ST JAMES PARISH CHURCH, SILSDEN
WEEKLY NEWSSHEET

SATURDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2026

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

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Sunday 8 November– Remembrance Sunday

Readings for Sunday 8 November

Wisdom of Solomon Chap 6 verses 12-16

Wisdom of Solomon Chap 6 verses 17-20

1 Thessalonians Chap 4 verses 13-18

Gospel of Matthew Chap 25 verses 1-13



'Lest We Forget'

Sunday 8 November 2026

9.30am Parish Communion

10.45am – Service of Remembrance in Memorial Garden

4.00pm – Pizza Praise

Services coming up

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
22 November	9.30am – Parish Communion led by Rev Simon 10.30am – Tea and coffee in the hall 11.00am – Together @ 11 4.00pm – Pizza Praise

Reflect and Review

On behalf of myself and the PCC at St. James, I just wanted to say a massive thank you to everyone who engaged in our stewardship campaign "Reflect and Review". It was a huge success and has put us on a good course to be able to pay our Parish Share. I am extremely grateful, as this is a really important thing to do. I also wanted to thank you even if you reflected and reviewed your giving and felt that you were giving enough, just the fact that you prayerfully and carefully reviewed your giving is a wonderful thing to do. God bless. Revd. Simon

Worship at the Homes

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

Wednesday 18th November at 2.00pm at The Gables
Tuesday 1st December at 10.30am at Springbank
Wednesday 2nd December at 2.00pm at Summerfield
Wednesday 16th December 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, serving at the tables or helping in the kitchen we would really appreciate it. We also need cake, bottles for the tombola, raffle prizes and paperback books. Please leave donations on the table at the back of the hall on a Sunday. 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

As winter creeps in, homes are really important. God calls us to give nature a home, too. Does your garden have a bird feeder? Could your balcony or windowsill do with some plant life? If you don't own the house you could make a case to the homeowner for a bird box, hedgehog highway or whatever. (For a hedgehog highway do make sure the neighbours are OK with you making a small hole in a shared fence). Why not gather your housemates, friends and family to discuss how a new recycling, heating or transport arrangement might work for you all - you'll go further together

Prayers for the Week

Here are the prayers for this week

- This week we pray for residents and businesses in:
    - Thornber Grove
    - Browcliffe
    - Breakmoor Avenue
    - Nab View
- Personal Growth and Leadership Course
- Life Groups
- This week we focus on the Philippines, a country very greatly affected by typhoons and earthquakes.
    - Dear Heavenly Father, We pray for the **Tearfund** team in the Philippines led by Raymond Kwong. Strengthen and provide for them as they seek to supply the needs of those

evacuated from their homes. We also pray your comfort and healing for those injured or bereaved. In Jesus name we pray, Amen

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 5 December

Diary for the week ahead

Fri	6 Nov	7.00pm	Friday at Coffydale
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
Mon	9 Nov		
Tues	10 Nov	1.30pm	CAMEO
Wed	11 Nov		
Thurs	12 Nov		
Fri	13 Nov		

Sat	14 Nov	6.30pm	Tearfund Quiz
			SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT
Sun	15 Nov	9.30am	Parish Communion
		10.30am	Tea and coffee in the hall
		11.00am	Together@ 11
		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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Get ready for Advent

Big Church Coffee Morning

Saturday 21 November
9.30 – 12
St James Community Hall



Bacon sandwiches



Tea & coffee



Cake stall



Games and stalls



Raffle



Tombola