
ST JAMES PARISH CHURCH, SILSDEN WEEKLY NEWSHEET

SATURDAY 28 MARCH 2026

CLOCKS GO FORWARD 1 HOUR AT 1AM ON SUNDAY MORNING

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Readings for Sunday 29 March Palm Sunday

Isiah Chapter 50 verses 4-9a

Psalm 118 verses 1-2 and 19-end

Philippians Chapter 2 verses 5-11

Gospel of Matthew Chapter 21 verses 1-11

Sunday 29 March

9.30am Parish Communion – led by Rev Simon

10.15am Blessing of the Palms by Father Michael of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Roman Catholic Church – at the Memorial Garden (please note the 9.30am service will not finish in time for this)

10.30am – tea and coffee in the hall

11am – Together@11, led by Brian and the Monday Life Group

No Pizza Praise due to holidays

Services coming up

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
Sunday 12 April	9.30am – Parish communion led by Revd Simon and Jen 10.30am – Between service prayer 10.30am – Tea and coffee in the hall 11.00am – Together @ 11 led by Revd Simon ‘Why to we listen to setmons?’

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

We need to put together a booklet for the APCM reporting all that happened at St James in 2025. If you are part of a group at St James e.g. the Life Groups, the Mission Group etc please send a brief report (just one or two paragraphs) to Deborah by 16 April.

Flowers for Mothering Sunday

Thank you to the Mothers’ Union for the Mothering Sunday flowers.

Holy Week

Monday - 30 March

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

Wednesday 1 April

Hot Cross 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 at 10.30am

St James church open 12noon until 1.00pm

Hot Cross Coffee Morning 1 April

We will be hosting a Hot Cross coffee morning on Wednesday 1 April starting at 9.30am. More details in the poster at the end of the newssheet.

Easter Sunday at St James

On Easter Sunday this year we are 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.

This means there won't be a Gathering service in the Hall in April, with the next Gathering will therefore be on Sunday 3 May.

There will be refreshments after the service.

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

In May the dates for these services are:-

6th May 2.00pm at Summerfield

20th May 2.00pm at The Gables

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](#)

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:

Longbottom Avenue
Jaques Grove
Jaques Fold
Aireville Drive
Aireville Mount

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)
- Easter service at the Gables

- A prayer for Afghanistan
 - Lord God, we marvel at the brave faith of our family in Afghanistan, but our hearts also ache at their suffering. Continue to fill Your children with the bright light of Christ, refreshing their hope and empowering their witness. Watch over Your people, keep them from harm, and provide avenues for them to flourish. Please soften the hearts of the Taliban, and those in neighbouring countries, towards women and vulnerable minorities. Amen.

Saturday morning prayers

At 9am on Saturday 4 April there will be the usual monthly prayers before we set up for the Saturday Social at around 9.45am. Please come along to pray together for the church and the community.

Saturday Social

The next monthly Saturday Social is on Saturday 4 April.

Food Bank

Michael will be taking our gifts from the cupboard down to the Salvation Army on Tuesday 7th April, so please bring anything you want to give over the next couple of Sundays.

We are aware it's Holy Week and one of the Sundays is Easter Sunday but foodbank needs are 365 days a year.

Thanks
Michael & Susan

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.

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

Regular church events

Thursday Group	The fourth Thursday of each month at 2pm	Next one Thursday 23 April 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 17 April
Saturday Social	First Saturday of the month – 2pm until 4pm	Next one Saturday 4 April
PCC Meetings		Next one Wednesday 15 April
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 12 April
Mothers' Union	Third Thursday of the month at 7.30pm	Next one 16 April
Work Days	Third Saturday of the month – 2pm to 4pm	Next one Saturday 18 April
Saturday Morning Prayers	The day before the Gathering (so always a Saturday!) – 9am	Next one Saturday 4 April

Diary for the week ahead

Sat	28 Mar	9.30am	Lent book review time Clocks go forward one hour overnight PALM SUNDAY
Sun	29 Mar	9.30am 10.15am 11.00am	Parish Communion Blessing of Palms at Memorial Garden Together @ 11 No Pizza Praise
Mon	30 Mar	7.00pm	Stations of the Cross at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Roman Catholic Church, Wesley Place, Silsden
Tues	31 March		
Weds	1 April	9.30am 2.00pm	Hot Cross Coffee Morning Worship at Summerfield Maundy Thursday
Thurs	2 April	7.00pm	Maundy Thursday worship at Silsden Methodist Church led by Rev Clare Stainsby Good Friday
Fri	3 April	10.30am 12 noon to 1.00pm	Churches Together in Silsden - Walk of Witness, starting at Our Lady of Mount Carmel church Church open
Sat	4 April	9.00am	Saturday morning prayers

9.45am Setting up the Hall for the Saturday Social
2.00pm- Saturday Social
4.00pm

EASTER DAY

Sun 5 April 10.00am Parish Communion for Easter Sunday
11.00am Easter refreshments in the Hall

Churches Together in Silsden

 **Holy Week 2026** 

Monday 30th March

Stations of the Cross
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church
7pm

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Good Friday – 3rd April

Annual Walk of Witness

Starting 10.30am from
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church,
to St James' Church,
finishing at the Methodist Church

All Welcome

HOT CROSS COFFEE MORNING

Join us for a cozy morning of coffee, tea & hot cross buns!



WEDNESDAY, 1st APRIL | 9:30 AM - 12 NOON

FAMILY CRAFTS & GAMES!



Craft Station

EVERYONE WELCOME! | Free Entry & Refreshments

Hosted by St James Parish Church



SATURDAY SOCIAL



St James
Community Hall
Silsden



**1st Saturday
Every Month**

2.00 - 4.00 pm

Would you like some company on a Saturday afternoon? Drop in during the times above for chat and refreshments. Games and activities will be available, or bring a book, a magazine, your knitting/crochet etc



ALL WELCOME

