
ST JAMES PARISH CHURCH, SILSDEN WEEKLY NEWS SHEET

SATURDAY 16 MAY 2026
(WORK DAY)

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

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Sunday 17 May

He is Risen! Alleluia!

Readings for 10 May 2026

Sunday after Ascension Day

Acts of the Apostles Chap 1 verses 6-14

Psalm 68 verses 1-10

1 Peter Chap 4 verses 12-14 and Chap 5 verses 6-11

Gospel of John Chap 17 verses 1-11

Sunday 17 May 2026

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

Services coming up

Sunday 24 May - Pentecost	9.30am Parish Communion – led by Rev Pat 10.30am Tea and Coffee in the hall 11.00 am Together @11 led by the Monday Life Group
Sunday 31 May – Trinity Sunday	9.30am Parish Communion – led by Rev Simon 10.30am Tea and Coffee in the hall 11.00 am Together @11 – Our Stories episode 14 (Val and Brian), led by Michael

Work Day



It's our monthly work day on Saturday (16 May) – starting at 2pm. There is plenty to do to keep the church and hall functioning as it should, so please do come along. We can find a job for everyone! Please meet in the hall at 2pm. Thank you

Repair Cafe

The next Silsden Repair Cafe is this Saturday, 16 May - between 9.30am and noon.

Climate Action Silsden hold a liquids refill shop at the Repair Café. 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 Chairs



The PCC has made the decision that we need to replace the ancient plastic chairs which we currently use in the hall. Can you sponsor a chair? Please think and pray about whether you can. There will be a list available on Sunday.

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Our New Vision for St James Church

Our new vision for St James Silsden 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.

May Madness – Fun for the Whole Community!

27 May

Join us on Wednesday 27 May, 9.30am–12 noon in the hall at St James Church for May Madness — a relaxed and welcoming community event filled with coffee, cake, crafts, games, children’s activities, and plenty of opportunities to chat and connect.

Whether you pop in for a quick brew or stay for the whole morning, there’ll be something for all ages.

Everyone is very welcome — come and join the madness!

Please see more information below.

Worship in the Homes

We are visiting The Gables for worship there on 20th May at 2.00pm

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

Thanks Bob

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. 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/

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

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!

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.

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 continue to pray, as a church, for the residents and businesses within the Parish street-by-street and week-by-week.

This week's streets are:

Howden Road (inc. Springbank Care Home)
Brunthwaite Bridge Lane
Tomling Cote Lane
Canal Lane

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

Mothers' Union

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

Christian Aid – thank you

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Christian Aid events last week and thank you for all your support for Christian Aid.

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	Fourth Tuesday of the month – at 7.30pm	Next one Tuesday 23 June
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

Sat	16 May	Morning 2pm	Coffee morning – Silsden supporting families in Liberia Work Day
SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY (seventh Sunday after Easter)			
Sun	17 May	9.30am 10.30am 11.00am 4.00pm	Parish Communion Tea and coffee in the hall Together @ 11 Pizza Praise
Mon	18 May		
Tues	19 May		
Weds	20 May		World bee day!
		2pm	Worship at the Gables
Thurs	21 May	7pm	Mothers' Union meeting
Fri	22 May		
Sat	23 May		
PENTECOST			
Sun	24 May	9.30am 10.30am 11.00am 4.00pm	Parish Communion Tea and coffee in the hall Together @ 11 Pizza Praise

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



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





MAY MADNESS

EVERYONE WELCOME!

Join us for a **fun-filled** morning of refreshments, conversation, and community


ST JAMES Silsden :: **Weds 27th May** :: **9.30 AM - 12 NOON**

FAMILY CRAFTS, GAMES & ACTIVITIES!



REFRESHMENTS FOR EVERYONE



CRAFTS & COLOURING



GAMES & ACTIVITIES



SPACE TO CHAT AND CONNECT

Everyone welcome | Free entry & refreshments
Hosted by St James Church