
ST JAMES PARISH CHURCH, SILSDEN

WEEKLY NEWSHEET

SATURDAY 1 AUGUST 2026

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

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Sunday 2 August— Ninth Sunday of Trinity

Readings for Sunday 2 August

Genesis Chap 32 verses 22-31

Psalm 17 verses 1-7

Romans Chap 9 verses 1-5

Gospel of Matthew Chap 14 verses 13-21

Sunday 2 August 2026

9.15am – Breakfast

10.00am – Sunday Gathering, led by Rev Tony

11.00am – Said holy Communion in church, led by Rev Bob

Services coming up

9 August	9.30am – Parish Communion – led by Rev Bob and Jen 10.30am - Between services prayer 10.30am – Tea and coffee in the hall 11.00am – Together @ 11 – led by Monday Life Group (continuing looking at the signs in John's Gospel)
16 August	9.30am – Parish Communion – led by Rev Tony 10.30am – Tea and coffee in the hall 11.00am – Together @ 11 – led by Wednesday Life Group (continuing looking at the signs in John's Gospel)

Funeral of Margaret Wightman

The funeral of Margaret Wightman took place at St James last Thursday. Please pray for the family.

Thank you - Silsden Gala

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Churches Together in Silsden part of the Gala procession last Sunday, and thank you to everyone who staffed the Churches Together gazebo on the field.

Thank you to the Gala Committee for organizing a fabulous Gala day.

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: arocha.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 'Summer Fun' events on 14 August and 26 August
- Care homes – see below
- Christians in Afghanistan (see below):

This is a Barnabas Aid prayer for Christians in Afghanistan:

Dear Heavenly Father,
We cry out to you on behalf of secret believers in Afghanistan, who face constant threat of being killed for their faith.
Please protect those meeting in private and give grace and strength to those unable to have any contact with other believers.
We ask in our Saviour's name,
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:

Haygill Nook / Snow Hill / Woofa Bank
Walker's Lane
Ridge Lane
Low Lane

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

'Summer Fun' family friendly social drop ins – for everyone

Thank you to everyone from St James Church who has organized the Summer Fun mornings which are being held on 14 August and 26 August (please see poster below). Please come along for a coffee and a chat and please invite family and friends.

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.

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

Jumble Trail 13 September

On Sunday 13 September Climate Action Silsden is organizing a Jumble Trail in Silsden. A jumble trail is similar to a car boot sale, but the stalls will be outside people's houses and a trail map will be provided. If you want to participate but also want to come to church then you should be able to start your stall later – and we understand that would be stated on the trail map. The deadline for registering to have a stall is 24 August – please see poster below.

Painting the Meeting Room 19, 20, 21 and 22 August



The meeting room, off the Hall, needs sprucing up with a good lick of paint.

We have allocated 4 days in August to do this and will need lots of people to help please. Even if you can only come for an hour or two your help will be much appreciated. If you can come along for longer that would be great! The first 2 days will primarily be preparation - washing down, sanding etc

Please bring a paint brush/roller!

There will be a sign up sheet available on Sunday.

Thank you everyone.

Special evening worship featuring a talk from Colin Lowther of Reach Beyond **Sunday 20 September at 7pm (start time provisional)**

Please put the evening of Sunday 20 September in your diary when we will worship together and listen to a talk from Colin Lowther of Reach Beyond.

This is from the website of Reach Beyond UK

Here at Reach Beyond we're committed to using our expertise in voice projects (radio, media, ShareEnglish), hands projects (community development, healthcare) and our experience of over 90 years on the mission field, to see unreached communities transformed by the gospel.

Worship at the Homes

Here are the dates times and places for worship in the Homes in the first half of August:

Tuesday 4 August 10.30am – at Springbank

Wednesday 5 August at 2pm at Summerfield

Wednesday 19 August at 2pm at the Gables

Please do support these by coming along to help and join in.

