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# ST JAMES PARISH CHURCH, SILSDEN WEEKLY NEWS SHEET

SATURDAY 14 MARCH



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## Readings for Sunday 15 March

Fourth Sunday of Lent  
Mothering Sunday

Exodus Chapter 2 verses 1-10

Psalm 34 verses 11-20

2 Corinthians Chapter 1 verses 3-7

Gospel of John Chapter 19 verses 25-27

**Sunday 15 March 2026**

**9.30am Parish Communion – led by Revd Simon Phipps**

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

**11.00am Together @ 11 – led by Sunday Life Group**

**4.00pm Pizza Praise**

## Services coming up

Sunday 22 March	9.30am Parish Communion – led by Revd Tony Walker and Jen Read  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  4.00pm Pizza Praise
Sunday 29 March Palm Sunday	9.30am Parish Communion – led by Revd Simon  10.15am Blessing of the Palms at the Band Stand (please note our 9.30am service will not finish in time for this)  10.30am Tea and Coffee in the hall  11.00am Together @ 11 led by Brian and the Monday Life Group  No Pizza Praise due to holidays

## Electoral Roll and Annual Church Meeting

A church electoral roll is the list of people who are eligible to vote at the annual church meeting to elect people on to the PCC, the governing body of the church. Being on the electoral roll also indicates your commitment to supporting the work of our church.

The current electoral roll will be available for checking from 17 March. A copy will be on the table at the back of the church. If you wish to join the roll, applications will be open from 31 March until 14 April. There are two ways to join the roll.

1. Fill in the details on the church website. You will need to log into you area on the website. If you do not have a log in, please see Val
2. Complete a paper form and give it to Deborah or one of the Churchwardens. Forms are available in the link passage between the church and the hall.

The Annual Church Meeting (APCM) will take place on Tuesday 28 April at 7.00pm in the hall. Please do put this date in your diary and come along to find out about the new St James Vision, reflect on what has been happening at St James for the past year, and elect three people onto the PCC. Before the APCM, there will be a meeting of parishioners to elect the two Churchwardens for the coming year.

## Mothers' Union

Our next meeting is on Thursday 19th March at 7.30pm and will be a craft evening. We look forward to seeing you all. At April's meeting we welcome Jonathan Crossley to talk and entertain us about his

involvement with music in the care homes. We extend a welcome to everyone to join us. Finally, we wish all mothers and carers a very happy mother's day. God bless you all. Louise

Scouts Coffee Morning

**1st Silsden (St James) Scout**

Raffle **Group** Cakes

**Coffee Morning**

**Saturday March  
14th**

**9.30 - 12**

**St James**

**Community Hall**



Tombola

Bacon / Sausage  
sandwiches

All proceeds go towards running of the group



**Scouts**

## Silsden Repair Cafe

**REPAIR CAFE** at **Silsden Methodist Church**  
**Saturday 21st March 9.30 - 12.00**

**Collection of Fabric, Wool and Thread**  
**for Stitch4CharityWY**

**Fabric, Yarn and Thread Collection**  
We use donated or rescued fabric, yarn or thread to create useful and essential items. Currently we support Aid to Ukraine.



We also make quality items to sell to raise funds to further support this and other charitable causes.

*No item will go to landfill!  
Everything will be utilised or repurposed!*

**What do we need?**

**Yarn:** Any colour, type or size including oddments – we can use it all!

**Fabric:** Remnants, oddments, end of roll, fat quarters

**Threads:** Any colour or size of thread welcome.

**\*All yarn, fabric or thread must be in a clean, new/as new condition.**

**\*Please note: We cannot accept any curtains, bedding or clothing.**



## Alpha

The Alpha course participants will be spending some time together on Saturday 14 March to consider Who is the Holy Spirit?

Please pray for the group and their time together on Saturday.

## **Are you thinking about being confirmed?**

If you are considering being confirmed please see Rev Simon.

Bishop Toby will be taking a confirmation service at St Andrew's Kildwick on Sunday 21 June at 2.30pm.

