
ST JAMES PARISH CHURCH, SILSDEN

WEEKLY NEWSHEET

SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2024

OUR VISION: TO BE JESUS-SHAPED

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Readings for 1 December 2024

Advent Sunday

Jeremiah Chap 33 verses 14-16

Psalm 25 verses 1-9

1 Thessalonians Chap 3 verses 9-13

Gospel of Luke Chap 21 verses 25-36

Services on Sunday 1 December 2024

Gathering Breakfast in the Hall from 9.15am

10am - Sunday Gathering in the Hall – the Angel and Mary led by Alison and Paul

11am - Holy Communion (said) – in the Meeting Room, off the Hall, led by Rev Pat Smith

4pm – Pizza Praise

5.00pm – Pizza Praise review meeting

Services Coming Up

Sunday 8 December	9.30am Parish Communion (also on YouTube) – led by Rev Denis Tate 10.30am Between Service Prayers 11am Together @ 11 – the Angel and Joseph – led by Susan and Michael
Sunday 15 December	9.30am Parish Communion (also on YouTube) – led by Rev Bob Evans 11am Together @ 11 – the Angel and the Shepherds

Alpha Course at St James 2024

The Alpha course is taking a break in December and will re-start in January

Pizza Praise

The last Pizza Praise of the year will take place on Sunday (1 December 2024) at 4pm. It will be followed by, at 5.15pm, a meeting to review Pizza Praise generally as we think about the new year. The meeting is open to all church members.

Silsden supporting families in Liberia

Thank you to all those people who braved the weather and attended our coffee morning last Saturday. In spite of the weather we still raised £267.00 which is very much appreciated.

Thank you for your support
Joanna, Derek, Laura, Peter and Evangeline

St James Advent Calendar

On Sunday (1st December) the St James Advent calendar begins! Go to our website www.stjamesilsden.org.uk. You can go to “What’s On” and find it, or scroll down to see the square picture advertising it. Each day will bring a meditation written, and sometimes spoken, by someone in our congregation.

Saturday Social – 7 December

Does meeting up to have a chat with a cup of tea or coffee sound good? Would you like to play board /card / other games? Do you knit, crochet, and/or sew and would like to share tips with others or learn new skills? Do you need some help with your crossword clues or word search?!

Come along and join us anytime between 2 and 4pm (come for all or drop in for just part of it - it's up to you!). There'll be volunteers to share a chat, bring you a cuppa etc.

All welcome. Bring a friend (or 2!) or come on your own and meet new ones.

Contributions towards our hall and refreshments costs will be welcomed.

If you want more info, please ask. Ali (on behalf of the Social Mission group)

Mothers' Union

Antony Sissons, from 'Homeless not Helpless' was our speaker at our meeting on the 21st November. Antony helped us to know about, and have a better understanding of, the people who become homeless and now live on the streets in our towns and cities. the hardships they face; the depression which often leads to drink and drug taking; the never ending struggle to survive each day and night, especially in the winter months, and the affect on their mental health and attitude. Apart from being informative Antony, with his easy manner, brought some laughter to the meeting. We all enjoyed his visit which caused many questions and conversations on all aspects of social responsibility within our communities.

A big THANK YOU to all at St. James who donated hats, scarves and gloves to our Appeal. We sent Antony away with:-

- 5 Pairs of winter socks
- 6 pairs of winter gloves
- 10 scarves
- 26 hats
- 1 good thick winter jacket.

There is much of the winter yet to get through so the basket at the back of church will remain. Thanks to those who have spent time knitting lovely warm hats/scarves.

Well done everybody!

The M.U. are in a period of 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence. We are called to pray and to 'Rise Up' against domestic violence across the world. That means praying, fighting and working for justice for millions of women, sometimes men, who suffer abuse daily.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Our meeting on the 12th December will be a Celebration of Christmas and in the form of a 'Jacobs Join'. There is a list on the M.U. Notice Board in the Church Hall for members to let us know what food they will bring to the party; please fill it in so that we don't end up with piles of sausage rolls! We also ask members to invite someone who may not otherwise have an opportunity to celebrate Christmas to come along with them: A friend, neighbour, family member, or work colleague perhaps. (Church member or not). There may be some home grown entertainment (anyone welcome to share something) and singing of Carols led by our own Brian Mason on the piano.

MEETINGS:

12th December 7.15pm for 7.30pm Christmas Celebration

10th January 4.00pm Wave of Prayer

16th January 7.30pm M.U. A.G.M.

15th February Valentine Coffee Morning

17th February 3.45pm Afternoon Meeting

We wish all our members a Joyful and Peaceful Christmas.

Rev. Pat and your M.U. Committee



Christmas at St James

Decorating the church and hall

We will be decorating the church and hall for Christmas on Saturday 7th December at 10am. Please do come down and help to make our church and hall look fantastic for Christmas.

