
ST JAMES PARISH CHURCH, SILSDEN

WEEKLY NEWSSHEET

SATURDAY 10 OCTOBER 2026

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

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Sunday 11 October – Nineteenth Sunday of Trinity

Readings for Sunday 11 October

Exodus Chap 32 verses 1-14

Psalm 106 verses 1-6

Philippians Chap 4 verses 1-9

Gospel of Matthew Chap 22 verses 1-14

Sunday 11 October 2026

9.30am – Parish Communion led by Rev Simon

10.30am – Tea and coffee in the hall

10.30am – Between-Services Prayer

11.00am – Together @ 11 – led by Rev Tony

4.00pm – Pizza Praise

Services coming up

18 October	9.30am – Parish Communion led by Jen, our LLM, and Rev Bob (this will not be on YouTube this week) 10.30am – Tea and coffee in the hall 11.00am – Together @ 11 – led by Rev Simon, looking at the last of the 8 signs in John's Gospel 4.00pm – Pizza Praise
25 October	9.30am – Parish Communion led by Rev Simon 10.30am – Tea and coffee in the hall 10.30am – Between service prayer 11.00am – Together @ 11 led by the Wednesday Life Group 4.00pm – Pizza Praise

Reflect and Review

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

Many thanks to everyone who has already responded. It is really helpful for me to be able to prepare the church budget if I have these responses, so please do complete them.

Your Harvest Gifts

Thank you for your gifts to the Salvation Army Foodbank, donated last week for Harvest time. Here is everything getting loaded up to be taken to the Salvation Army.

There was so much.....!



Worship at the Nursing Homes

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

Wednesday 21st October at 2.00pm at The Gables

Tuesday 3rd November at 10.30am at Springbank

Wednesday 4th November at 2.00pm at Summerfield

Please do support these services if you can.

Baptism Saturday 17 October at 1pm – helpers needed please

There is a baptism at St James on Saturday 17 October, at 1pm. Might you be able to be a welcomer and helper please?

Next Work Day

The next work day is on the afternoon of Saturday 17 October, starting at 2pm.

Mothers Union – fund raising event on 15 October

At our meeting on the 15th October we will be holding a Beetle Drive to raise money to enable the work of the Mothers Union three Core Pillars of impact to continue:

Ending Injustice – Among the poor, the weak, and those unable to speak for themselves;

Ending Violence – particularly domestic violence, plus violence against girls and women generally;

Ending Poverty – in our own country and the Nations across the world.

We invite our Church Family to an evening of ‘Good Old Fashioned Fun’, as well as help, as we endeavour to aid the work that goes on across the world through ordinary women like us. Please come along if you can – There will be home-baked cake and tea at the interval.

Venue: St. James Church Hall 7.30pm

Cost: £4.00 to include four games plus refreshments.

An opportunity to play more games for a small contribution.

There will be a raffle with prizes to suite everyone.

Hope to see a fair number of you at our special meeting in October.

Children are welcome to come along too.

Mothers Union – Outreach

We, the Mothers Union here at St. James, are once again asking our Church Family to take part in our Winter Outreach to those who, generally through no fault of their own, are condemned to live day and night on the streets in our towns and cities no matter what the weather and right through the bitter cold winter months.

In conjunction with the Charity ‘Homeless not Hopeless’ we have an opportunity to alleviate some of their suffering and meet some of their needs. We are collecting unwanted/unused, new hats, scarves and gloves for men and women of all ages but will also shortly have a list of other items they may need.

Thank you for your past generosity to this venture. I hope we can join together again in reaching out to the homeless and destitute this winter.

God Bless you all.

Pizza Praise dates – Autumn 2026

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

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

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.

Half Team Family Fun

We are hosting a family fun coffee morning during half term on Wednesday 28 October. See poster for details.

St James Big Coffee Morning

Tables are available at the Big Coffee Morning for any members of the congregation who want to sell things. Please see Ali or Deborah if you would like a table.

Eco-Church

Greening your home this Autumn.

Tackle climate change and reduce your heating bills by finding and reducing the draughts in your home. Find the gaps that let cold air in and warm air out (keyholes, letterboxes and gaps around windows, doors, loft hatches and floorboards for example). Do what you can to fix these gaps - there are lots of tutorials on how to do this online. It's also a good time to prepare for winter by putting radiator reflector foil or baking foil behind the radiator. This will reflect heat back into your room.

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:-

- The streets
- The Deanary Synod meeting to be held on Tuesday – for a good and Godly meeting and discussion
- The baptism of Lyla Scraggs who is being baptised on 17th October
- The church in Burkina Faso where political instability has allowed militant groups to flourish leading to frequent attacks on Christians and the burning of churches.

Dear Heavenly Father,

We plead with you to confront those who are persecuting your covenant people. Transform their hearts as you did with Saul of Tarsus. We ask for wisdom and strength for those Christian workers serving the church with relief aid, trauma care and persecution survival training. Provide more workers and resources.

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:

Bolton Drive
Bolton Close
Old Beck Road
Old Tannery Lane

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.

Open Doors Arise Africa Petition

- Please sign the Open Doors Arise Africa petition. The target is 1,000,000 signatures before 2nd November. Please sign the sheet at the back of church or at opendoorsuk.org/ariseafrica by **October 25th**
- 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: firstly that African governments act to prevent discrimination and the violation of human rights across the region and secondly that the Nigerian government collaborate with the international community and Nigerian faith leaders to respond much more effectively to the killings and displacements.

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).

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

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

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 16 October
Saturday Social	First Saturday of the month – 2pm until 4pm	Next one Saturday 7 November
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 11 October
Saturday Morning Prayers	The day before the Gathering (so a Saturday!) – 9am	Next one Saturday 31 October

Diary for the week ahead

Fri	9 Oct		
Sat	10 Oct		
		NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF TRINITY	
Sun	11 Oct	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
Mon	12 Oct		
Tues	13 Oct	7.30pm	Deanery synod
Wed	14 Oct		
Thurs	15 Oct	7.30pm	Mothers' Union Beetle Drive
Fri	16 Oct	12 noon	Funeral of Darren Maroney
		7.00pm	Friday at the King
Sat	17 Oct	1.00pm	Baptism
		2.00pm	Church Work Day
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Dates to note please

Sunday 25 October – clocks go back one hour at 2am

Sunday 8 November – Remembrance Sunday (no Together at 11 service on 8 November as we will join in the public remembrance at the Memorial Garden)

Sunday 29 November – Advent Sunday

Christmas services 2026

Sunday 20 December - 9.30am Parish Communion, 11am Together at 11, 2pm a quiet Blue Christmas service

Monday 21 December -7pm Carol Service

Thursday 24 December - Christingles at 3.30pm and 5pm

Friday 25 December – 10am Parish Communion for Christmas Day

Sunday 27 December - 9.30am Parish Communion

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



Beetle Drive

Thursday 15th October
7.30pm
St James Community Hall

Come and join us for a fun evening
to raise funds for MU supported
charities.

£4
on the night

Tea and cake provided!





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All Hallows Family Fun!



Wednesday 28 October 2026



10.00am – 12.00 noon



St James' Church, Silsden

**A fun-filled half-term morning
for children and families!**



**Games
and activities**



Crafts



Refreshments



All families welcome



Free entry – donations to running costs welcome.