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# ST JAMES PARISH CHURCH, SILSDEN WEEKLY NEWS SHEET

SATURDAY 20 JUNE 2026

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

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## Sunday 21 June – Third Sunday of Trinity

### Father's Day

#### Readings for 21 June

Genesis Chap 21 verses 8-21

Psalm 86 verses 1-10

Romans Chap 6 verses 1b-11

Gospel of Matthew Chap 10 verses 24-39

Sunday 21 June 2026

10.00am – Parish Communion with Baptism – led by Rev Simon

3.00pm – Confirmations at St Andrew's Kildwick

NO Pizza Praise

## Services coming up

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
5 July	9.15am – Breakfast  10.00am – Sunday Gathering  11.00am – Said holy Communion in church – led by Rev Simon

### 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 at 10.00am followed by, at 3.00pm, 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 just the one service at St James Silsden on Sunday morning – a joint service which will include the baptism and Holy Communion.

Some people from St James will be walking to St Andrew's Kildwick for the confirmation service on Sunday – acknowledging this as a pilgrimage to our Mother Church, as well as a way of showing support for our brothers and sisters being confirmed – please see below for more details.

Sunday 21 June will be day of great joy for St James Silsden and 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.

#### Walking to Kildwick on Sunday, for the Confirmation Service

#### Please note change of time – walk starts at 1.15pm

If you are coming on the walk please meet at the canal side at Sykes Lane (just over the bridge, down to the right) at 1pm, to set off at 1:15pm (that's an earlier start than announced last Sunday!). It's a beautiful 2-mile stroll, and we'll make sure everyone's looked after, with transport back from Kildwick after the Confirmation Service if you need it. (don't let the weather stop you – if it's raining, we'll go by car!)

Let's walk together in fellowship and prayer.

## **Church Work Day**

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

## **Silsden Repair Cafe**

The next Silsden Repair Cafe is this Saturday, 20 June - 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.

## **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 101<sup>st</sup> 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](http://wildlifetrusts.org/shoresearch)
- Spend ten minutes counting pollinators: [ukpoms.org.uk](http://ukpoms.org.uk)
- Join in with Churches Count on Nature (6-14 June): [arocha.org.uk/what-we-do/churches-count-on-nature/](http://arocha.org.uk/what-we-do/churches-count-on-nature/)
- Do a Bee Walk: [beewalk.org.uk](http://beewalk.org.uk)
- Join Great Big Green Week (6-14 June): [greatbiggreenweek.com](http://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](mailto:arocha.org.uk/wild-christian)*

## **Archdeacon's Visitation Service**

Jayne and Neil say thank you to everyone who supported them at the visitation service at All Saints Ilkley last Wednesday and/or with your prayers.

## **PCC Meeting**

Our PCC meets this Tuesday, 23 June, at 7.30pm. Please pray for the meeting. Thank you.

## **Airedale Hospital Rebuild Meeting**

As the plans for the new Airedale hospital take shape the Hospital has organised a drop-in at Silsden Town Hall on Thursday this week - 5.30pm to 8pm

The hospital says that here "You can find out more about our plans, talk to our project team, and share your views."

## **Worship at the Homes**

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

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**

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the 11am service last week, celebrating 150 years of Mothers' Union. I had several, positive comments from the congregation saying that they had learnt something about MU which they previously didn't know and sharing members' thoughts and memories felt very special.

On Sunday afternoon we enjoyed the annual Strawberry Tea accompanied with Brian's music and Stefanie's craft stall we raised £376.30 . Huge thanks to all who attended and to those who helped on the door and in the kitchen. Thanks everyone for your support last Sunday especially in the kitchen.

We celebrated the 150 years of MU at our meeting on the 18th June with a 'bring and share' supper'. Although there weren't many of us, we enjoyed sharing fellowship together as well as sharing memories of past events and people we had encountered during our time as a member here at St. James. Carol Ledgard was officially enrolled as a member, which marked the occasion very well as each 'Branch' has been asked to aim for at least five new members during this year.

