
ST JAMES PARISH CHURCH, SILSDEN

WEEKLY NEWSHEET

SATURDAY 15 AUGUST 2026

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

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Sunday 16 August– Eleventh Sunday of Trinity

Readings for Sunday 16 August

Genesis Chap 45 verses 1-15

Psalm 133

Romans Chap 11 verses 1-2a and 29-32

Gospel of Matthew Chap 15 verses 21-28

Sunday 16 August 2026

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)

Services coming up

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)
30 August	9.30am – Parish Communion – led by Rev Simon 10.30am – Tea and coffee in the hall 11.00am – Together @ 11 – Led by the Sunday Life Group and continuing looking at the signs in John's Gospel

Barbara Blinston

We are so sad to announce that Barbara died on 12 August.

We all have our special memories of Barbara which we will always cherish.

There will be a memorial service for Barbara at St James Silsden on the afternoon of Thursday 3 September and we will provide more details when we can.

In the meantime please hold the family in your prayers as we give thanks to God for Barbara.

New Hall Chairs

Thanks to the generosity of the congregation, we have raised more money than was needed for the new chairs. If anyone wants their money back, please let me know. Otherwise, I will transfer the excess money to the hall improvements fund.

Deborah

Church Work Day

It is Church Work Day on Saturday starting at 2pm. Our focus for the day will be the churchyard, including the paths.

Silsden Repair Café with Pop Up Refill Shop

The next Silsden Repair Cafe is this Saturday, 15 August - 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.

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

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

The first Summer Fun event was held on Friday 14th. Many thanks to all who helped and those who came to support the event. The treasure hunt shells are still up – can you work out the answer? The second event is on Wednesday 26th – see poster for details.

Prayers for the week ahead

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

- The 'Summer Fun' event 26 August
- Worship at the Gables on 19 August – see below
- Christians in North Korea (see below):

This week we pray for our brothers and sisters in the most difficult place in the world to be a Christian.

Open Doors have given us the following prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father,

We thank and praise you for your provision and protection for Christians in the harsh and hostile environment of North Korea.

We pray that believers will remain steadfast in faith despite the opposition and would know the Lord Jesus as their Shepherd and resting place amidst difficulty

In His 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:

Bolton Road above Bolton Gardens
Ash Ghyll
Fishbeck Lane
Cringles Park Home Estate

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

The new boundary fence outside the Community Hall

A huge thank you to Andy Towers and Richard Towers who worked so hard last weekend installing the new fence along the edge of the Hall car park. It looks absolutely fantastic – a great improvement.

We are very grateful.

Once we have had some proper rain we will be looking to do some planting in the area between the wall and the new fence.

Food Bank

Michael will be taking our gifts from the cupboard in church down to the Salvation Army on Tuesday 18 August, so if you want to add anything else to this before then please bring it along this Sunday

Do you have please...?

Michael is looking for a deer stalker hat and an old fashioned magnifying glass for the September Gathering if anyone can help please.

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!

If you can help please come along. Generally the times will be 10 - 4 (although other times might be possible). For any queries contact Brian Goddard 07803489884

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
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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 23 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	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
Mon	17 Aug		
Tues	18 Aug		
Wed	19 Aug		Decorating the Meeting Room
		2.00pm	Worship at The Gables
Thurs	20 Aug		Decorating the Meeting Room
Fri	21 Aug		Decorating the Meeting Room
Sat	22 Aug		Decorating the Meeting Room
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		10.30am	Between service prayer
		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!



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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