
ST JAMES PARISH CHURCH, SILSDEN WEEKLY NEWSHEET

SATURDAY 29 AUGUST 2026

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

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Sunday 30 August– Thirteenth Sunday of Trinity

Readings for Sunday 30 August

Exodus Chap 3 verses 1-15

Psalm 105 verses 1-6, 23-26 and 45b

Romans Chap 12 verses 9-21

Gospel of Matthew Chap 16 verses 21-28

Sunday 30 August 2026

9.30am – Parish Communion (with the dedication of the Silsden Veterans Association Standard) - 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

Services coming up

6 September	9.15am – Breakfast 10.00am – Sunday Gathering 11.00am – Said Holy Communion in church – led by Rev Simon
13 September	9.30am – Parish Communion led by Revd Simon 10.30am – Tea and coffee in the hall 10.30am – Between service prayer 11.00am – Together @ 11 – led by Revd Simon and the Tuesday Life Group

Silsden Veterans Association – at our 9.30am service

Silsden Veterans Association is a relatively new group dedicated to honouring veterans and raising funds for local people, families, and charities in and around Silsden. They operate independently from, and has no formal connection with, the Royal British Legion. The association includes serving military as well as ex military and also serving, and retired, emergency services personnel.

We are delighted to welcome them to Sunday's 9.30am service for the unveiling and dedication of the new Silsden Veterans Association Standard.

There will be a short section in the service where the Standard will be dedicated and prayers will be said.

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

Thank to everyone who has helped in any way with the two Summer Fun drop in mornings held in the Community Hall – with the second one being last Wednesday. It is wonderful to be able to invite the Silsden community to come and enjoy our welcome.

Worship at Springbank

We are leading worship at Springbank on Tuesday, 1 September, at 2.30pm
We need volunteers to attend please. Please do come along.

Saturday morning prayers

At 9am on Saturday 5 September we will meet in church for our monthly Saturday morning prayers, including prayers for Silsden. Please come for as long as you can. We will not be setting up the hall for The Gathering or Saturday Social until 1.30pm as there is a children's party in the hall in the morning.

Saturday Social

The next Saturday Social will be on Saturday 5 September. Please do come along for a time to chat, do an activity and have a drink.

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

Church Hall Garden

Now we have had some rain it is time to get out into the garden! We want to plant up the strip of land in the church hall carpark behind the new wooden fence. Do you have some plants you could donate - possibly by splitting an existing plant in your garden? We're looking for colourful, perennial, low maintenance plants e.g. lavender, day lilies, ornamental grasses, verbena, St Johns wort, rudbeckia etc.....

Prayers for the week ahead

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

As we started preparing this section of the newssheet with some information about Nepal and prayers for Christians in Nepal, news started coming in about the terrible flash floods in Nepal and Tibet. So below is the text we had prepared before hearing that news, but first a prayer from Anglican Aid for the current situation there.

Mighty God, our sovereign Lord and King, blessed are all who take refuge in you.

We pray for Nepal and Tibet as they recover from devastating flash flooding. God of compassion, please provide for those who have lost everything. As the floodwaters recede, protect people from illness and provide them with resources to rebuild homes and livelihoods. Would you comfort those who mourn for lost loved ones.

As the whole creation groans with the effects of sin, we thank you for Anglican Aid's long-term partners and others who are ready to provide help and relief to those impacted by the disaster. Please give them wisdom as they determine where resources should be directed.

Despite this devastation, please strengthen your people in trust and faithfulness. As they show others your love, give them opportunities to speak about the hope they have in Jesus. Through this, we ask that you would bring many people in Nepal into a relationship with you. Help them to know that you are God, their ever-present help in trouble, and that nothing in all creation can separate us from your love.

*Lord Jesus, may you come soon and restore all things.
We pray all this in your name and for your glory.
Amen.*

Nepal is a very poor Hindu country where there can be violence by religious nationalists to Christians, especially those involved in evangelism, discipleship and church planting. Barnabas Aid partners are setting up a sustainable livestock initiative to generate income to support the work.

Lord God and Heavenly Father,

*Thank you for the faithful service of your people in Nepal seeking to make Christ known.
We pray that the provision of these chickens, pigs and cows will enable the work to continue and grow,*

*In the name of Christ,
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:

Purcell Drive
Throstle Nest Road
Bracken Ghyll Drive
High Green Drive

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

Mothers' Union

Our first meeting after the summer break will be on Thursday 17th Sept. Jenny Kimber is returning to talk, this time about her work in broadcasting. All are welcome at 7.30pm. £2 contribution for tea and biscuits. We look forward to seeing 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.

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. More details about the Life Groups can be found on the information board at the back of church.

- Sunday Life Group – meet fortnightly at 7pm and will be starting again on 13th September and will continue with their study of Ezekiel
- Monday Life Group 1 – meet weekly in the morning and will be starting again in mid September to study 1 Peter
- Monday Life Group 2 – meet fortnightly at 2pm and will be starting again on 14th September to study Ezekiel from the Gateway Seven series
- Monday Life Group 3 – meet weekly at 7.30pm and will be starting again on 21st September. They have not decided what to study yet
- Tuesday Life Group – meet weekly at 7pm and will be starting again on 1 September. They have not decided what to study yet
- Wednesday Life Group – meet at 7.30pm on Zoom on the second and fourth Wednesday, have not had a summer break, and are studying the first letter of Peter using the Gateway Seven series
- 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

Sort code – 08-92-99

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 24 September 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 4 September
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	Usually the second Sunday and fourth Sunday of each month	Next one after the 9.30am service on 13 September

Between our Sunday morning services		
Saturday Morning Prayers	The day before the Gathering (so always a Saturday!) – 9am	Next one Saturday 5 September

Diary for the week ahead

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
Mon	31 Aug		
Tues	1 Sept	2.30pm	Worship at Springbank
Wed	2 Sept		
Thurs	3 Sept	1.30pm	Memorial service for Barbara Blinston
Fri	4 Sept		
Sat	5 Sept	9.00am	Saturday morning prayers
		1.30pm	Set up for Saturday Social and Gathering
		2.00pm	Saturday Social
			FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF TRINITY
Sun	6 Sept	9.15am	Breakfast
		10.00am	Gathering
		11.00am	Said Holy Communion



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

