
ST JAMES PARISH CHURCH, SILSDEN WEEKLY NEWSSHEET

SATURDAY 25 JULY 2026
ST JAMES DAY

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

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Sunday 26 July – Eighth Sunday of Trinity

Readings for 26 July

Genesis Chap 29 verses 15-28

Psalm 105 verses 1-11

Romans Chap 8 verses 26-39

Gospel of Matthew Chap 13 verses 31-33 and 44-52

Sunday 26 July 2026

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 today – Parish
Communion at 10am

Services coming up

2 August	9.15am – Breakfast 10.00am – Sunday Gathering 11.00am – Said Holy Communion in church – led by Rev Simon
9 August	9.30am – Parish Communion – led by Rev Bob and Jen 10.30am - Between service prayer 10.30am – Tea and coffee in the hall 10.00am – Together @ 11 – led by Monday Life Group

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. Donations all stalls can be delivered on the day.

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!!

PCC Meeting

Our PCC meets this Tuesday, 28 July, at 7.30pm. Please pray for the meeting. Thank you.

Saturday morning prayers

At 9am on Saturday 1 August 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 will be on Saturday 1 August. Please do come along for a time to chat, do an activity and have a drink.

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:

- The coffee morning on Saturday
- Churches together tent at the Gala
- Prayer for the world:
 - This prayer comes from a brave Somali church leader:
 - “Heavenly Father, when You are with us, no one can be against us. What people see as impossible, like a Somali church, is in fact possible because when we have You everything is

possible. No persecution, rejection, excommunication or threat can remove the light from the Somali people. You told us that the gates of hell cannot prevail against the church.

- In Your name, we pray. 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:

Kit Lane
Horn Lane
Hayhills Lane
Hole Lane

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

Personal Growth and Leadership Course 26-27

Here is a message from the organizers of the next Personal Growth and Leadership Course. The course will once again be held at Fountains Church, Bradford, with refreshments available from 9:30am, for a 10:00am start, with sessions finishing at 12:30pm.

Dates are as follows (they are all Saturdays)

- 26th September
- 24th October
- 21st November
- 9th January
- 6th February
- 6th March

We would be delighted if you and your team could join us again. The course continues to be a fantastic opportunity to learn, connect with others, and develop leadership skills in a supportive environment.

Please do speak with Simon, Neil or Jayne if you are thinking of going on this course.

The course comes highly recommended by those from St James who have done this course.

Mothers' Union

Our last meeting was held on the 16th July when members, along with members from the church congregation, friends and partners, enjoyed a canal boat trip along the Leeds - Liverpool canal. We were served tea and biscuits as we sailed along while enjoying a commentary on the buildings and historical facts

about this part of the famous town of Skipton. This was followed by fish and chips at the Trawlerman Fish restaurant at Kildwick where other members and partners joined us. A very successful summer trip. Thanks to Louise and Joanne for organising all of this.

On the 9th August the M.U. will, once again, be remembering the founder of the M.U., Mary Sumner. Members, who were on the 'Outing' on the 16th were given small blue bags containing some suggestions for Mary Sumner Day Prayers and a Thanksgiving for the vision Mary Sumner had. Rev Pat will be leading the intercessions on the 9th which will include these prayers and would like to invite as many members as possible to be at the 9.30 Service. Please bring along these prayer sheets. For those who weren't on the trip I will deliver the blue bags to you before the 9th.

Our next meeting will be on the 17th September 7.30pm in the Church Hall when Jenny Kimber (past area president) will be speaking to us about her 'Career In Broadcasting'. Please do come along and join us.

Love and Prayers for all of our Church family at St. James
Revd. Pat

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 27 August 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 7 August
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
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	25 July	9.30am	St James Day St James Day coffee morning EIGHTH SUNDAY OF TRINITY
Sun	26 July	10.00am	Parish Communion SILSDEN GALA
Mon	27 July		
Tues	28 July	7.30pm	PCC meeting
Wed	29 July		
Thurs	30 July		
Fri	31 July		
Sat	1 August	9.00am 2.00pm	Saturday morning prayers Saturday Social NINTH SUNDAY OF TRINITY
Sun	2 August	9.15am 10.00am 11.00am	Breakfast Gathering service Said Holy Communion service



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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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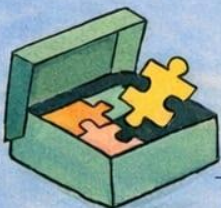


SATURDAY SOCIAL



**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



SUMMER FUN

EVERYONE WELCOME!

★ FREE FAMILY DROP-IN MORNINGS ★

A great way to spend a summer morning!



Friday
14th
AUGUST



Wednesday
26th
AUGUST

9.30 AM – 12 NOON

TREASURE HUNT



Find clues and win a prize!

CRAFTS



Get creative with fun crafts!

GARDEN GAMES



Classic games in the garden!

REFRESHMENTS



Drinks, snacks and treats!

SPACE TO CHAT & CONNECT



Relax, meet new people and chat!



ST JAMES CHURCH
SILSDEN

Everyone welcome
Free entry & refreshments