
ST JAMES PARISH CHURCH, SILSDEN WEEKLY NEWSHEET

SATURDAY 11 APRIL 2026

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Sunday 12 April

He is Risen! Alleluia!

Readings for 12 April 2026
Second Sunday of Easter

Acts of the Apostles Chap 2 verses 14a and 22-32 or Exodus Chap 14 verses 10-end

Psalm 16

1 Peter Chap 1 verses 3-9

Gospel of John Chap 20 verses 19-31

Sunday 12 April 2026

9.30am – Parish communion led by Jen and Revd Simon

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

Services coming up

Sunday 19 April	9.30am Parish Communion – led by Rev Simon 10.30am Tea and Coffee in the hall 11.00am Together @ 11 – continuing looking at why certain things happen in church. This week – Why Communion? led by Rev Simon 4.00pm Pizza Praise
Sunday 26 April	9.30am Parish Communion – led by Rev Simon 10.30am Between Service Prayer 10.30am Tean and Coffee in the hall 11.00 am Togehter@11 – led by the Monday Life Group 4.00pm Pizza Praise

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 set up the church and arranged the flowers for Easter Day, last weekend. The church looked fantastic.

Sunday Life Group

The Sunday Life Group meets in the Hall this Sunday at 7pm.



Alpha

The current Alpha course at St James concludes on Tuesday with the session 'What about the Church?'.
Thank you to everyone who helped with this Alpha course in any way. Thank you also for your prayers.

The course started on 13 January and has flown by.

Worship in the Homes

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:

Calder Way
Swale Court
Dobson's Wharf
Christopher Close

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

Parochial Church Council (PCC)

Our PCC meets this Tuesday at 7.30pm. Please pray for the meeting. Thank you

Mothers' Union

This month we welcome Jon Crossley who will talk to us about his time entertaining in local care homes. We are hoping he will entertain us too! We extend an invite to everyone in the church and beyond. This will be in the church hall on Thurs 16th April at 7.30pm. All we ask is £2 donation for refreshments.

Can I also remind everyone that we celebrate 150 years of MU in June and so we need old photos etc from previous years to put together a display. Can members start to look these out and bring to Thursday's meeting as we only have April and May to prepare. Thanks Louise

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 17 April
Saturday Social	First Saturday of the month – 2pm until 4pm	Next one Saturday 2 May
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 2 May

Diary for the week ahead

Sat	11 April		
			SECOND SUNDAY OF 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
		7pm	Sunday Life Group in the hall
Mon	13 April		
Tues	14 April	7.00pm	Alpha Course in the hall
Wed	15 April	7.30pm	PCC Meeting in the hall
Thurs	16 April	7.30pm	Mothers' Union meeting in the hall
Fri	17 April		
Sat	18 April	2pm	Work Day
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		10.30am	Tea and Coffee in the hall
		11.00am	Together @ 11
		4.00pm	Pizza Praise

Dates for your Diary

Christian Aid Quiz Night – Saturday 9 May starting at 6.30pm

Christian Aid week – 10 May to 17 May

Ascension Day - 14 May

Pentecost Sunday - 24 May

Trinity Sunday - 31 May