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# ST JAMES PARISH CHURCH, SILSDEN WEEKLY NEWS SHEET

SATURDAY 4 JULY 2026

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

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## Sunday 5 July – Fifth Sunday of Trinity

### Readings for 5 July

Genesis Chap 24 verses 34-38, 42-49 and 58-67

Psalm 45 verses 10-17

Romans Chap 7 verses 15-25a

Gospel of Matthew Chap 11 verses 16-19 and 25-30

Sunday 5 July 2026

9.15am – Breakfast

10.00am – Sunday Gathering

11.00am – Said holy Communion in church – led by Rev Simon

### Services coming up

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
19 July	9.30am – Parish Communion led by Revd Simon 10.30am – Tea and coffee in the hall 11.00am – Together @ 11 – led by Sunday Life Group 4.00pm – Pizza Praise

### 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 4<sup>th</sup> July in the hall from 2pm. All are welcome.

### Country and Western Social

Join us on Saturday July 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **Eco-Church**

It's Plastic Free July and this year we're thinking about laundry, a top source of microplastic pollution. Fibres from synthetic clothes (polyester, nylon, and acrylic for example) shed tiny fibres during washing and drying. These enter the sewage systems and are hard to filter out. Use a microfibre bag or ball to catch the fibres. Learn more about reducing plastic pollution in the laundry process at [plasticfreejuly.org/get-involved/what-you-can-do/plastic-free-laundry/](http://plasticfreejuly.org/get-involved/what-you-can-do/plastic-free-laundry/) and more about this year's campaign at [plasticfreejuly.org](http://plasticfreejuly.org).

*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)*

## **Worship at the Homes**

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

Tuesday July 7<sup>th</sup> 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**

Our July meeting on the 16th is our summer outing. This year we are having a one-hour canal boat trip (cost £11) with commentary from Dave Spikey, 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:-

12 July

before the Sunday Life Group breaks for the Summer holidays.

## **Holy Spirit Day – 18 July**

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

## **Work Day 18 July**

The work day scheduled for Saturday 18 July has been cancelled.

However, if you are not attending the Holy Spirit day and can help on the morning of Saturday 18 July, the Silsden Christmas Lights team are replacing the coloured lights around the Hall for us and could do with some help. They will assemble in the Hall car park at 10am

## **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 Springbank Care Home on 7<sup>th</sup> July
- Country and Western Evening 11<sup>th</sup> 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:

North Dene Road  
East Dene  
Dene Grove  
Hunters Glen

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

### **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

### Our Vision for St James Church

Our 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
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 15 August – NO work day in 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 12 July

Saturday Morning Prayers	The day before the Gathering (so always a Saturday!) – 9am	Next one Saturday 4 July
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### Diary for the week ahead

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Fri	3 July	7.00pm	Friday at the King
Sat	4 July	9.00am 2.00pm	Saturday morning prayers followed by Gathering set up Saturday Social
			<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF TRINITY</b>
Sun	5 July	9.15am 10.00am 11.00am	Breakfast Sunday Gathering Said Holy Communion
Mon	6 July	2.30pm	Visiting bellringers
Tues	7 July	10.30am	Service at Springbank
Wed	8 July		
Thurs	9 July		
Fri	10 July		
Sat	11 July	5.00pm	Country and Western Social
			<b>SIXTH SUNDAY OF TRINITY</b>
Sun	12 July	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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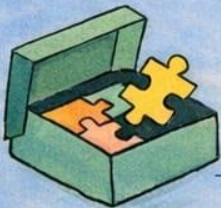


# SATURDAY SOCIAL



**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**



# Tea & Tablets

Last session  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July

Visit from Silsden  
Health Centre to  
help with Online  
submissions and  
NHS App

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

