
ST JAMES PARISH CHURCH, SILSDEN WEEKLY NEWS SHEET

SATURDAY 21 MARCH



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Readings for Sunday 22 March

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ezekial Chapter 37 verses 1-14

Psalm 130

Romans Chapter 8 verses 6-11

Gospel of John Chapter 11 verses 1-45

Sunday 22 March 2026

9.30am Parish Communion – led by Revd Tony Walker

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

Services coming up

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
Sunday 5 April Easter Sunday	10.00am – Parish Communion for Easter Sunday – led by Revd Simon 11.00am Tea and coffee and refreshments in the hall

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 is now available for checking. A copy is 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.

APCM Booklet

For the APCM we will be putting together a booklet reporting all that has happened at St James in the last year. If you are part of a group at St James and want others to know what you do, please send a brief report to Deborah by 16 April.

The church hall car park wall

Nearly three years ago, the retaining wall on Kirkgate was inspected for St James Church and the church was advised that the wall needed repair and that in the meantime a fenced safety area at footpath level

should be created as a protection zone for the wall. The church immediately fenced off the protection zone and started investigating the ownership of, and liability for, the wall.

We never imagined that nearly three years later the temporary safety measure would still be in place and that our attempts to engage with Bradford Council (as Highway authority) to establish responsibility for the wall would have been so difficult.

As far as the church is aware, the Council has not conducted any examination of the wall.

Late last year our Parochial Church Council (PCC) received a new structural survey of the wall. The findings of this survey are that during the time when the protective zone has been in place the wall has not moved and, given the way it has been constructed, it is not therefore in a dangerous state. This new information was shared with Bradford Council, and we have now informed them that we are planning to remove the unsightly protection measures (there might be a delay whilst we find someone who can do that for us).

Silsden Repair Cafe

The next Silsden Repair Café is on Saturday 21 March. There will be a special collection of fabric, wool and thread. For details see post at the end of the newssheet.

Church Work Day

The next church work day is on Saturday (21st) starting at 2.00pm. There are always jobs for everyone to do so please do support this. On Saturday one of the jobs that we will be doing is cleaning out the gutters on the hall.

New bins in the Community Hall

We are obtaining a new recycling bin which will go in the Community Hall. To accommodate the new bin, and because they are no longer needed, we will be retiring the pigeon holes at the work day on Saturday.



Alpha

The Alpha course continues on Tuesday. Please pray for everyone involved with the course.

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:

Aireville Crescent
Middleway
Craven Court
High Dale Rise

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

Things to include in your Prayers

- Easter Activities on 1st April (outreach for families in Silsden)
- Walk of Witness on 3rd April (that it really will be a witness)
- Iran - Heavenly Father, we join with our brothers and sisters in Iran and the region in calling for peace and protection over citizens in those countries. Please strengthen our church family to be salt and light in the midst of crisis, and may Your kindness and mercy be powerfully present. Give wisdom and restraint to all decision-makers and let hope, love and freedom reign in Iran. Amen.

Mission Group

Mission Group meets next Monday, 23 March, at 7.30pm – on Zoom

Please note the new log in details

Meeting ID: 952 0002 8284

Passcode: 201804

Mothers' Union

At our April meeting on 16th April 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.

Worship in the Homes

The Easter Service at Summerfield will be on Wednesday 1 April at 2pm.

The Easter Service at the Gables will be on Wednesday 8 April at 11am

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 discussion time 10am to 12 noon on Saturday 28 March in the Hall

A session together to discuss 'The Familiar Stranger', which a good number of us are reading during Lent, will be held in the Hall on Saturday 28 March starting at 10am and finishing no later than 12 noon.

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	Next one Saturday 4 April

	4pm	
PCC Meetings		Next one Wednesday 22 April 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

Sat	21 Mar	9.30am	Repair Café at Methodist Church
		2.00pm	Church work day
			FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
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
Mon	23 Mar	7.30pm	Mission Group meeting on Zoom
Tues	24 Mar		
Wed	25 Mar		
Thurs	26 Mar	2.00pm	Thursday Group
Fri	27 Mar		
Sat	28 Mar	10.00am	Lent Book review meeting
			PALM SUNDAY
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		10.15am	Blessing of the palms at the Band Stand
		10.30am	Tea and coffee in the hall
		11.00am	Together @ 11

REPAIR at Silsden Methodist Church
CAFE 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.***