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# ST JAMES PARISH CHURCH, SILSDEN

## WEEKLY NEWSHEET

SATURDAY 7 DECEMBER 2024

OUR VISION: TO BE JESUS-SHAPED

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### Readings for 8 December 2024

Second Sunday of Advent

Malachi Chap 3 verses 1-4

Benedictus (Luke 1 vs 68-79)

Philippians Chap 1 verses 3-11

Gospel of Luke Chap 3 verses 1-6

### Services on Sunday 8 December 2024

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

## Services Coming Up

Sunday 15 December	9.30am Parish Communion (also on YouTube) – led by Rev Bob Evans  11am Together @ 11 – the Angel and the Shepherds
Sunday 22 December	9.30am Parish Communion (also on YouTube) – led by Rev Denis Tate  7pm Carols by Candlelight  (Note – there is no Together @ 11 service today)

## News - Baby Brook

Congratulations to Chris Brook, our organist, and Hannah on the arrival of baby Elijah Charley – born on 26 November – a brother for Erin.

## St James Advent Calendar

Have you checked out the St James Advent Calendar yet? It can be found on our website [www.stjamesillsden.org.uk](http://www.stjamesillsden.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)

## PCC Meeting

The PCC meet on Tuesday 10 December. Please pray for the members.

## Mothers' Union

The M.U. are currently 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 7<sup>th</sup> December at 10am. Please do come down and help to make our church and hall look fantastic for Christmas.

## **Church Christmas Party – 14<sup>th</sup> December 6.30pm until 9pm**

🎄 Only one week to go folks till it's party time.

Grab your ticket from Jo Towers for £5

We will be having an Open Mic session so come and entertain us with your talents "anything goes "

Please bring your own drinks and if possible some food to share. Mulled wine and cooked meat will be provided.

See you there !!

### **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**

We have now launched our Christmas Appeal.. 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.

If anyone wants to make a toy donation, please bring to church and give to Susan or Michael Wilkinson who will take it to the Salvation Army after Sunday 15 December. Please mark the toy for either a boy or a girl and an age.

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

### **Children's Society boxes**

As we approach Christmas it is the time of year to start collecting the Children's Society boxes again. Could I ask that anyone who has a box bring it to church in the next few weeks and I will organise a count in early January in between or after Sunday service. Can I also take this opportunity to thank everyone who continues to support this worthy cause and if anyone would like to have a box let me know.

Than you  
Louise

### **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:

- 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:-

Claymore Rise  
Charlton Grove  
Jennings Close  
Thanet Garth

## 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](mailto: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 12 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 20 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

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<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>			
Sun	8 Dec	9.30am	Parish Communion
		10.30am	Between service prayers
		11.00am	Together @ 11
Mon	9 Dec	2.00pm	Worship at The Raikes
Tuesday	10 Dec	7.45 pm	PCC Meeting
Wed	11 Dec		
Thurs	12 Dec	7.15 pm	Zoom prayers
		7.30pm	MU Party
Fri	13 Dec		
Sat	14 Dec	6.30pm	Church Christmas Party
<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>			
Sun	15 Dec	9.30am	Parish Communion
		11.00am	Together @ 11

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