
ST JAMES PARISH CHURCH, SILSDEN WEEKLY NEWSHEET

SATURDAY 4 APRIL 2026

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Easter Day – Sunday 5 April

He is Risen! Alleluia!

Readings for Easter Sunday – 5 April 2026

Acts of the Apostles Chap 10 verses 34-43 or Jermiah Chap 31 verses 1-6

Psalm 118 verses 14-24

Letter to the Colossians Chap 3 verses 1-4

Gospel of John Chap 20 verses 1-18 or Gospel of Matthew Chap 28 verses 1-10

Sunday 5 April 2026

10am Special service of Parish Communion for Easter Day – led by Rev Simon

Followed by refreshments in the Hall

Our Easter Day service

This Sunday 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 whichever of our usual two Sunday services you might tend to go to. And please bring your family, friends and neighbours!

Services coming up

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 11am Together @ 11 – continuing looking at why certain things happen in church. This week – Why a Sermon? led by Rev Simon
Sunday 19 April	9.30am Parish Communion – led by 10.30am Tea and Coffee in the hall 11am Together @ 11 – continuing looking at why certain things happen in church. This week – Why Communion? led by Rev Simon

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.

Thank you

Thank you to everyone who helped plan and organized Wednesday's Hot Cross Coffee Morning, and thank you to everyone who came along.

Setting up Church for Easter

We will be setting up the church for Easter at 9.45am on Saturday. Please come and help if you are able.

Saturday morning prayers

At 9am on Saturday 4 April there will be the usual monthly prayers before we set up for the church for Easter Sunday and the hall for 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.

Worship in the Homes

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

Celebrate new life this Easter and have a go at growing something! April is the perfect time to try to grow something edible or, if you are a seasoned gardener, to encourage someone else to try. Salad leaves or herbs are a great place to start and will reduce your reliance on those oh-so-convenient supermarket salad bags. For indoor space, try 'micro-greens' (vegetable leaves harvested soon after they open) For greenhouses, try sowing salad leaf seed mixes. For outdoors, beetroot, lettuce, onion and pea plants are

frost-resistant so can all be planted outside in April. As you sow, thank God for the opportunity to grow food, and pray for those communities that are facing food shortages and famine

For more practical ways to enjoy, nurture and defend nature, sign up to A Rocha UK's Wild Christian email: arocha.org.uk/wild-christian

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:

Daisy Hill
Daisy Croft
Cobbydale Way
Weatherhead Place

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

Things to include in your Prayers

- 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.

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.

New Life Group

A new Life Group is starting on Monday 20th April. It will take place at Joyce Parker's house at 2pm every other week. If you are interested in joining this group, please talk to Joanna Kaye.

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 3 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	4 April	9.00am	Saturday morning prayers
		9.45am	Setting up the church for Easter Sunday and the Hall for Saturday Social
		2.00pm-4.00pm	Saturday Social
EASTER DAY			
Sun	5 April	10.00am	Parish Communion for Easter Sunday
		11.00am	Easter refreshments in the Hall
Mon	6 April		
Tues	7 April		
Wed	8 April	11.00am	Service at The Gables
Thurs	9 April		
Fri	10 April		
Sat	11 April		
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER			
Sun	12 April	9.30am	Parish Communion
		10.30am	Tea and coffee in the hall
		10.30am	Between service prayer
		11.00am	Together @ 11

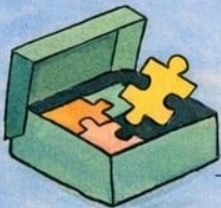


SATURDAY SOCIAL



**St James Community Hall
Silsden**

**1st Saturday Every Month
2.00 - 4.00 pm**



Pop in any time — stay for as long as you like!



Join us for refreshments, activities, and a friendly chat!

ALL WELCOME!



ST JAMES
Silsden