## **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:

Craven Drive  
Craven Grove  
Craven Avenue  
Wayside Mews

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

## **Sunday Life Group**

Sunday Life Group next meets on Sunday 15 March at 7pm, in the church hall.

## **Worship in the Homes**

The timetable for the services is:-

18<sup>th</sup> 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

## **Eco Church**

Our gardens are starting to come into bloom in the spring weather and we will be looking ahead to the summer months. Why not consider how you can plant your garden to encourage more wildlife into your garden? Here are some handy links to guides on how to encourage wildlife into your garden.

- [Encouraging Native Wildlife](#)
- [Encouraging Birds](#)

- [Encouraging Hedgehogs](#)
- [Encouraging moths and butterflies](#)
- [Encouraging Bees](#)

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

For all those reading our chosen book for Lent 2026 – *The Familiar Stranger* by Tyler Staton, we will meet in the Hall on the morning of Saturday 28 March to share our thoughts on, and our responses to, the book.

### **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

### **Holy Week 2026**

#### **Palm Sunday – 29 March**

9.30am - Parish Communion  
 10.15am –Blessing of the Palms in the Memorial Garden, led by Our Lady of Mount Carmel Roman Catholic Church (please note our 9.30am service will not finish in time for this)  
 11am - Together@11

#### **Monday - 30 March**

7pm – Stations of the Cross at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

#### **Wednesday 1 April**

Easter activity coffee morning in St James Community Hall from 9.30am

#### **Thursday - 2 April**

7pm - Maundy Thursday worship at Silsden Methodist Church led by Rev Clare Stainsby

#### **Good Friday - 3 April**

Churches Together in Silsden Walk of Witness- starting at Our Lady of Mount Carmel church

### **Clocks go forward overnight 28/29 March**

The clocks go forward one hour at 1am on Sunday 29 March.

## Easter Day service

Easter Sunday this year is on 5 April which, being the first Sunday of the month, would normally be a Gathering Service in the hall. However, as it is Easter, we will be having a single special service of Parish Communion for Easter Sunday in the church – at 10am. It will be great to fill the church with people who usually go to either of the usual two Sunday services.

Neil mentioned at the last Gathering that we were planning to serve breakfast first. However, this is not going to be possible. We will have refreshments after the service.

## Regular church events

Thursday Group	The fourth Thursday of each month at 2pm	Next one Thursday 26 March 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 20 March
Saturday Social	First Saturday of the month – 2pm until 4pm	Next one Saturday 4 April
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 22 March
Work Days	Third Saturday of the month – 2pm to 4pm	Next one Saturday 21 March
Saturday Morning Prayers	The day before the Gathering (so always a Saturday!) – 9am	Next one Saturday 4 April

## Diary for the Week Ahead

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Sat	14 Mar	9.30am	Scouts Coffee Morning Alpha Course <b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – MOTHERING SUNDAY</b>
Sun	15 Mar	9.30am	Parish Communion
		10.30am	Tea and Coffee in the hall
		11.00am	Together @ 11
		4.00pm	Pizza Praise

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		7.00pm	Sunday Life Group
Mon	16 Mar		
Tues	17 Mar		
Wed	18 Mar	2.00pm	Worship at The Gables
		7.30pm	PCC Meeting
Thurs	19 Mar	7.30pm	Mothers' Union
Fri	20 Mar		
Sat	21 Mar		
			<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b>
Sun	22 Mar	9.30am	Parish Communion
		10.30am	Between service prayer
		10.30am	Tea and Coffee in the hall
		11.00am	Together @ 11
		4.00pm	Pizza Praise

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### Dates for the Diary

Palm Sunday – 29 March

Easter Activity Morning – 1 April

Good Friday - 3 April

Easter Sunday - 5 April

### Readings for Fourth Sunday of Lent

1 Samuel Chap16 verses 1-13

Psalm 34 verses 11-20

2 Corinthians Chap 1 verses 3-7

Gospel of Luke Chap 2 verses 33-35