Our July meeting on the 16th is our summer outing. This year we are having a one-hour canal boat trip with commentary, starting at Skipton boat yard at 3.45pm, followed by a visit to the 'Flying Fisherman' at Kildwick. We invite any of our church family to sign up and join us, either for the boat trip or the meal, or better still for both. Husband, partners, family and friends are all welcome. Please speak to Louise, Joanne, Jayne or Pat if you are interested in joining all or part of the outing.

We closed the meeting with a short version of 'Evening Prayer' ending with 'The Nunc Dimittis'.

Lord now let your servant go in peace, according to thy word.  
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation;  
Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;  
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the Glory of thy people Israel.

Love and Prayers from  
St. James Mother Union

### **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.

### **Silsden Open Gardens**

Silsden open Gardens is happening on Saturday and Sunday 27th and 28th of June.

Tickets are available from Twiggs newsagent and also from Coffydale cafe and I have a few myself.

Thank you, Andrew Ogston.

### **Prayers for the week ahead**

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

- Funeral of Jean Barnard
- The children and youth worker advert

Dear heavenly Father,

We praise you that many North Koreans are encountering your Son through signs and wonders.

We cry out to you for those held in labour camps that they will know your comfort, your courage and your provision.

Please protect all secret believers from discovery and terrible punishment.

We are humbled by the faith of those who find your Son after escaping the country and then return to share his wonderful message of hope.

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:

Low House Drive  
Croft Fold  
Glaisdale Close  
The Kingfishers

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

### **Country and Western Social**

Join us on Saturday July 11th from 5pm until 8pm for our family Country and Western Evening. Tickets, available from Shirley are £2.50 each, including food but bring your own drinks. Children go free.

We would appreciate some volunteer helpers on the night to help where needed. Also, does anyone have a BBQ or fancy themselves as a BBQ chef? We are only cooking burgers so you don't have to be a cordon bleu chef. Please talk to Shirley if you can help out with the BBQ.

Donations for the raffle would be good.

It should be a good night.

### **Remembering Chris Greenwood**

This Summer is the 10<sup>th</sup> 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 Thursday 16 July (in the afternoon)

Church Work Day	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 28 June
Saturday Morning Prayers	The day before the Gathering (so always a Saturday!) – 9am	Next one Saturday 4 July

### Diary for the week ahead

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Sat	20 June	2.00pm	Church Work Day <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF TRINITY</b>
Sun	21 June	10.00am 3.00pm	Parish Communion with Baptism Confirmation service at Kildwick
Mon	22 June		
Tues	23 June	7.30pm	PCC Meeting
Wed	24 June		
Thurs	25 June		
Fri	26 June	1.30pm	Funeral of Jean Barnard
Sat	27 June		
			<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF TRINITY</b>
Sun	28 June	9.30am 10.30am 10.30am 11.00am 4.00pm	Parish Communion Tea and Coffee in the hall Between Service Prayer Together @ 11 Pizza Praise

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# COUNTRY & WESTERN SOCIAL

SATURDAY 11 JULY  
5.00PM - 8.00PM



MUSIC



GAMES



FOOD



RAFFLE



★ WESTERN DRESS WELCOME! ★  
£2.50 ADULTS ★ CHILDREN FREE  
PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS  
♥ EVERYONE WELCOME ♥

ST JAMES CHURCH HALL, SILSDEN



# Silsden Open Garden, 2026



SAURDAY 27<sup>th</sup> &  
SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> JUNE  
11AM TO 4PM



COME AND WANDER IN TEN BEAUTIFUL  
GARDENS, STOP FOR TEA AND CAKE,  
SHOP FOR PLANTS.

PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO  
FRIENDS OF SILSDEN PARK

NO DOGS, BUT ASSISTANCE DOGS WELCOME

WE HOPE THAT YOU ENJOY THIS EVENT.  
FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES OR FEEDBACK  
PLEASE EMAIL:

[SILSDENGARDENINGCLUB@GMAIL.COM](mailto:SILSDENGARDENINGCLUB@GMAIL.COM)

£5 PER PERSON

~ UNDER 12s FREE ~





# 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

