
ST JAMES PARISH CHURCH, SILSDEN

WEEKLY NEWSSHEET

SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2026

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

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Sunday 13 September– Fifteenth Sunday of Trinity

Today is the start of our Giving Campaign – Reflect and Review

Readings for Sunday 13 September

Exodus Chap 14 verses 19-31

Psalms 114

Romans Chap 14 verses 1-12

Gospel of Matthew Chap 18 verses 21-35

Reading for Reflect and Review

2 Corinthians Chap 8 verses 1-15

Luke Chap 3 verses 7-14

Sunday 13 September 2026

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

4.00pm – Pizza Praise

Services coming up

20 September	9.30am – Parish Communion led by Revd Simon 10.30am – Tea and coffee in the hall 11.00am – Together @ 11 – led by Paul 4.00pm – Pizza Praise 6.30pm – Refreshments 7.00pm – Reach Beyond service
27 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 Stewardship Group 4.00pm – Pizza Praise

Worship at the Nursing Homes

The next few dates for worship in the nursing homes are:-

Wednesday 16th September at 2.00pm at The Gables

Tuesday 6th October at 10.30am at Springbank

Wednesday 7th October at 2.00pm at Summerfield

Wednesday 21st October at 2.00pm at The Gables

Please do support these services if you can.

Pizza Praise dates – Autumn 2026

Pizza Praise is at 4pm on Sunday afternoons. These are the dates for Pizza Praise between now and December.

13 September

20 September

27 September

11 October

18 October
8 November
15 November
22 November
29 November
13 December

Pie and Pudding Evening

We will be hosting a pie and pudding evening on Saturday 19 September – see poster. If you would like to enter a pie or a pudding, please complete the entry form and return to Deborah. Tickets (£2.50) available from Deborah, Louise or Ali. If you can help on the night, please see Louise or Ali.

Silsden Jumble Trail Sunday 13 September

We have a few of the trail maps available at church. Please only take on if you are definitely going to visit some of the places on the trail.

Special evening worship featuring a talk from Colin Lowther of Reach Beyond **Sunday 20 September at 7pm**

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. We will start with refreshments from 6.30pm and then the service will start at 7.00pm

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.

Eco-Church

The Season of Creation (1 September-4 October) is dedicated to God as the Creator and sustainer of all life. Join A Rocha UK's Season of Creation prayer and reflection webinar on Wednesday 2 September to start this season with others.

During this period of the church calendar, many churches celebrate Harvest, thanking God for his provision through the land and the food that it produces. If you are part of a church or community, suggest that a service or gathering has a Season of Creation focus. Prayers, worship, teaching and the offering could focus on creation. Could there be an activity with a creation focus too?

Explore more Season of Creation resources at: arocha.org.uk/what-we-do/season-of-creation

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

St James WhatsApp Community

There are now 65 members of our St James WhatsApp Community , with 13 groups under that umbrella. 😊 These include the Social/Community events planning, Music group, Friday @King, Welcomers, Prayer(currently at 33 members!)

If:-

- you want to join the community to ensure you get the 'notices' and to choose any groups you want to join; or
- you are in a WhatsApp group and want it to be under the community so it's available for new members
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Speak to Ali or Helen or message Ali on 07719332972

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 pray:-

- That the Reach Beyond service would be a blessing to all who attend.
- Prayers for the New Methodist Minister – Rev. Phil Drake
- And then the prayer for the world: This month we will join **Open Doors** in praying for our suffering brothers and sisters in **Sub-Saharan Africa**. Pastor Michee from Burkino Faso says "thousands of Christians are being killed across Africa". He encourages each one of us to sign and share an Open Doors Arise Africa petition. 740,000 people have so far signed. The target is 1,000,000 signatures before 2nd November. The petition will be handed in to 10 Downing Street, triggering a debate in parliament. It will also be handed in to the UN, the EU and to other national governments. The petition contains two recommendations: 1- that African governments act to prevent discrimination and the violation of human rights across the region and 2- that the Nigerian government collaborate with the international community and Nigerian faith leaders to respond effectively to the killings and displacements.

