
ST JAMES PARISH CHURCH, SILSDEN WEEKLY NEWSHEET

SATURDAY 22 AUGUST 2026

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

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Sunday 23 August– Twelfth Sunday of Trinity

Readings for Sunday 23 August

Exodus Chap 1 verse 8 to Chap 2 verse 10

Psalm 124

Romans Chap 12 verses 1-8

Gospel of Matthew Chap 16 verses 13-20

Sunday 23 August 2026

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) led by Michael

Services coming up

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
6 September	9.15am – Breakfast 10.00am – Sunday Gathering 11.00am – Said Holy Communion in church – led by Rev Simon

Barbara's memorial service

The memorial service of Barbara Blinston will take place at St James Church on Thursday 3 September, at 1.30pm.

Thank you

A big thank you to everyone who has undertaken work in the Hall and helped to decorate the Meeting Room these past few days. The decorating is just about finished (except for one window sill) so Saturday will be for cleaning and putting things back.

A Message from Michael

1. Thanks for offers for a deerstalker and magnifying glass I am now sorted.
2. The Salvation Army say thank you for our gifts

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

The second Summer Fun event is on Wednesday 26th – see poster for details.

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' event on 26 August
- Christians in Mexico

Brave Christians in **Mexico** continue to counter criminality with the Gospel despite threats from drug cartels. This is an **Open Doors** prayer:

Sovereign Lord,

Continue to embolden Christians in Mexico as they seek by words and actions to lead their persecutors to you. May the authorities provide protection and justice to those affected by persecution and may the threat of criminal groups recede.

In Jesus 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:

Greengate and Green Avenue
Foster Avenue
Fardene Street
Clifford Street

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

The Greenwood Family

Please pray for Rev Peter, Mandy, Thomas and all the family and friends gathering in Silsden this weekend to remember Chris. The walk departs from the Wesley Place Car Park at 11.30am and the remembering at Chris' grave will be at 4pm.

The bells will be ringing from 2pm as we attempt a quarter peal in memory of Chris.

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.

Life Groups

As the summer break continues people might be thinking about joining a Life Group here at St James Church when they resume meeting in September. We will provide more information next week but as a reminder we have the following groups

Sunday Life Group
Monday Life Group 1
Monday Life Group 2
Tuesday Life Group
Wednesday Life Group
Thursday Life Group

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

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.

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 Tuesday 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 19 September
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	22 Aug	Cleaning the Meeting Room after the decorating Bellringing for Chris Greenwood
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TWELTH SUNDAY OF TRINITY			
Sun	23 Aug	9.30am	Parish Communion
		10.30am	Between service prayer
		10.30am	Tea and coffee in the hall
		11.00am	Together @ 11
Mon	24 Aug		
Tues	25 Aug		
Wed	26 Aug	9.30am	Summer Fun event
Thurs	27 Aug	2.00pm	Thursday Group
Fri	28 Aug		
Sat	29 Aug		
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF TRINITY			
Sun	30 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