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# ST JAMES PARISH CHURCH, SILSDEN WEEKLY NEWS SHEET

SATURDAY 30 MAY 2026

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

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## Sunday 31 May – Trinity Sunday

### Readings for Trinity Sunday

Isiah Chap 40 verses 12-17 and 27-31

Psalm 8

2 Corinthians Chap 13 verses 11-13

Gospel of Matthew Chap 28 verses 16-20

Sunday 31 May 2026

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

## Services coming up

7 June	9.15am – Breakfast together in the Hall  10am – Gathering Service in the Hall - Environment Sunday  11am - Holy Communion in the church  11am to 12 noon – into the Graveyard to carry out a survey for Churches Count on Nature
14 June	9.30am Parish Communion – led by Rev Simon  10.30am Tea and Coffee in the hall  10.30am – Between service prayers  11.00 am Together @11  4.00pm – Pizza Praise

## New Chairs

The new chairs have arrived = don't they look fantastic!

However, we now need to pay for them. Please can you start to make your donations. You can pay by:-

- Cash – there will be a bucket in church on Sunday for cash donations. If you pay tax, please complete a Gift Aid envelope
- Bank transfer – use the bank details below and reference 'Chairs'

Any questions, please talk to Deborah

## Thank You

Many thanks to everyone who helped and came to the May Madness event on Wednesday.

## Sunday Tea and Coffee

We are very grateful for everyone who prepares and serves (and tidies away after) our between-services tea and coffee refreshments on Sunday mornings. Thank you.

We have recently replenished our supplies of Fairtrade tea bags – including our usual big box of 'one cup' tea bags. However, we have also bought some much larger tea bags – each of which, apparently, makes four pints of tea. So the idea is that one of these large tea bags should be all that is needed for one of our

large catering-sized tea pots. We will see how we get on with these so all feedback will be appreciated.

### **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. Why not 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 practical ways to enjoy, nurture and defend nature, sign up to A Rocha UK's Wild Christian email: [arocha.org.uk/wild-christian](http://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!

### **Archdeacon's Visitation Service**

Jayne and Neil will formally re-commit to the role of churchwarden for another 12 months at the visitation service at All Saints Ilkley at 7pm on Wednesday 17 June 2026. It would be lovely if members of the congregation could join Jayne Neil and Simon at this special service please.

### **Worship at the Homes**

These are the next series of dates and times for worship at the Homes.

Tuesday June 2<sup>nd</sup> 10:30 at Springbank  
Wednesday June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2:00 at Summerfield  
Wednesday June 17<sup>th</sup> 2:00 at The Gables  
Wednesday July 1<sup>st</sup> 2:00 at Summerfield  
Tuesday July 7<sup>th</sup> July 10:30 at Springbank (*correction*)  
Wednesday July 15<sup>th</sup> 2:00 at The Gables

Please come along to support if you can

### **Mothers' Union**

The Mothers' Union Strawberry Teas will be on Sunday 14 June. Please note the date for your diary. On 16 July there is a canal boat trip followed by fish and chips – sign up sheets on the hall notice board.

## **Saturday morning prayers**

At 9am on Saturday 6 June 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.

## **Saturday Social**

It is Saturday Social on Saturday 6 June. Please do come along for a chat and a cup of tea or coffee.

## **Sunday 21 June – a special day**

Sunday 21 June is going to be a very special day at St James as we have a church family baptism in the morning followed by, at 3.00pm (note new time), a special service at St Andrews Kildwick when a number of people from our church family will be Confirmed by Bishop Toby.

We will therefore be having one service at St James Silsden on that Sunday morning – a joint service which will include the baptism and Holy Communion (the time of that service is to be confirmed but is likely to be 10am).

Some people from St James will be marking the occasion by walking to St Andrew's after our morning service – acknowledging this as a pilgrimage to our Mother Church, as well as a way of showing support for our brothers and sisters being confirmed.

Sunday 21 June will be day of great joy for St James Silsden and the joint service in the morning will reflect that.

We hope that many people from the St James congregation will attend both services to support our Confirmation candidates and to praise God for all the ways He blesses us.

## **Sunday Life Group**

Sunday Life Group's next project is a study of the Book of Ezekiel, which will start at the Sunday Life Group's meeting (in the Hall) at 7pm on Sunday 7 June.

The other dates for continuing that study in the Sunday Life Group are:

28 June

12 July

before the Sunday Life Group breaks for the Summer holidays.

## Prayers for the week ahead

As well as praying for the areas of Silsden set out below, please also pray for:

- The confirmation course (3-2-1)
- Children and Youth work at St James
- Iraq – here’s a prayer for Iraq
  - Almighty God, our family in Iraq continue to suffer so much. Strengthen the weary, encourage the fainthearted, and heal the hurting. As people navigate dangers and restrictions, wondering even whether it’s safe to remain, direct their steps and reassure them of Your love and the good things You have for them. Protect our sisters and brothers, and may Christ in them, the hope of glory (Colossians 1:27), empower their faith and witness. Have Your way in Iraq, we pray. Amen.

## Praying for Silsden

We are continuing 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:

Nab View  
Brown Bank Lane  
Brown Bank Caravan Park  
Light Bank Lane

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

## 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

## 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.

### Regular church events

Thursday Group	The fourth Thursday of each month at 2pm	Next one Thursday 23 July at Sheila’s house – NO meeting in June
Friday at the King Pub Social	First and Third Fridays of the month – 7pm to around 9pm at the Kings Arms	Next one Friday 5 June
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 18 June
Work Days	Third Saturday of the month – 2pm to 4pm	Next one Saturday 20 June
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 14 June
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	30 May		
			<b>TRINITY SUNDAY</b>
Sun	31 May	9.30am	Parish Communion
		10.30am	Tea and coffee in the hall
		11.00am	Together @ 11

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		7.00pm	Sunday Life Group
			<b>June</b>
Mon	1 June		
Tues	2 June	10.30am	Worship at Springbank
Weds	3 June	2pm	Worship at Summerfield
		7.30pm	321 course
		7.45pm	Social Mission Group meeting
Thurs	4 June		
Fri	5 June		
Sat	6 June	9.00am	Saturday morning prayers
		2.00pm	Saturday Social
			<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF TRINITY</b>
Sun	7 June	9.15am	Breakfast
		10.00am	Sunday Gathering
		11.00am	Said Holy Communion
		11.00am	Nature Count

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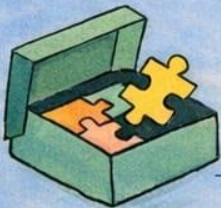


# SATURDAY SOCIAL



**St James Community Hall  
Silsden**

**1st Saturday Every Month  
2.00 - 4.00 pm**



*Pop in any time — stay for as long as you like!*



*Join us for refreshments, activities, and a friendly chat!*

**ALL WELCOME!**



**ST JAMES**  
Silsden





# 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

