
ST JAMES PARISH CHURCH, SILSDEN WEEKLY NEWS SHEET

SATURDAY 27 JUNE 2026

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

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Sunday 28 June – Fourth Sunday of Trinity

Readings for 28 June

Genesis Chap 22 verses 1-14

Psalm 13

Romans Chap 6 verses 12-23

Gospel of Matthew Chap 10 verses 40-42

Sunday 28 June 2026

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

Services coming up

5 July	9.15am – Breakfast 10.00am – Sunday Gathering 11.00am – Said holy Communion in church – led by Rev Simon
12 July	9.30am – Parish Communion led by Revd Tony 10.30am – Between service prayer 10.30am – Tea and coffee in the hall 11.00am – Together @ 11 – led by Wednesday Life Group 4.00pm – Pizza Praise

Sunday 21 June – a special day

What a day we had last Sunday with the joyful baptism of Olivia at our morning service and then the Confirmation service at Kildwick in the afternoon.

A sizeable group of St James people – comprising Confirmation candidates and supporters – walked from Silsden to St Andrew's Kildwick and the weather was perfect for a leisurely and sociable stroll along the canal. When the walking group got to the church the first person they bumped into was Bishop Toby as he arrived to lead the service and confirm the candidates. He stopped to chat and have his photo taken with us.

The Confirmation service was very special as Simon presented 14 candidates for Confirmation from St James Silsden and as Bishop Toby prayed for and with each candidate as they were confirmed. We sang loudly and prayed quietly.

Congratulations to all those who were Confirmed at last Sunday's service and thank you to all who supported them at the service and/or with your prayers.

Please continue to pray for them.

What a wonderful day it was. God is so Good.



Silsden Open Gardens

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

Social Mission Group

The Social Mission Group next meet on Wednesday 1st July at 7.45pm in the hall. We meet to plan and arrange all the social activities that take place at church. All are welcome to come along and suggest things that we could do.

Saturday morning prayers

At 9am on Saturday 4 July 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

The next Saturday Social is on Saturday 4th July in the hall from 2pm. All are welcome.

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
- Do a Bee Walk: beewalk.org.uk

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

PCC

We are delighted to say that Pam Rycroft has joined our church Parochial Church Council.

The members of PCC are therefore:-

- Incumbent:- Revd Simon Phipps
- Licensed Lay Minister:- Jen Read
- Deanery Synod Reps: - Paul Winstanley (and Jen)
- Churchwardens:- Neil Whitaker (lay vice chair), Jayne Robinson (Secretary)

- PCC Members:-
 - 2024:- Steph Spence, Joanne Towers
 - 2025:- Deborah Thorley (Treasurer), Val Goddard, Brian Goddard (Deputy Churchwarden)
 - 2026:- Pam Rycroft, Steve Anderson, Connor Anderson, Michael Wilkinson

Worship at the Homes

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

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

Please come along to support if you can

Mothers' Union

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 Trawlerman 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.

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.

Holy Spirit Day – 18 July (TBC)

We are running the Holy Spirit Day from the Alpha Course on Saturday 18 July – starting around 10am and finishing around 2.30pm.

Please put this in your diary as the Day will be open to all members of the church – whether you have already been part of an Alpha Holy Spirit Day or not.

We will need confirmed numbers nearer the time but in the meantime please consider and pray about whether you might attend. Thank you

Silsden Gala

Silsden Gala 2026 will take place on Sunday 26 July.

As the Gala proceedings starts a little earlier this year we will be having just the one morning service at St James on 26 July. That service will be at 10am.

Churches Together In Silsden will once again be taking part in the Silsden Gala Procession this year and it would be great if members of our congregation would like to walk with us as we join in the parade with our fellow churches! We will be gathering at the bottom of St John Street towards the Toyota Garage at around 11.30 am for 12.00 set off! We will be carrying our 3 church banners and hopefully some colourful posters (ideas welcome!)

We also hope to have a small gazebo on the field as we did last year. This will need to be transported to the field and put up (8.30 onwards) on the Sunday morning. Volunteers are needed please to help transport the gazebo up to the field and erect it. As last year we hope to provide a quiet space where parents and children can pop in for a few moments, where we can provide the opportunity to do some colouring, perhaps write a little prayer (our prayer net was full of little paper fishes with prayers written on them last year – you may remember them in church). We will provide an opportunity to escape the noise of the fair for a few moments and perhaps offer bottled water/sweets. The field events run from 12.00 mid-day til 5.00 pm.

If you would like to be involved in helping to remind our community all that Churches in Silsden are all in the middle of town (!) and long to provide a welcome to everyone then this day is a golden opportunity to do so!!

Please see Neil, Jayne or Simon if you would like to join in!

Prayers for the week ahead

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

- Service at Summerfield Care Home on 1st July
- Service at Springbank Care Home on 7th July
- Country and Western Evening 11th July

Dear Heavenly Father,

We ask you to break the power of the Islamists who presently terrorise and threaten your people across north-eastern D. R. Congo.

Please bring an end to the armed conflict in the region.

We ask for the success of efforts to contain the Ebola virus and treat those who have the illness,

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:

The Mallards
Hainsworth Road
Mitchell Lane
The Paddock

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 and 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.

Personal Growth and Leadership Course 26-27

Over recent years a number of people from St James Silsden have been on the Diocese's Personal Growth and Leadership course. It is a great course for those who want to see in themselves personal growth and confidence (including their Christian confidence). Don't worry about the use of 'Leadership' in the course title – attending the course doesn't mean you will have to be a leader once the course is finished!

The course comes highly recommended by those from St James who have completed it.

If you might consider going on the course starting in September, please have a word with Simon or Neil.

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 3 July
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 28 July
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 18 July
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

Sat	27 June		Open Gardens Weekend
			FOURTH SUNDAY OF TRINITY
Sun	28 June	9.30am	Parish Communion
		10.30am	Tea and Coffee in the hall
		10.30am	Between Service Prayer
		11.00am	Together @ 11
		4.00pm	Pizza Praise
Mon	29 June		
Tues	30 June		
Wed	1 July	2.00pm	Worship at Summerfield
		7.45pm	Social Mission Group Meeting
Thurs	2 July		
Fri	3 July	7.00pm	Friday at the King
Sat	4 July	9.00am	Saturday morning prayers followed by Gathering set up
		2.00pm	Saturday Social
			FIFTH SUNDAY OF TRINITY
Sun	5 July	9.15am	Breakfast
		10.00am	Sunday Gathering
		11.00am	Said Holy Communion

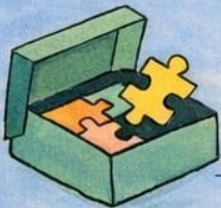


SATURDAY SOCIAL



**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



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 27th &
SUNDAY 28th 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:

SILSDEN.GARDENING.CLUB@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

