
ST JAMES PARISH CHURCH, SILSDEN

WEEKLY NEWSHEET

SATURDAY 8 AUGUST 2026

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

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Sunday 9 August– Tenth Sunday of Trinity

Readings for Sunday 9 August

Genesis Chap 37 verses 1-4 and 12-28

Psalm 105 verses 1-6, 16-22 and 45b

Romans Chap 10 verses 5-15

Gospel of Matthew Chap 14 verses 22-33

Sunday 9 August 2026

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)

Services coming up

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)
23 August	9.30am – Parish Communion – led by Rev Simon 10.30am – Between service Prayer 10.30am – Tea and coffee in the hall 11.00am – Together @ 11 – My Stories (cont)

Family Fun Day at St James Community Hall this Saturday afternoon

Handprints Day nursery in Silsden are raising money for the family of Otis one of the nursery's children.

Otis tragically passed away during a holiday with his family in June. The nursery is raising money to support his family during this difficult time.

The team is hosting a fun day in Otis' honour on 8th August at the St James' Community Hall – 1pm to 4pm.

There will be:

- Bouncy castle
- Raffle
- Cake Stall
- Petting Zoo
- Archery and Axe Throwing (soft)
- and more

Car Park on Sunday

Thanks to the team who are installing some new fencing on the main road side of the Hall car park this weekend. With that in mind please can you avoid using the hall car park this Sunday.

The car park will remain available on Sunday to those who have mobility issues

Eco-Church

Looking after wildlife in the heat. Times of drought and dryness can be dangerous for wildlife. Provide water for birds and insects - put a dish of water out to help wildlife stay hydrated. Insects, small mammals, birds, and even badgers, foxes, and deer could benefit. A stone in a plant saucer helps bees to perch and drink without drowning. These small actions make a big difference and are just some of the ways we can live out our calling to care for God's creation. See our blog on looking after wildlife in the heat for more warm weather eco tips: arocha.org.uk/looking-after-wildlife-in-the-heat/.

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
- Worship at the Gables on 19 August – see below
- Christians in Sudan, Chad and Mozambique (see below):

The following is based on a Tearfund prayer focusing on forgotten crises in Sudan, Chad and Mozambique due mainly to conflict but also natural disaster.

Lord Jesus,

May families facing crisis today know you bringing them comfort, strength and hope.

Please protect those forced from their homes and strengthen local churches serving their communities with compassion in your 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:

Cringles Lane
Lower/Middle Marchup
Bank Lane
Jowett's 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

We have a new Bank Account. In the next few weeks, a switch will take place from the Barclays account to the new account with the Co-operative Bank. You do not need to do anything. If you have any questions, please talk to Deborah.

The new account details are:-

Silsden Parish Church

Ac. No 67510630

Sort code – 08-92-99

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

The next worship in a home is:-

Wednesday 19 August at 2pm at the Gables

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

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 21 August
Saturday Social	First Saturday of the month – 2pm until 4pm	Next one Saturday 5 September
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 5 September

Diary for the week ahead

Sat	8 Aug	1.00pm	Event for Otis
			TENTH SUNDAY OF TRINITY
Sun	9 Aug	9.30am	Parish Communion
		10.30am	Tea and coffee in the hall
		10.30am	Between service prayer
		11.00am	Together @ 11
Mon	10 Aug		
Tues	11 Aug		
Wed	12 Aug		
Thurs	13 Aug		
Fri	14 Aug		
Sat	15 Aug	2.00pm	Church Work day

ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF TRINITY

Sun	16 Aug	9.30am	Parish Communion
		10.30am	Tea and coffee in the hall
		11.00am	Together @ 11

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

SILSDEN JUMBLE TRAIL

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SCAN TO
ENTER!



DEADLINE
24th Aug

Sun 13th Sep
11am - 3pm
£5 per stall