
ST JAMES PARISH CHURCH, SILSDEN WEEKLY NEWSSHEET

SATURDAY 18 JULY 2026

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

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Sunday 19 July – Seventh Sunday of Trinity

Readings for 19 July

Genesis Chap 28 verses 10-19a

Psalm 139 verses 1-11

Romans Chap 8 verses 12-25

Gospel of Matthew Chap 13 verses 24-30 and 36-43

Sunday 19 July 2026

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

Services coming up

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.
2 August	9.15am – Breakfast 10.00am – Sunday Gathering 11.00am – Said Holy Communion in church – led by Rev Simon

Country and Western Social – Thank You

Thank you to everyone who helped with and/or attended last weekend's Country and Western evening. We had a really good time!

Holy Spirit Day – 18 July (Tomorrow)

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

The Day is open to all members of the church – whether you have already been part of an Alpha Holy Spirit Day or not.

Please do come whether or not you have told anyone you are attending.

Please bring food for a 'bring and share' lunch for everyone to share (thank you).

Work Day 18 July

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

The new lights around the hall were actually installed last Saturday so we don't need to come down to help with that as previously advertised.

Silsden Repair Café with Pop Up Refill Shop

The next Silsden Repair Cafe is this Saturday, 18 July - 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.

St James Day Coffee Morning

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

We are asking for donations of paperback books, items for the cake stall and raffle prizes. Books and raffle prizes can be left at church on Sunday. Donations for the cake stall to be delivered on the day.

If you can help out on the day, please see Joanne or Louise.

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
- 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:

Hayhills Road – 2 sections
Laithe Close
Hillcrest Avenue
Spence Avenue

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
Silsden Parish Church PCC
Sort Code 20-45-14
Acc No 90871176

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 17 September
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 9 August
Saturday Morning Prayers	The day before the Gathering (so always a Saturday!) – 9am	Next one Saturday 1 August

Diary for the week ahead

Sat	18 July	10.00am	Holy Spirit Day SEVENTH SUNDAY OF TRINITY
Sun	19 July	9.30am	Parish Communion
		10.30am	Tea and coffee in the hall
		11.00am	Together @ 11
		4.00pm	Pizza Praise
Mon	20 July		
Tues	21 July		
Wed	22 July		
Thurs	23 July	2.00pm	Thursday Group
Fri	24 July		
Sat	25 July		
			EIGHTH SUNDAY OF TRINITY
Sun	26 July	10.00am	Parish Communion SILSDEN GALA



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)

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT SUSAN: 07823 347561