
ST JAMES PARISH CHURCH, SILSDEN WEEKLY NEWS SHEET

SATURDAY 6 JUNE 2026

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

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Sunday 7 June – First Sunday of Trinity

Readings for 7 June

Genesis Chap 12 verses 1-9

Psalm 33 verses 1-12

Romans Chap 4 verses 13-25

Gospel of Matthew Chap 9 verses 9-13 and 18-26

Sunday 7 June 2026

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

Services coming up

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 2.30pm – Mothers’ Union Strawberry Teas NO Pizza Praise
21 June	10.00am – Parish Communion with Baptism – led by Rev Simon 3.00pm – Confirmations at St Andrew’s Kildwick

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

Church Volunteers

This week has been volunteers week. Therefore, please can we say a big thank you to everyone who volunteers in any role at St James.

Eco-Church

Take part in citizen science or a local nature event. Citizen science is a way for ordinary people to get involved in scientific research or data collection. There are many projects to choose from and it’s easy to make a contribution. Invite others to get involved with you too. Here are some projects that you could help with:

- Search your local beach with a shore survey: wildlifetrusts.org/shoresearch
- Spend ten minutes counting pollinators: ukpoms.org.uk

- Join in with Churches Count on Nature (6-14 June): arocha.org.uk/what-we-do/churches-count-on-nature/
- Do a Bee Walk: beewalk.org.uk
- Join Great Big Green Week (6-14 June): greatbiggreenweek.com

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!

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.

Wednesday June 17th 2:00 at The Gables
 Wednesday July 1st 2:00 at Summerfield
 Tuesday July 7th July 10:30 at Springbank (*correction*)
 Wednesday July 15th 2:00 at The Gables

Please come along to support if you can

Mothers' Union

Last month we enjoyed a very interesting talk by Jo Whitehead on Japanese gardens. This month we celebrate 150 years of Mothers' Union with a strawberry tea party on Sunday 14th June at 2.30 in the church hall. If anyone would like to help on the day, make scones or offer raffle prizes, please see Jo, Louise or Pat.

We look forward to seeing you there.

In July on Thurs 16th we are having a one hour canal trip with comical commentary by Dave Spikey followed by a meal at the Trawlerman. You are all welcome to join us for one or both. Sign up on the forms on the MU notice board.

With love from MU.

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:

- Baptism/confirmations on 21st
- 321 course

India is a strongly Hindu nation of 1.5 billion people where it is increasingly difficult for the 70 million Christians to live out their faith.

Father God,

- We rejoice that very many people in India are encountering Your Son, often through healings and miracles.
- We pray as the church's presence and growth bring opposition that you will uphold our family with Your unfailing love.
- We pray against the spread and misuse of the increasingly strict "anti-conversion" laws now in 12 states, and pray for a stop to other legal impediments to religious freedom. Locally and nationally, bring greater protection of your people.

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:

Mill Gardens
Ramstone Close
Mercury Road
Riverside Road
Becks Mill Close
Weavers View

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

Remembering Chris Greenwood

This Summer is the 10th anniversary of the tragic death of Chris Greenwood. I know that many members of the congregation remember Chris. For those who don't know, Chris was the younger son of Peter and Mandy Greenwood, Peter being the Vicar here at St James between 2001 and 2009.

I have emailed those of you who I think were attending St James Church during the Greenwoods' tenure here to let you know some of the ways the family are marking this sad anniversary. If you haven't received that email and would like to know more about those plans please do have a word with me (Neil). Thank you.

Please hold the family in your prayers.

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

Sat	6 June	9.00am	Saturday morning prayers
		2.00pm	Saturday Social
			FIRST SUNDAY OF TRINITY
Sun	7 June	9.15am	Breakfast
		10.00am	Sunday Gathering
		11.00am	Said Holy Communion
		11.00am	Nature Count
		7.00pm	Sunday Life Group meeting
Mon	8 June		
Tues	9 June		
Wed	10 June		
Thurs	11 June		
Fri	12 June		
Sat	13 June		
			SECOND SUNDAY OF TRINITY
Sun	14 June	9.30am	Parish Communion
		10.30am	Tea and coffee in the hall
		10.30am	Between service prayer
		11.00am	Together @ 11
		2.30pm	Mothers' Union Strawberry Teas

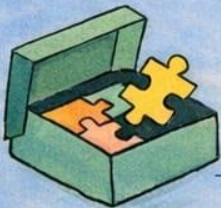


SATURDAY SOCIAL



**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





St James Church Mothers' Union

STRAWBERRY TEAS

Sunday 14 June



2.30 - 4.00pm



Community Hall

£5



Celebrating 150 years of Mothers' Union



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