Church Christmas Party – 14th December

🎄 Come and join us for a
Fun Night of Festive Cheer
St James' Christmas Party
Saturday 14th December
6.30 - 9pm
Tickets -£5

Please bring your own drinks.

Mulled wine and cooked meat to be provided. Please sign up to bring salads and puddings.

Tickets available from the Social Mission Group members

Deborah Thorley, Alison R, Louise Outhwaite, Jackie Hudson, Steph Spence and Jo Towers

CTIS Carol Singing – 21 December

Churches Together in Silsden (CTIS) will be singing carols in front of the Methodist church on Saturday 21 December at 10am. If you enjoy singing a good carol, please do join in.

Carols by Candlelight – 22 December

On Sunday 22 December at 7pm we will be holding a Carols by Candlelight service. We will be offering light refreshments after the service. If you can help with the refreshments, please see Val.

Christingles – 24 December

We will be holding two Christingle services on Christmas Eve – one at 3.30pm and one at 5pm.

We will be assembling the Christingles on Monday 23 December at 3pm. Please see Jayne if you can help.

Christmas Eve Service at Kildwick

We are invited to attend St Andrews Kildwick at 9.30pm on Christmas Eve for their midnight (Bethlehem time - midnight in Bethlehem is 10pm here) Holy Communion service for Christmas.

Christmas Day

On Christmas Day there will be just one service (communion) – at 10.00am led by Revd Bob Evans

A Message from the Salvation Army

Thank you so much for your kind harvest donation toward the work at our foodbank. They are hugely appreciated and give us a boost at this time of year.

We have now launched our Christmas Appeal (sorry). See the posters for “ Food We Need” and “ Toy Appeal” on the notice board in the hall in case you are able to offer support for that toy ! If you need any further information, please do get in touch. There is also a QR code for anyone wanting to make a financial contribution.

Many thanks again.
Kind Regards,
Heather Hornby
Administrator
Keighley Salvation Army
Tel : 01535603494

Bank Details

St James' bank account details for direct payments (for Share/general church funds) are:-

Barclays Bank
Silsden Parish Church PCC
Sort Code 20-45-14
Acc No 90871176

Worship in the Homes

The next up-coming visits are as follows:

- 4 December 2pm Carol Service at Summerfield
- 9 December 2pm Carol Service at The Raikes
- 11 December 2pm Carol Service at Spring Bank
- 18 December 2pm Carol Service at The Gables

Please come along to help and especially to sing! Please wear a Christmas jumper or hat.

Thanks for all your support.

Bob

Praying for Silsden

This coming week we are praying, as a church, for the residents of:-

Aire Court
Don Court
Wharfe Court
Derwent Court

Items for this weekly Newsletter

Please can anyone with items for the newsletter send them to Deborah – ideally by email to a.thorley171@btinternet.com.

Church Rotas

Many thanks to everyone who is on a rota at church (there are quite a few!). I will be coming round to ask people about the rotas they are on in the next few weeks – whether they want to continue and even if they want to join others. I will also be asking for new volunteers.

Thanks, Deborah

Regular church events

Thursday Zoom prayers	Every Thursday 15 minutes of prayer time together online at 7.15pm (Zoom) - please come along! Meeting ID: 952 0002 8284 Passcode: 201804	Next one – Thursday 5 December
CAMEO (Come and Meet Each Other)	The first Tuesday of each month at 1.30pm	On hold until the café re-opens
Thursday Group	The fourth Thursday of each month at 2pm	Next one Thursday 23 January at Sheila's house There is not a Thursday Group in December
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 December
PCC Meetings	Second Tuesday in the month at 7.45pm	Next one Tuesday 10 December

Prayer ministry Between our Sunday morning services	Usually the second Sunday of each month	Next one after the 9.30am service on 8 December
Work Days	Third Saturday of the month – 10am to noon	Next one Saturday 21 December
Saturday Morning Prayers	The day before the Gathering (so always a Saturday!) – 9am	Next one Saturday 4 January

Diary for the week ahead

ADVENT SUNDAY			
ST JAMES ADVENT CALENDAR STARTS			
Sun	1 Dec	9.15am	Breakfast
		10.00am	Sunday Gathering
		11.00am	Said Holy Communion
		4.00pm	Pizza Praise
		5.00pm	Pizza Praise review meeting
Mon	2 Dec		
Tuesday	3 Dec		
Wed	4 Dec	2.00pm	Carol service at Summerfield
Thurs	5 Dec	7.15pm	Zoom prayers
Fri	6 Dec	7.00pm	Friday at the King
Sat	7 Dec	10.00am	Church and hall decorating
		2.00pm	Saturday Social
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT			
Sun	8 Dec	9.30am	Parish Communion
		10.30am	Between service prayers
		11.00am	Together @ 11
