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# ST JAMES PARISH CHURCH, SILSDEN WEEKLY NEWS SHEET

SATURDAY 9 MAY 2026

Our Vision: Confident Christians, Growing in Christ and Making Him Known

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## Sunday 10 May

### He is Risen! Alleluia!

Readings for 10 May 2026

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts of the Apostles Chap 17 verses 22-31

Psalm 66 verses 7-18

1 Peter Chap 3 verses 13-22

Gospel of John Chap 14 verses 15-21

Sunday 10 May 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 Wednesday Life Group

1.00pm – Baptism

4.00pm Pizza Praise

## Services coming up

Sunday 17 May	9.30am Parish Communion – led by Rev Simon  10.30am Tea and Coffee in the hall  11.00 am Together @11 led by Neil  4.00pm Pizza Praise
Sunday 24 May	9.30am Parish Communion – led by Rev Pat  10.30am Between Service Prayer  10.30am Tea and Coffee in the hall  11.00 am Together @11 led by the Monday Life Group

## Baptism – this Sunday

Please come and support Robbie and his family at Robbie’s baptism in the church on Sunday at 1pm

We also need some welcomers to help at the baptism.

Please pray as well.

Thank you

## Our New Vision for St James Church

At the APCM we were excited to launch our new vision as a church. This vision is **“Confident Christians, Growing in Christ, and Making Him Known”**.

What exactly does this mean?

**Confident Christians:** **Confident** in who God is, and **confident** in who we are. God is the bedrock, the foundation of all reality, and the one on whom we build our lives. Our Christian journey is to learn to trust in Him and lean on Him in greater dependency. Our identity in Christ flows from out of who God is. The more we know who God is, the more we know who we are, the more **confident** we become.

**Growing in Christ:** **Jesus** used arable metaphors in abundance. As Christians we are planted in the good soil of the gospel, and our primary work is to **grow** and bear good fruit. This is often called “sanctification”, the work of becoming **more like Christ**. As a church we must ask ourselves how, whatever we are doing, helps us to **grow** in **Christ’s likeness**.

**Making Him Known:** In the Great Commission Christ calls us to **make disciples** of all nations. Each of us is called to this great work of **being a labourer** in the harvest; **witnessing for Christ** in the specific places and contexts He has called us. As a church we should be urging one another on in this endeavour, and equipping each other to be **bold in witness, sharing the love of Christ** wherever we find ourselves.

Thank you

Simon

### Worship in the Homes

20<sup>th</sup> May 2.00pm at The Gables

If you can support this please come along as our numbers seem to have dwindled.

Thanks Bob

### Is God calling you to be a churchwarden at St James?

As mentioned in the churchwardens' report for the APCM we are starting with planning for new people to take on the position. If you feel God might be calling you to be a churchwarden at St James please speak with Jayne, Neil or Simon – and please pray!

The idea would be that there would be period of everyone working together so that any new churchwarden is eased into the role.

### A service for Ascension Day at St James - Thursday 14 May at 7pm

There will be a special service of worship for Ascension Day (Thursday 14 May) in the church - starting at 7pm.

### Eco-Church

Support pollinators. Nothing says Spring like the buzz of a bee! But these precious pollinators are declining due to habitat loss, climate change and agricultural intensification. Wednesday 20 May is World Bee Day, so look around to see how you can improve habitats for bees and other pollinators. Read more about bees, butterflies and habitats that support them in our Target 25 resources at [arocha.org.uk/what-we-do/target-25](http://arocha.org.uk/what-we-do/target-25). Sow a pollinator friendly seed mix, make or buy a bee hotel, let some wild flowers grow in your garden, and don't use pesticides. Pray that our pollinator populations will increase. For more about World Bee Day visit: [awarenessdays.com/awareness-days-calendar/world-bee-day/](http://awarenessdays.com/awareness-days-calendar/world-bee-day/)

*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)*

## **Churches Count on Nature**

Calling all plant, bug and bird watchers! Join us in the churchyard after the Gathering service on the 7th June to take part in the Churches Count on Nature. Last year we spotted over 40 different species of plants, animals, bugs and lichen in the churchyard. Let's see what we can discover this year!

## **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 below..

## **Church Rotas**

The church rotas for May have been sent out. I have only done them for May as we need more people to help out on the rotas. Now is the time to let me know if you would like to join a rota. Please talk to one of the leadership team if you are not sure what the rota duties include.

## **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:

Lowfield Crescent  
Waterside  
Telford Close  
Ings Way

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

## Prayers for the coming week

Here are the prayers for the coming week, to pray through as lifegroups, and/or for your personal prayers.

- The streets set out above
- Ascension day service on the 14th
- Children and youth work at st james
- A prayer for China
- Sovereign God, equip our Chinese family with all they need to stand strong in their faith and share it with others. Give them courage and creativity as they navigate suffocating restrictions and surveillance, and inspire the words of those brought before the authorities (Mark 13:11). Protect underground gatherings, and guard Your people from harm. Strengthen, encourage and grow Your church in China in these difficult times, we pray. Amen.

## Mothers' Union

We all enjoyed a brilliant evening with Jonathan Crossley entertaining and educating us on his experiences going into local care homes to share faith along with music.

On 21st May we welcome Jo Whitehead who will talk about the influence of Japanese gardens on her artwork. All welcome.

If anyone has any other photos or memorabilia connected with MU for our celebration of 150 yrs in June, please, bring it along and any forms about what MU means to you.

Thanks

Louise

## 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 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 15 May

Saturday Social	First Saturday of the month – 2pm until 4pm	Next one Saturday 6 June
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 10 May
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 6 June

### Diary for the week ahead

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Sat	9 May	9.30am	Christian Aid coffee morning at Silsden Methodist Church
		6.30pm	Christian Aid quiz at St James Community Hall
<b>SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>			
<b>Start of Christian Aid Week</b>			
Sun	10 May	9.30am	Parish Communion
		10.30am	Between service prayers
		10.30am	Tea and coffee in the hall
		11.00am	Together @ 11
		1pm	Baptism
		4.00pm	Pizza Praise
Mon	11 May		
Tues	12 May		
Wed	13 May	7.30pm	PCC meeting
Thurs	14 May	7.00pm	Ascension Day service at St James
Fri	15 May	7.00pm	Friday at the King
Sat	16 May	9.30am	Coffee Morning for Families in Liberia
		2.00pm	Work Day
<b>SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>			
Sun	17 May	9.30am	Parish Communion
		10.30am	Tea and coffee in the hall
		11.00am	Together @ 11
		4.00pm	Pizza Praise

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### Dates for your Diary

Pentecost Sunday - 24 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

