ST JAMES PARISH CHURCH, SILSDEN
WEEKLY NEWSSHEET

SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2026

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

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Sunday 22 November – Christ the King

Readings for Sunday 22 November

Exodus Chap 34 verses 11-16 and 20-24

Psalm 95 verses 1-7

Ephesians Chap 1 verses 15-23

Gospel of Matthew Chap 25 verses 31-46

Sunday 22 November 2026

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 Jen Read

4.00pm – Pizza Praise

Services coming up

29 November	9.30am – Parish Communion led by Rev Tony 10.30am – Tea and coffee in the hall 11.00am – Together @ 11 A Communion service led by Rev Simon 4.00pm – Pizza Praise
6 December	9.15am – Breakfast 10.00am – Sunday Gathering – led by the Monday Life Group 11.00am – Said Holy Communion – led by Rev Simon

St James Big Coffee Morning – 21 November

It is our St James Coffee Morning tomorrow (Saturday 21 November). Please do come along to support this event. Details in the poster at the end of the newssheet.

Work Days

It is also our next work day tomorrow (Saturday 21 November) starting at 2pm. There are jobs for all to do. If you have had too many bacon butties in the morning, then this is a good way to work them off! Or you can just stay around after the coffee morning to keep the workers company.

Silsden Repair Café with Pop Up Refill Shop

The next Silsden Repair Cafe is this Saturday morning – at the same time as our Big Coffee Morning.

If you want to pop over to use Climate Action Silsden's liquids refill shop at the Repair Café then that will be fine!! 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.

Next Sunday – 29 November (Advent Sunday)

It is the Silsden Christmas market on 29 November. We will be having our usual two services that morning - 9.30am Parish Communion and 11am Together at 11. Churches Together in Silsden will be having a stall

in the town hall during the Christmas market where we will have advent calendars, children's books and St Luke's gospels to give away as well as details of Christmas services for all 3 churches. Please encourage people to come along and say hello.

There will be carols in the memorial garden from around 4pm – please come along and sing!

Closure of Briggate on Sunday 29 November

Briggate will be closed all day next Sunday for the Christmas market. This means there will be no vehicular access to the hall car park or the Vicarage via the usual access next to Olive and Green.

St James Family Christmas Party

The St James Family Christmas Party will take place on Saturday 12 December. We are planning on having an 'open mic' session so start to practice your turn now. Tickets will be £5 to cover the cost of mulled wine and cold meats, but we are also asking people to bring something to share – a list will be on the notice board in the hall. Tickets available from Deborah.

Worship at the Homes

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

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.

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.

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:
    - Linton Avenue
    - Burnsall Mews
    - Back Lane

Saturday Morning Prayers
next one Saturday 5 December

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.

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

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. The next meeting is on 15 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 17 December

CAMEO	Third Tuesday of the month at 1.30pm at the Punch Bowl	Next one Tuesday 15 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	20 Nov	6.00pm	Friday at Coffydale
Sat	21 Nov	9.30am	Big church coffee morning
		2.00pm	Church work day
			SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT
Sun	22 Nov	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
Mon	23 Nov		
Tues	24 Nov	7.30pm	PCC Meeting
Wed	25 Nov		
Thurs	26 Nov	2.00pm	Thursday Group
Fri	27 Nov		
Sat	28 Nov		
			ADVENT SUNDAY
Sun	29 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 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