ST JAMES PARISH CHURCH, SILSDEN
WEEKLY NEWSSHEET

SATURDAY 17 OCTOBER 2026

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

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Sunday 18 October – Twentieth Sunday of Trinity

Readings for Sunday 18 October

Exodus Chap 33 verses 12-23

Psalm 99 verses 1-9

1 Thessalonians Chap 1 verses 1-10

Gospel of Matthew Chap 22 verses 15-22

Sunday 18 October 2026

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

Services coming up

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
1 November	9.15am – Breakfast 10.00am – Sunday Gathering 11.00am – Said Communion – in the meeting room – led by Revd Simon

Baptism Saturday 17 October at 1pm – helpers needed please

There is a baptism at St James on Saturday 17 October, at 1pm.

Church Work Day

The next work day is on the afternoon of Saturday 17 October, starting at 2pm. There will be jobs for all so please do come and support this event.

Silsden Repair Café with Pop Up Refill Shop

The next Silsden Repair Cafe is this Saturday, 17 October - between 9.30am and noon.

Climate Action Silsden hold a liquids refill shop at the Repair Café. The liquids available are: washing up liquid, laundry detergent, fabric conditioner, multi-surface cleaner, toilet cleaner, floor cleaner, hand soap, bubble bath/shower gel, shampoo and hair conditioner. Please take your empty containers and the refill shop will fill them for you. They are a profit-free organisation and so sell at cost price, just with a small round-up to cover costs of any spills.

Deanery Synod - Thank you

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Deanery Synod and thank you to those from St James who provided the refreshments.
Thank you to Jen and Paul for being our Deanery Synod representatives.

PCC Meeting

Our church PCC (Parochial Church Council) meets this Tuesday at 7.30pm in the Hall. Please pray for a good meeting.

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.

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.

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

Half Term 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 on 21st November 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

- The streets
    - This week we pray for residents and businesses in:-
        - Hunters Meadow
        - Bridge Street
        - Stirling Street
        - Chapel Street
- Churches Together in Silsden meeting on 22nd
- All those attending the Personal Growth and Leadership course on 24th
- For the family of Darren Maroney whose funeral was on 16th
- And a prayer for Somalia:
    - Dear Heavenly Father,
    - We plead with you to bring about a peaceful resolution to the war.
    - Please protect your people and may they shine with your peace, joy and hope.

- Your Son is the triumphant head of His church in Sudan. May He give wisdom to her leaders as they wait on your Holy Spirit for the way forward.
- In His name we pray,
- Amen

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 in 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 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 7.30pm	Next one Tuesday 20 October (note change of week)
Mothers' Union	Third Thursday of the month at 7.30pm	Next one Thursday 19 November
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 25 October
Saturday Morning Prayers	The day before the Gathering (so a Saturday!) – 9am	Next one Saturday 31 October

Diary for the week ahead

Sat	17 Oct	1.00pm	Baptism
		2.00pm	Church Work Day
			TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF TRINITY

Sun	18 Oct	9.30am	Parish Communion
		10.30am	Tea and coffee in the hall
		11.00am	Together @ 11
		4.00pm	Pizza Praise
Mon	19 Oct		
Tues	20 Oct	12 noon	Visiting bellringers from Dorset
		1.30pm	CAMEO
		7.30pm	PCC Meeting
Wed	21 Oct	2.00pm	Worship at The Gables
Thurs	22 Oct	2.00pm	Thursday Group
Fri	23 Oct		
Sat	24 Oct		
			LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
Sun	25 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

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

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

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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.