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# ST JAMES PARISH CHURCH, SILSDEN WEEKLY NEWSHEET

SATURDAY 25 APRIL 2026

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## Sunday 26 April

### He is Risen! Alleluia!

Readings for 26 April 2026  
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts of the Apostles Chap 2 verses 42-47

Psalm 23

1 Peter Chap 2 verses 19-25

Gospel of John Chap 10 verses 1-10

### Sunday 26 April 2026

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

## Services coming up

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
Sunday 10 May	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 Wednesday Life Group  4.00pm Pizza Praise

## Annual Church Meeting (APCM) – 7pm Tuesday 28 April – in the Hall

The APCM is the important AGM of St James church. The proceedings take two parts:

Part 1 is a meeting of parishioners to elect the two Churchwardens for the coming year.

Part 2 is where we reflect on what has been happening at St James for the past year and elect four people onto the PCC and three Deanery Synod Reps.

Once those formal elements are over Simon will share with us the new Vision for St James Church.

Please do come along on Tuesday at 7pm (in the Hall) to support the formal proceedings and then to hear exciting things that Simon will say.

The APCM booklet with all the papers for the meeting has been circulated and hard copies are available at the back of church.

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

## Worship in the Homes

In May the dates for these services are:-

6<sup>th</sup> May 2.00pm at Summerfield

20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:arocha.org.uk/wild-christian)*

### **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.

### **Saturday morning prayers**

At 9am on Saturday 2 May we will meet in church for our monthly Saturday morning prayers, including prayers for Silsden. Please come for as long as you can before, at around 9.45am, we set up the hall for the Saturday Social and the Gathering.

## **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:

Claymore Rise  
Charlton Grove  
Jennings Close  
Thanet Garth

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. We are also asking current and past members to let us know what the Mothers' Union means to them. Please see Louise for a sheet to note down your thoughts. Thanks.

## **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

## **Voting at the Polling Station on 7 May – identity documents need to be presented**

To vote at the polling station for this year's elections you will only need to show one form of photo ID. It needs to be the original version and not a photocopy (please note that these new rules do not apply to postal votes).

Acceptable forms of identity for this purpose include:

- Passport issued by the UK, any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, a British Overseas Territory, an EEA state or a Commonwealth country
- Driving licence issued by the UK, any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, or an EEA state (as long as it is not one of the old form licences without a photo on it – it has to have a photo on it)
- A Blue Badge

- Older Person's Bus Pass
- Disabled Person's Bus Pass
- Freedom Pass
- Identity card bearing the Proof of Age Standards Scheme hologram (a PASS card)
- Biometric immigration document
- Ministry of Defence Form 90 (Defence Identity Card)
- National identity card issued by an EEA state

If you have none of these than you can apply for a Voter Authority Certificate - deadline for this for the 7 May election is 5pm on Tuesday 28 April.

### Regular church events

Thursday Group	The fourth Thursday of each month at 2pm	Next one Thursday 28 May 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 1 May
Saturday Social	First Saturday of the month – 2pm until 4pm	Next one Saturday 2 May
PCC Meetings		Next one Wednesday 13 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 16 May
Saturday Morning Prayers	The day before the Gathering (so always a Saturday!) – 9am	Next one Saturday 2 May

### Diary for the week ahead

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Sat	25 April		
			<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>
Sun	26 April	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	27 April		
Tues	28 April	7.00pm	Church APCM

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Wed	29 April		
Thurs	30 April		
Fri	1 May		
Sat	2 May	9.00am	Saturday Morning Prayers
		2.00pm	Saturday Social
			<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>
Sun	3 May	9.15am	Breakfast
		10.00am	Gathering Service
		11.00am	Said Communion Service

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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 16<sup>th</sup> 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**



# Tea & Tablets



Free weekly  
beginner's group for  
senior citizens on  
how to use computer  
tablets and phones.

Silsden Town Hall

Tuesday 19 May – Tuesday 7 July

10:00 – 12:00

in a relaxed setting with  
tea and biscuits!

For more information, or to **book your place**, visit Silsden Library or call them during hours on 01535 654 131

