
ST JAMES PARISH CHURCH, SILSDEN WEEKLY NEWS SHEET

SATURDAY 13 JUNE 2026

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

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Sunday 14 June – Second Sunday of Trinity

Readings for 14 June

Genesis Chap 18 verses 1-15

Psalm 116 verses 1 and 10-17

Romans Chap 5 verses 1-8

Gospel of Matthew Chap 9 verse 35 to Chap 10 verse 8

Sunday 14 June 2026

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 celebrating 150 years of the Mothers' Union

2.30pm – Mothers' Union Strawberry Teas

NO Pizza Praise

Services coming up

21 June	10.00am – Parish Communion with Baptism – led by Rev Simon 3.00pm – Confirmations at St Andrew’s Kildwick NO Pizza Praise
28 June	9.30am – Parish Communion – led by Rev Simon 10.30am – Between service prayer 10.30am – Tea and coffee in the hall 11.00am – Together @ 11 – led by Rev Simon 4.00pm – Pizza Praise

Jean Barnard RIP

We are sad to report that Jean Barnard, a long-standing member of the St James congregation who has been unable to attend for quite a while, died last Sunday (7 June). Jean died on her 101st birthday.

Her funeral will be at St James’ on Friday 26 June at 1.30pm.

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

Church Work Day

The next church work day is on Saturday 20th June starting at 2pm. Please do come along to support this. There are always jobs to suit everyone.

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.

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

The Sunday Life Group will continue with their study of the Book of Ezekiel on:-

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:

Canal Side
Henholme Lane
Low Lane
Courtyard Mews

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 19 June
Saturday Social	First Saturday of the month – 2pm until 4pm	Next one Saturday 4 July
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 4 July

Diary for the week ahead

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
Mon	15 June		
Tues	16 June		
Wed	17 June	2.00pm	Service at The Gables
		7.00pm	Archdeacon's Visitation service at All Saints Ilkley
Thurs	18 June		
Fri	19 June		
Sat	20 June	2.00pm	Church Work Day
			THIRD SUNDAY OF TRINITY
Sun	21 June	10.00am	Parish Communion with Baptism
		3.00pm	Confirmation service at Kildwick



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

