
ST JAMES PARISH CHURCH, SILSDEN

WEEKLY NEWSSHEET

SATURDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2026

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

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Sunday 27 September— Seventeenth Sunday of Trinity

The Final Sunday of our Giving Campaign – Reflect and Review

Readings for Sunday 27 September

Exodus Chap 17 verses 1-7

Psalm 78 verses 1-4 and 12-16

Philippians Chap 2 verses 1-13

Gospel of Matthew Chap 21 verses 23-32

Sunday 27 September 2026

9.30am – Parish Communion led by Revd Bob

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

Services coming up

4 October	9.15am – Breakfast 10.00am – Sunday Gathering – Harvest Festival 11.00am – Said Holy Communion
11 October	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 Tony 4.00pm – Pizza Praise

Reflect and Review

This Sunday marks the end of our Stewardship campaign entitled Reflect and Review and we are having thanksgiving services with Holy Communion at both 9.30am and 11am. There will be thanksgiving cakes for everyone at the coffee time between the services.

There is still time to complete your response form and send/give it to Deborah.

Prayer Diaries are still available at the back of church if anyone would like one.

Our special prayer for the Stewardship campaign is:-

Father God, you sent your Son Jesus to give up everything for us.

We are so thankful for all the blessings in our lives and that we can live in relationship with you through Jesus, your Son.

Help us to reflect on these blessings with a grateful heart as we review our gifts to St James Church.

Stir in us a spirit of generosity to give what we can, knowing that your love is never ending.

All things come from you and of your own do we give you.

Amen

Many thanks to everyone who has already responded.

Saturday Morning Prayers

At 9am on Saturday 3 October we will meet in church for our monthly Saturday morning prayers, including prayers for Silsden. Please come for as long as you can.

Gathering Set Up

Thanks to the people who set out the tables and chairs for the Gathering. There is a laminated sheet on top of the Gathering box that shows how the room should be set up. Please can you follow this layout.

Saturday Social

The next Saturday Social will be on Saturday 3 October. Please do come along for a time to chat, do an activity and have a drink.

Harvest Festival

Next Sunday is our Harvest Festival. The Salvation Army, who we donate our goods to, have requested the following items:-

- Corned beef and any tinned meats including tinned meals like curry or pre cooked mince beef, plus tuna
- Long life milk full, semi, low fat, lactose free
- Pasta sauces **but not pasta**
- Definitely not beans at the moment
- Nappies and Baby wipes.
- Shampoo/Shower gel/Toothpaste/Toothbrushes/Soap

We also collect for our own small food store in church. Any of these items can be donated for this.

- Chick peas/Kidney beans.
- Micro noodles
- Pasta
- Rice puddings
- Dry rice.
- Jam/Peanut butter
- Packet mash/Tinned potatoes.
- Tinned fruit
- Packet or Tinned custard.

Worship at the Nursing Homes

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

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.

27 September
11 October
18 October
8 November
15 November
22 November
29 November
13 December

Mothers' Union

We thoroughly enjoyed having Jenny Kimber talk to us about her career in broadcasting last week. She played some audio footage from decades ago and gave us a real insight into the stresses of live broadcasting.

Please, note that there is a change to the calendar for our next meeting. We will be having a beetle drive on Thursday 15th October in the church hall. 7.30pm all welcome. Our talk on diabetes management has moved to the November meeting.

Thanks
Louise

We are hosting the Deanery Synod meeting on Tuesday 13 October

We are hosting the next meeting of the Deanery synod – where representatives from all the churches across our Deanery will meet together for worship followed by presentations and discussion. The meeting will be in the hall and we are all welcome to attend. Please do consider coming along..

Our Deanery is the South Craven & Wharfedale Deanery and the Area Dean is Rev Mike Coe. Our Deanery Synod representatives are Paul and Jen.

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

Church Hall Garden

Thanks for the plants that have been donated so far. If you brought them in a container then it is behind the fence. More plants needed! If you manage to bring some please can you try to dig a hole and plant them as well. There is no planting plan - find a space and pop them in. Thanks again.

Prayers for the week ahead

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

- For all that is happening in the World today
- For the members of our congregation who are attending the Personal Growth and Leadership course

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:

Crossmoor Close
Westerley Crescent
Woodside Road

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

Our Prayer Ministry Team

Members of our Prayer Ministry Team are often available between our Sunday Morning services to pray with you whatever your prayer needs might be, and we thank them for that.

The need for the Prayer Ministry Team to be more available means that the Team needs more people on it. Please consider – pray! – whether being on the St James Prayer Team is something that God is calling you to do. Please do speak with Rev Simon or Brian if you would like to chat about this.

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

Life Groups

There are six Life Groups that you can join. More details about the Life Groups can be found on the information board at the back of church. Please talk to any of the group leaders (Simon, Neil, Michael, Susan, Joanna, Val, Brian, Alison and Paul if you would like more details)

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 22 October 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 2 October
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 20 October (note change of week)
Mothers' Union	Third Thursday of the month at 7.30pm	Next one Thursday 15 October
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 17 October
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 27 September
Saturday Morning Prayers	The day before the Gathering (so a Saturday!) – 9am	Next one Saturday 3 October

Diary for the week ahead

Fri	25 Sept		
Sat	26 Sept	9.30am	Scout's Coffee Morning
		2.00pm	Visiting bellringers
			SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF TRINITY
Sun	27 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	Life Group
Mon	28 Sept	am	Life Group
		2.00pm	Life Group
		7.30pm	Life Group
Tues	29 Sept		
Wed	30 Sept		
Thurs	1 Oct		
Fri	2 Oct	7.30pm	Friday at the King
Sat	3 Oct	9.00am	Saturday Morning Prayers
		9.45am	Set up for Gathering
		2.00pm	Saturday Social
			EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF TRINITY
Sun	4 Oct	9.15am	Breakfast
		10.00am	Sunday 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!



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Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 28 October	Half Term Fun Family Coffee Morning
Saturday 14 November	Tearfund Big Quiz Night
Saturday 21 November	St James Big Coffee Morning
Saturday 12 December	St James Family Christmas Party
Sunday 20 December	Tractor Run
Monday 21 December	Christmas Fun Coffee Morning
Wednesday 30 December	Family Coffee Morning