ST JAMES PARISH CHURCH, SILSDEN
WEEKLY NEWSSHEET

SATURDAY 31 OCTOBER 2026

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

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Sunday 1 November– All Saints Day

Readings for Sunday 1 November

Revelation Chap 7 verses 9-17

Psalm 34 verses 1-10

1 John Chap 3 verses 1-3

Gospel of Matthew Chap 5 verses 1-12

Sunday 1 November 2026

9.15am – Breakfast

10.00am – Sunday Gathering led by Sunday Life Group

11.00am – Said Communion – in the meeting room – led by Rev Tony

Services coming up

8 November Remembrance Sunday	9.30am Parish Communion 10.45am – Service of Remembrance in Memorial Garden 4.00pm – Pizza Praise
15 November	9.30am – Parish Communion led by Rev Simon 10.30am – Tea and coffee in the hall 11.00am – Together @ 11 Our Stories – episode 16 4.00pm – Pizza Praise

Saturday Morning Prayers - Saturday 31 October

On the Saturday morning the day before the Sunday Gathering people from 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.

Setting up the Hall for the Gathering

Please note that, due to the Hall being hired out on Saturday afternoon we will be setting up the Hall at 5pm on 31 October.

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.

Thank you

A big thank you to everyone who helped with the family fun event on Wednesday. Overall we were visited by 26 children and 19 adults.

The next two events will be during the Christmas holidays on 21st and 30th December.

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
Wednesday 18th November at 2.00pm at The Gables

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

St James Big Coffee Morning – 21 November

If anyone is able to help at this event either on a stall, being a waitress or helping in the kitchen we would really appreciate it. We also need cake, bottles for the tombola, raffle prizes and paperback books. If anyone would like to have a stall to sell their own crafts there will be a £10 donation.
Please see Louise, Jo or Alison R.
Thanks

Tearfund Big Quiz Night – 14 November

Join us on Saturday 14 November at 6.30pm for the Tearfund Big Quiz. Tearfund's *Big Quiz Night* is an annual nationwide fundraising event where churches and community groups host a quiz to raise money for Tearfund's global poverty-relief programmes. In 2026 we are raising funds for Tearfund's *Transforming Communities* programme, supporting local churches worldwide to help lift communities out of extreme poverty.

On the night there will be nibbles provided but please bring your own drinks. Get a team together and lets raise some money for this great cause.

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.

Prayers for the Week

Here are the prayers for this week

- This week we pray for residents and businesses in:
  - Bolton Road between Pickard Lane and Bolton Gardens
  - Brierdene
  - Pickard Lane
  - Ghyllbank

Also this week we pray for Mozambique which earlier this year was hit by torrential rain followed by terrible flooding that displaced 700,000 people and destroyed homes and vital crops.

Dear Heavenly Father,
Please give strength and wisdom to the Tearfund team along with local partners and churches as they provide relief across a wide area of Mozambique.
Please help them navigate difficult terrain to reach those in greatest need with the practical demonstration of your love.
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer

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).

Sunday Life Group next meets on Sunday 8 November (7pm, in the Hall). At this meeting the group will be looking at the Book of Isaiah – specifically with Advent in mind.

Monday evening Life Group will continue the Bible Project video on Psalms 1 and 2. See Brian and Val for more details

Friday at…Coffydale

The twice monthly Friday social get-together – 1st and 3rd Fridays - has moved from the Kings Arms to Coffydale, and also at an earlier time.

Starting on Friday 6 November the get-together will be between 6.00pm and 8.00pm upstairs at Coffydale.

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 Social	First and Third Fridays of the month – 6pm to 8pm upstairs at Coffydale	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 Sunday 22 November
Saturday Morning Prayers	The day before the Gathering (so a Saturday!) – 9am	Next one Saturday 31 October

Diary for the week ahead

Sat	31 Oct	9.00am	Saturday Morning Prayers in the Hall
		5.00pm	Set up Hall for Sunday Gathering
			ALL SAINTS DAY
Sun	1 Nov	9.15am	Breakfast Together – in the Hall
		10.00am	Sunday Gathering – in the Hall
		11.00am	Holy Communion – in the Meeting Room
Mon	2 Nov		
Tues	3 Nov	10.30am	Worship at Springbank
Wed	4 Nov	2.00pm	Worship at Summerfield
Thurs	5 Nov		
Fri	6 Nov	7.00pm	Friday at Coffeedale
Sat	7 Nov	2.00pm	Saturday Social
			REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
Sun	8 Nov	9.30am	Parish Communion
		10.45am	Service in the Memorial Gardens
		4.00pm	Pizza Praise

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

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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