
ST JAMES PARISH CHURCH, SILSDEN WEEKLY NEWSSHEET

SATURDAY 11 JULY 2026

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

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Sunday 12 July – Sixth Sunday of Trinity

Readings for 12 July

Genesis Chap 25 verses 19-34

Psalms 119 verses 105-112

Romans Chap 8 verses 1-11

Gospel of Matthew Chap 13 verses 1-9 and 18-23

Sunday 12 July 2026

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

Services coming up

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
26 July	10.00am – Parish Communion led by Revd Simon As it is Gala Day on 26 July there will be just one service at St James that day – Parish Communion at 10am.

Country and Western Social

Join us on Saturday July 11th from 5pm until 8pm for our family Country and Western Evening. Food will be provided but please bring your own drinks. Tickets on the door - £2.50 adults, children free.

It should be a good night.

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.

Worship at the Homes

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

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 (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

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

St James Day Coffee Morning

We will be holding a coffee morning on Saturday 25th July – detail in the poster.

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!

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/ and more about this year's campaign at plasticfreejuly.org.

For more practical ways to enjoy, nurture and defend nature, sign up to A Rocha UK's Wild Christian email: arochoa.org.uk/wild-christian

Prayers for the week ahead

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

- Holy Spirit day
- Care Home ministry
- Children and Youth Work
- Communist China is increasingly restricting religious activity. This includes state approved churches as well as a renewed crackdown on underground house churches and a ban on under 18s being involved in religious activities.
 - Dear Heavenly Father, We lift up to you the millions of believers in China. We pray for those leading and discipling underground churches. Please provide creative ways for believers to grow in faith and share the Gospel.

We pray for more workers with courage to disciple under 18s, despite the ban on their involvement in church activities.

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:

Sackville Road
East Dene
Buckden Court
West Dene

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



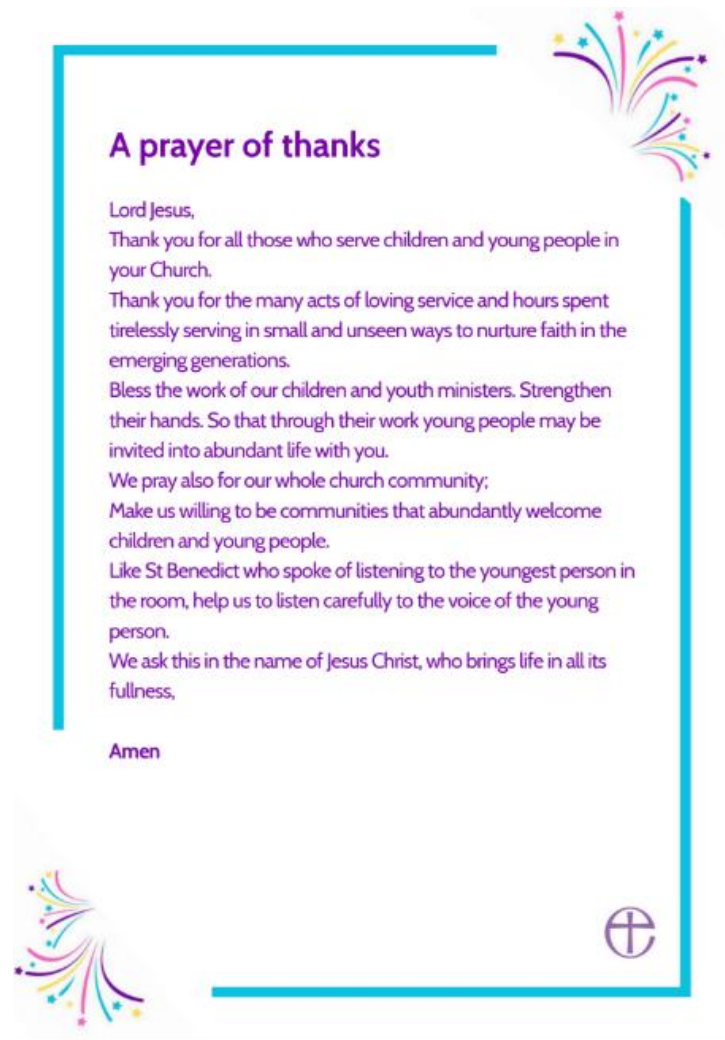
RECOGNISE is a national week (6-12 July) dedicated to celebrating and appreciating everyone involved in ministry with children, young people, and their families (CYPF).

This initiative, organised by the Church of England, is all about shining a light on the tireless, faithful work of those nurturing the faith of the next generation. Across the Church of England, countless individuals give their time, energy, and care to serve children and young people - we believe it's time to say a heartfelt thank you.

Various suggestions can be found at this link:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/4eff48mlf7pu4i8ifyno4/AJRwwAYN4MuM2CifBVFm4I0?dl=0&e=3&preview=RECOGNISE+letter.pdf&rlkey=sz6onazitxe6x5x3g94gq7lfg&st=oehjlvzp>

And here is a prayer we can use:



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

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 17 July
Saturday Social	First Saturday of the month – 2pm until 4pm	Next one Saturday 1 August
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 1 August
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Diary for the week ahead

Sat	11 July	5.00pm	Country and Western Social SIXTH SUNDAY OF TRINITY
Sun	12 July	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
		7.00pm	Sunday Life Group
Mon	13 July		
Tues	14 July		
Wed	15 July	2.00pm	Worship at the Gables
Thurs	16 July	3.45pm	Mothers' Union boat trip
Fri	17 July		
Sat	18 July	10.00am	Holy Spirit Day SEVENTH SUNDAY OF TRINITY
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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



ST JAMES
Silsden

ST JAMES DAY
Coffee Morning

25 JULY

9.30 - 12



RAFFLE



**BACON
BUTTIES**



CAKES



COFFEE



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All welcome!



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OPEN GARDEN

12 NOON TO 5.00PM, SUNDAY 19 JULY 2026

AT

1 LANE TOP, JACKSONS LANE, BRADLEY. BD20 9HG



£5.00 PER PERSON (CHILDREN FREE)

WITH PROCEEDS TO

SUE RYDER MANORLANDS

REFRESHMENTS INCLUDING

HOMEMADE CAKES



PLANT SALE FOR BRADLEY ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP

ALSO COLLECTING FOR AIREWORTH DOGS IN NEED

PRE-PURCHASE TICKETS VIA THE WEBSITE:

<https://yorkshiredalesflowers.co.uk>

OR PAY ON ENTRANCE TO GARDEN (THIS IS A CASH ONLY EVENT)

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