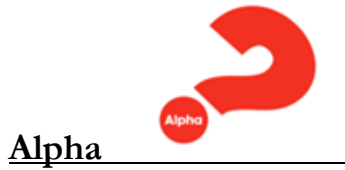
Next meeting of Mission Group

Our Mission Group meets on Monday 9 February at 7.30pm – on Zoom.

Here are the Zoom meeting details:

Meeting ID: 796 8400 0869

Passcode: A1d1gy



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We had another great session of the Alpha Course last Tuesday

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

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:

Dradishaw Road
Vale Grove
Gloucester Avenue
Windsor Avenue

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

Prayers for Silsden Primary School

Please pray for the children, staff and helpers who will be visiting our church on 12 February.

Mothers' Union

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

The Mothers' Union are hosting a Valentine's Coffee Morning on Saturday 14 February from 9.30am. Details in the poster below. All welcome.



Saturday 14th February
9:30am to 12 noon
All welcome!
Silsden community hall

Pop in for Pancakes

We are hosting a pancake event on Tuesday 17 February from 11am – see posts for details. All welcome.

St James Community Hall

Pop in for Pancakes

11:00 – 13:00

● **Tuesday 17 February** ●



Children's activities
Tea and coffee

 **ST JAMES**
Silsden

Worship in the Homes

The timetable for the services is:-

18th February at The Gables at 2.00pm

4th March at Summerfield at 2.00pm

18th March at The Gables at 2.00pm

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

Thanks

Bob

Food Bank Cupboard

Thank you to everyone who has continued to put items into the cupboard during January.

We will be taking most of the contributions to the Salvation Army in Keighley on Tuesday 17 February leaving some things for folk who ask for help directly to church.

If you are new to St James you can join us in supporting our local community in this way if you are able, and the list of items asked for is below:

- UHT Milk, Tinned Meals, Pasta Sauce, Tinned tuna, Tinned sardines, Tinned salmon.
- Chick peas, Kidney beans.
- Micro noodles, Pasta, Rice puddings, dry rice.
- Jam, peanut butter, packet mash, tinned potatoes.
- Tinned fruit, packet or tinned custard.
- Tinned ham, corned beef, Luncheon meat.
- Nappies, Baby wipes.
- Shampoo, Shower gel, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap deodorant.

Our gifts are always gratefully received
Michael and Susan.

Saturday Morning Prayers - Saturday 28 February

Our next Saturday morning prayers will be on Saturday 28 February between 9am and 9.30am.

As the hall is being used by the Diocese that morning we will meet outside, in the midst of our community as we pray for our community, for 30 minutes.

So please meet at the bandstand at 9am. If it's raining, we'll stay in the bandstand! If it's not raining, we will prayer walk nearby.

World Day of Prayer Friday 6 March 2026

Our sisters in Nigeria invite us to join them for the [World Day of Prayer](#) on Friday 6 March 2026. The service they have prepared reflects on the theme, “*I will give you rest*”.

The World Day of Prayer is an international, women-led, ecumenical movement that shares the hopes, concerns, and prayers of women from around the globe. Each year, women from a different country craft a service, sharing their unique spiritual journey and culture. For 2026, the women of Nigeria have created a service that speaks to our need for peace and solace. They are drawing on their Christian faith and experiences in a world filled with struggles and anxieties.

The preparation for this day is extensive. The writing country and theme are chosen years in advance. The service then travels to the international committee in New York for translation and dissemination to national committees in over 120 participating countries. From there it is adapted and shared locally, culminating in gatherings at hundreds of churches every March.

This day is a powerful demonstration of global solidarity. It begins in Samoa and moves across the world in a continuous wave of prayer. It finishes 38 hours later in American Samoa. This is truly a worldwide day of prayer! Beginning and ending in the Pacific islands.

For further information please visit the World Day of Prayer website wwdp.org

Eco Church – February

Did you know that many of our major high street banks invest our money in fossil fuels and other companies whose actions harm the planet? If you were thinking of changing your bank account then here's some links which can help you choose an ethical, green bank which won't invest your money in ways that harm the planet:

- [Friends of the Earth guide to green finance](#)

Lent Book 2026 – ‘The Familiar Stranger’ by Tyler Staton

If you are looking for a book to read over Lent together with other members of our church family then we invite you to join in reading our chosen book for Lent 2026 – *The Familiar Stranger* by Tyler Staton.

In *The Familiar Stranger*, Tyler Staton reintroduces this oft-neglected Person of the Trinity, tracing the story of the Holy Spirit as it unfolds throughout the Bible, and inviting believers to close the gap between what Scripture reveals about the Holy Spirit and their lived experience.

The idea is that we read it over Lent, perhaps discussing it with the people we know at church as we go. We will all then assemble in the Hall on the morning of Saturday 28 March to share our thoughts on, and our responses to, the book.

The book can be purchased on line through different outlets and is available in different forms – audio book, Kindle version, hard cover and paperback.

We recognize that books are becoming more and more expensive so if it is difficult for you to find the money needed to buy the book please have a word with Rev Simon.

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

Ash Wednesday - 18 February 2026.

We will be having a service of Holy Communion in church at 7pm on Ash Wednesday, 18 February 2026

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 8 February
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 28 February

Diary for the Week Ahead

Sat	7 Feb	2.00pm	Saturday social
			SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT
Sun	8 Feb	9.30am	Parish Communion
		10.30am	Tea and coffee in the hall
		10.30am	Between service prayer
		11.00am	Together @ 11
		4.00pm	Pizza Praise
		7.00pm	Sunday Life Group in hall
Mon	9 Feb	7.30pm	Mission Group meeting
Tues	10 Feb	7.00pm	Alpha – ‘Why and how should I pray?’
Wed	11 Feb		
Thurs	12 Feb		Silsden Primary School visit to church
Fri	13 Feb		
Sat	14 Feb	9.30am	Mothers’ Union Coffee Morning
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