Please sign the petition sheet at the back of church or online at opendoorsuk.org/ariseafrica.

Pastor Josiah from Nigeria says "there is power in prayer. I am pleading and praying that you keep on supporting the church here through your prayers and help".

Let us be the answer to his prayer:

Heavenly Father,

We pray for peace in Nigeria and for hope and stability for the thousands of Christians who have fled their homes.

We pray that Nigeria's government will do everything they can to protect people.

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:

Silsden House Gardens

Dell Croft

Elm Grove

Newton Close

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.

CAMEO – Come and Meet Each Other

CAMEO is starting again!

Come along for a very informal get-together where you can enjoy a drink, have a chat and meet some friendly faces. **Everyone is welcome**, and there's no need to book — just turn up!

Meetings will be held on the **third Tuesday of every month, from 1.30pm to 3.00pm**, at **The Punch Bowl**.

Our first meeting will be on **Tuesday 20th October**.

I'll be there early to welcome everyone, so please come along and join us. I look forward to seeing you!

Sheila

Personal Growth and Leadership Course 26-27

The next Personal Growth and Leadership Course starts very soon so if you are planning to go please let Rev Simon know as soon as possible.

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

The course is a fantastic opportunity to learn, connect with others, and develop leadership skills in a supportive environment.

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 – led by Neil
- Monday Life Group 1 – meet weekly in the morning and will be starting again in mid September to study 1 Peter – led by Michael and Susan
- Monday Life Group 2 – meet fortnightly at 2pm and will be starting again on 14th September to study Ezekiel from the Gateway Seven series – led by Joanna
- 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 – led by Val and Brian
- Tuesday Life Group – meet on the first and third Tuesday at 7pm - led by Simon
- 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 – led by Alison and Paul

Bank Details

We have a new Bank Account. The Barclays account is now closed and everything has been switched to the new account with the Co-operative Bank. All you should see are different details on your bank statement. 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

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 18 September
Saturday Social	First Saturday of the month – 2pm until 4pm	Next one Saturday 3 October
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
CAMEO	Third Tuesday of the month at 1.30pm at the Punch Bowl	First one Tuesday 20 October
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 13 September
Saturday Morning Prayers	The day before the Gathering (so a Saturday!) – 9am	Next one Saturday 3 October

Diary for the week ahead

Sat	12 Sept	10.30am	Visiting bellringers
			FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF TRINITY
Sun	13 Sept	9.30am	Parish Communion
		10.30am	Tea and coffee in the hall
		11.00am	Together @ 11
		11.00am	Silsden Jumble Trail
		4.00pm	Pizza Praise
		7.00pm	Life Group
Mon	14 Sept	2.00pm	Life Group
Tues	15 Sept	7.00pm	Life Group
Wed	16 Sept	2.00pm	Worship at The Gables
Thurs	17 Sept	7.30pm	Mothers' Union meeting
Fri	18 Sept	7.00pm	Friday at the King
Sat	19 Sept	2.00pm	Church Work Day
		6.30pm	Pie and Pudding Evening
			SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF TRINITY
Sun	20 Sept	9.30am	Parish Communion
		10.30am	Tea and coffee in the hall
		10.30am	Between service prayer
		11.00am	Together @ 11
		4.00pm	Pizza Praise
		7.00pm	Reach Beyond service

VISIT SILSDEN JUMBLE TRAIL

climateactionsilsden.org.uk



SCAN FOR
MAP



Sun 13th Sep

11am - 3pm

Printed maps available from
Olive & Green and ***Twiggs***



ST JAMES
Silsden

JOIN US FOR A

PIE & PUDDING

EVENING

SAVOURY PIE



SWEET PUDDING



Good food
Great company
Everyone
welcome!

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SEPTEMBER



6.30 PM



ST JAMES COMMUNITY HALL



Bring a savoury pie or sweet pudding to share
• and enter the competition if you wish! •

• BRING OWN DRINKS •



TICKETS: £2.50



St James Pies and Pudding Competition Entry Form

Name:-.....

Pie or Pudding name:-.....

Ingredients (for allergy notifications):-

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Return form to Deborah