ST JAMES PARISH CHURCH, SILSDEN
WEEKLY NEWSSHEET

SATURDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2026

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

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Sunday 15 November

Readings for Sunday 15 November

Zephaniah Chap 1 verses 7 and 12-18

Psalm 90 verses 1-8 and 12

1 Thessalonians Chap 5 verses 1-11

Gospel of Matthew Chap 25 verses 14-30

Sunday 15 November 2026

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

Services coming up

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

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 let's raise some money for this great cause. No entry fee for teams but please come with cash for donations.

If you would like to make a donation visit - https://www.justgiving.com/page/alison-rohatynskyj-4?utm_source=CL&utm_medium=DT

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

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.

Mothers' Union Meeting – 19 November

At November's meeting on Thurs 19th at 7.30pm we welcome Andrew Makin who will talk to us about diabetes management. Everyone is welcome. £2 donation for tea and biscuits.

Pizza Praise dates – Autumn 2026

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

15 November
22 November
29 November
13 December

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:
  - Bradley Road (including The Raikes)
  - Bradley Avenue
  - Bradley Grove
  - Bradley Rise
- This weekend the Diocese of Leeds is focusing on prayer for our link diocese of Sudan:
  - Dear Heavenly Father,
  - We pray for an end to the terrible violence in Sudan.
  - We pray that the diocese of Leeds will be able to continue to fund vital rebuilding work and the restarting of life giving ministries, including through the Mothers' Union, in Sudan.
  - We thank you for Archbishop Ezekiel, his bishops and the pastors who have faithfully stayed and provided strong leadership to your suffering people.
  - 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).

The Monday Evening Life Group is starting a new series this week looking Paul's letter to the Philippians.

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.

The next one is on Friday 20 November , 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. The next meeting is on 17 December.

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 20 November
Saturday Social	First Saturday of the month – 2pm until 4pm	Next one Saturday 5 December
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 17 December
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	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
Mon	16 Nov		
Tues	17 Nov		
Wed	18 Nov	2.00pm	Worship at The Gables
Thurs	19 Nov	7.30pm	Mothers' Union meeting
Fri	20 Nov	6.00pm	Friday at Coffydale
Sat	21 Nov	9.30am	Big church coffee morning
		2.00pm	Church work day
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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 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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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