ST JAMES PARISH CHURCH, SILSDEN
WEEKLY NEWSSHEET

SATURDAY 24 OCTOBER 2026

CLOCKS GO BACK ONE HOUR AT 2AM ON SUNDAY MORNING

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

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Sunday 25 October – Last Sunday after Trinity

Readings for Sunday 25 October

Deuteronomy Chap 34 verses 1-12

Psalm 90 verses 1-6

1 Thessalonians Chap 2 verses 1-8

Gospel of Matthew Chap 22 verses 34-end

Sunday 25 October 2026

9.30am – Parish Communion led by Rev Simon

10.30am – Tea and coffee in the hall

11.00am – Together @ 11 Led by Wednesday Life Group

Services coming up

1 November	9.15am – Breakfast 10.00am – Sunday Gathering 11.00am – Said Communion – in the meeting room – led by Rev Tony
8 November Remembrance Sunday	9.30am Parish Communion 10.45am – Service of Remembrance in Memorial Garden

Coffee Morning in the Hall on Saturday (24 October)



Saturday Morning Prayers
next one Saturday 31 October

On the Saturday morning the day before the Sunday Gathering people for St James meet to pray together for about 40 minutes. Whilst this prayer time is particularly focussed on our local community, there is always so much more to pray about. This monthly time together in prayer is part of our prayer life here at St James and so please consider whether you can come along.

It starts at 9am but please feel free to come when you can and leave when you wish.

Some people who attend the Saturday morning prayers then help to set up the Hall for the Gathering afterwards – from around 9.45am.

Sunday Gathering - layout of the hall

At the Sunday Gathering on Sunday 1 November we are going to try removing some tables so that we can put in more chairs. The idea is that this should allow improved space for people to move around, whilst still enabling those who come for breakfast to eat with others at a table. We'll see how it goes.

Worship at the Homes

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

Tuesday 3rd November at 10.30am at Springbank
Wednesday 4th November at 2.00pm at Summerfield

Please do support these services if you can.

Work Days

Thank you to everyone who has helped at any of the monthly work days recently.

Numbers coming along have dropped off recently and it would be great if we could get more people there as there is always such a lot to do. We appreciate that the time we meet – Saturday afternoon – is not convenient to everyone and that we all have commitments and tasks that mean we cannot attend every month..

The next work day is on Saturday 21 November - 2pm to 4pm. Please come if you can. Your help is needed! Thank you.

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.

8 November
15 November
22 November
29 November
13 December

Saturday Social

The next Saturday Social is on Saturday 7 November – 2pm to 4pm, in the Hall.

Please do come along

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

Here are the prayers for this week

- This week we pray for residents and businesses in:
    - Pear tree Court
    - Weavers Walk
    - North Street
    - Bolton Road – from Bell Square to Pickard Lane
- Everyone attending – especially those from St James – the Personal Growth and Leadership course this Saturday
- The All Hallows event during half term

Afghanistan is a very difficult place to be a Christian. To add to this, three earthquakes hit the east of the country 13 months ago, killing more than two thousand people, injuring many more and destroying villages.

Dear Heavenly Father,
We pray for the work of Tearfund helping communities and families to recover and rebuild.
We pray for protection and healing for those affected and for Solomon and the Tearfund team as they serve tirelessly in hard to reach places.
In Jesus name
Amen

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** this Sunday - **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 has started 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

These monthly meetings are held at The Punch Bowl pub, from 1.30pm to 3pm.

Normally meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of every month, but for November 2026, only, the meeting will be on the second Tuesday of the month.

So the November meeting will be on **Tuesday 10th November**.

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 26 November 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 6 November
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 24 November (no meeting in December)

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	Next one Tuesday 10 November (a one-off change to the usual monthly pattern)
Church Work Day	Third Saturday of the month – 2pm to 4pm	Next one Saturday 21 November
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	24 Oct	Morning	Coffee morning (Prostate Cancer UK) in the Hall
			LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
			Clocks go back
Sun	25 Oct	9.30am	Parish Communion
		10.30am	Tea and coffee in the hall
		10.30am	Between-service prayer
		11.00am	Together@ 11
		7pm	Sunday Life Group
Mon	26 Oct		
Tues	27 Oct		
Weds	28 Oct	Morning	Half Term Fun Family Coffee Morning
Thurs	29 Oct		
Fri	30 Oct		
Sat	31 Oct	9am	Saturday Morning Prayers in the Hall
		9.45am	Set up Hall for Saturday Social and Sunday Gathering
		2pm	Saturday Social
			November
			SUNDAY
			ALL SAINTS DAY
Sun	1 Nov	9.15am	Breakfast Together – in the Hall
		10am	Sunday Gathering – in the Hall
		11am	Holy Communion – in the Meeting Room

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 – one service (Holy Communion) only: at **10am**

Dates for your Diary

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.