
ST JAMES PARISH CHURCH, SILSDEN WEEKLY NEWSHEET

SATURDAY 18 APRIL 2026

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Sunday 19 April

He is Risen! Alleluia!

Readings for 19 April 2026
Third Sunday of Easter

Acts of the Apostles Chap 2 verses 14a and 36-41

Psalm 116 verse 1-3 and 10-17

1 Peter Chap 1 verses 17-23

Gospel of Luke Chap 24 verses 13-35

Sunday 19 April 2026

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

Services coming up

Sunday 26 April	9.30am Parish Communion – led by Rev Simon 10.30am Between Service Prayers 10.30am Tea and Coffee in the hall 11.00 am Together @11 – led by the Monday Life Group 4.00pm Pizza Praise
Sunday 3 May	9.15am – Breakfast in the hall 10.00am – Sunday Gathering in the hall – led by Jen and Daniel 11.00am – Said Holy Communion – led by Rev Simon

Annual Church Meeting

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.

The APCM booklet with all the papers for the meeting will be circulated electronically on Saturday 18 April and hard copies will be available in church from Sunday 19 April.

The new Electoral Roll is available to view on the table at the back of church.

Church Work Day

On Saturday 18 April starting at 2pm we have our next church work day. There are always jobs to do to help keep our church and churchyard looking great. Please do come along to help – there are jobs to suit all.

Repair Cafe

The next Silsden Repair Cafe is on Saturday April at Silsden Methodist Church - between 9.30am and noon.

Climate Action Silsden hold a refill shop at the Repair Café. They stock Miniml (now based in Silsden!) household and personal care products, (all products are Vegan, Cruelty Free and Paraben-Free and contain no synthetic dyes or perfumes).

The liquids available are: washing up liquid, laundry detergent, fabric conditioner, multi-surface cleaner, toilet cleaner, floor cleaner, hand soap, bubble bath/shower gel, shampoo and hair conditioner. Please take your empty containers and the refill shop will fill them for you. They are a profit-free organisation and so sell at cost price, just with a small round-up to cover costs of any spills.

New Life Groups

1/ 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.

2/ A new Life Group is also starting this week on Tuesday 21st April at 7pm, in church, looking at the Bible Course. Speak to Simon if you want to join this one.

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

Earth Day

Wednesday 22nd April is Earth Day where we celebrate all the good things about our created world and speak out in defence of its protection. For more information about Earth Day, plus how you can take part and help, please see the website: <https://www.earthday.org/>.

Christian Aid Quiz

We will be hosting a quiz to raise funds for Christian Aid on Saturday 9 May starting at 6.30pm. Details in the poster.

Coffee Morning for Silsden Supporting Families in Liberia

A coffee morning to raise funds for Silsden Supporting Families in Liberia will be held on Saturday 16 May. Details in the poster.

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:

Aire Court
Don Court
Wharfe Court
Derwent Court

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

Mothers' Union

We will 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

Bank Details

St James' bank account details for direct payments (for Share/general church funds) are:-

Barclays Bank

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	Third Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm	Next one Tuesday 19 May
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 26 April
Mothers' Union	Third Thursday of the month at 7.30pm	Next one 21 May
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	18 April	2pm	Work Day
			THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
Sun	19 April	9.30am	Parish Communion
		10.30am	Tea and Coffee in the hall
		11.00am	Together @ 11
		4.00pm	Pizza Praise
Mon	20 April	2.00pm	New Monday Life Group
Tues	21 April	7.00pm	New Tuesday Life Group
Wed	22 April		
Thurs	23 April	2.00pm	Thursday Group
Fri	24 April		
Sat	25 April		
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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



Saturday 9 May 2026
St James Community Hall
Doors open at 6.30pm
Quiz starts at 7.00pm
Free entry
Snacks available
Donations welcome

UPCOMING EVENT

SILSDEN SUPPORTING FAMILIES IN LIBERIA

We will be holding a coffee morning in St James' Church Hall on

Saturday 16th May - 9.30am - 12.00

To raise funds for our friends in Liberia for the continuation of the work that their organisation God's Kingdom of Hope International (GKHI) is currently running to empower vulnerable women.

Our aim is to continue to help them along the journey to self-sufficiency, by helping them to grow and develop income streams and to engage with and encourage their own community to get involved and obtain grants and public donations

Coffee, tea, bacon butties, cakes and biscuits and raffle

Please come along and learn more about what they are doing.

We and they would really appreciate your support

Thank you

Joanna, Derek, Laura, Peter and Evangeline