St James Day Cake

Thank you to Sandra from Summerfield who made us the wonderful Tarta de Santiago - St James Day Cake - last Sunday. It was delicious!



Announcement made Friday 31 July by the Diocese of Leeds

The new Bishop of Leeds will be the Rt Revd Dr Toby Howarth, it was announced by the Prime Minister's office today, after the King approved his nomination for election.



Bishop Toby will be the second Bishop of Leeds, following the retirement of the Rt Revd Nick Baines in November 2025. He has served as Area Bishop of Bradford in the Diocese since 2014 and has been Acting Bishop of Leeds since Bishop Nick's retirement.

Bishop Toby said: "I have a deep sense of joy and longing. Joy to have been called to serve as Bishop of Leeds in this glorious Diocese that I've grown to love over the last twelve years. Joy to be working with such a rich diversity of churches and cathedrals, schools and chaplaincies, faith and community partners, businesses, institutions and statutory services filled with faithful and creative people working in often challenging contexts. Joy to be part of such a committed and talented diocesan staff team.

"But also longing. Longing for us all to experience more and more of God's abundant love in Jesus transforming our lives, our homes and our communities."

Commenting on the appointment, the Most Revd Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York, said: "Leeds is a remarkable Diocese, shaped by a rich history, extraordinary diversity and a deep commitment to sharing the hope of Jesus Christ in every community. Bishop Toby knows and loves this Diocese so well. I am delighted that he will lead the next chapter of the life and witness of the church in this place.

"Bishop Toby's passion for sharing the good news of the Gospel alongside his profound commitment to interfaith dialogue equip him to serve all those who call these communities home."

Bishop Toby will lead on the next stage of the Diocese of Leeds vision of becoming confident Christians, growing churches and transforming communities.

"I am looking forward to working across the Diocese as we take forward that vision together," he said.

"Over the next weeks and months, I will be listening to partners and communities both inside and outside the Church to hear how we can best support churches and leaders to be confident in our mission and purpose, to ensure we are efficient, effective and sustainable as a diocese and to be relevantly living and telling the good news of Jesus in our rapidly changing world."

During the autumn, Bishop Toby will be elected to the role of Diocesan Bishop of Leeds following a joint meeting of the Cathedral Colleges of Canons in Ripon and his election will be confirmed by the Archbishop of York at York Minster. Three services of welcome and installation will follow at Bradford Cathedral, Ripon Cathedral and Wakefield Cathedral. From September onwards, Bishop Toby will be undertaking a programme of visits to meet and listen to people from churches, organisations and communities around the Diocese.

To mark the announcement today, Bishop Toby climbed Great Whernside, one of the highest points in the diocese, from where there is a view right across this vast, varied and wonderful region. Hear from him on the mountain!

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	Next one 22 September
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	1 August	9.00am	Saturday morning prayers followed by setting up the Hall
		2.00pm	Saturday Social
			NINTH SUNDAY OF TRINITY
Sun	2 August	9.15am	Breakfast
		10.00am	Gathering service
		11.00am	Said Holy Communion service
Mon	3 August		
Tues	4 August	10.30am	Worship at Springbank
Weds	5 August	2pm	Worship at Summrfield
Thurs	6 August		
Fri	7 August	7pm	Friday at the King
Sat	8 August		
			TENTH SUNDAY OF TRINITY
Sun	9 August	9.30am	Parish Communion
		10.30am	Tea and coffee in the hall
		10.30am	Between service prayer
		11.00am	Together @ 11

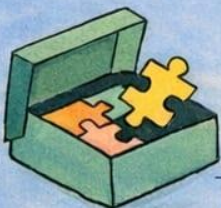


SATURDAY SOCIAL



**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!



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SILSDEN

Everyone welcome
Free entry & refreshments

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ENTER!



DEADLINE
24th Aug

Sun 13th Sep
11am - 3pm
£5 per stall