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# ST JAMES PARISH CHURCH, SILSDEN

## WEEKLY NEWSHEET

SATURDAY 14 DECEMBER 2024

OUR VISION: TO BE JESUS-SHAPED

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### Readings for 15 December 2024

Third Sunday of Advent

Zephaniah Chap 3 verses 14-20

Psalm 146 verses 4-10

Philippians Chap 4 verses 4-7

Gospel of Luke Chap 3 verses 7-18

### Services on Sunday 15 December 2024

9.30am Parish Communion (also on YouTube) – led by Rev Bob Evans

11am Together @ 11 – the Angel and the Shepherds

## Services Coming Up

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)
Sunday 29 December	9.30am Parish Communion said – led by Rev Pat Smith  (Note – there is no Together @ 11 service today)

## St James Advent Calendar

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

## Mothers’ Union

### **FUTURE MEETINGS:**

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

## Stamps

I am still collecting used stamps for charity. Please do save the stamps from your Christmas cards and let me have them.

Thanks, Deborah



## Christmas at St James

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

This Saturday. There will be tickets available on the door.

We will be having an Open Mic session so come and entertain us with your talents "anything goes "  
Please bring you own drinks and if possible some food to share. Mulled wine and cooked meat will be provided.

See you there !!

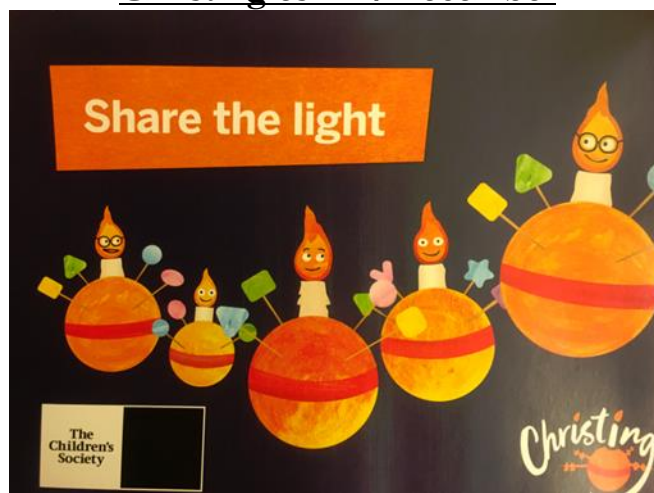
### CTIS Carol Singing – 21 December

Churches Together in Silsden (CTIS) will be singing carols in front of the Methodist church on Saturday 21 December at 10.30am. 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 visit is as follows:

- 18 December 2pm Carol Service at The Gables

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

### **January dates:**

Summerfield will NOT be on the 1st January but will instead be on Wednesday 8th January.

The Gables will be on Wednesday 15th.

Please join us if you can

Thanks for all your support.

Bob

## Praying for Silsden

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

Brindley Road  
Rombalds Crescent  
Hebert Close  
Windgate

## Special Period of Prayer for Pizza Praise - 4 January to 19 January 2025

The PCC asks that 4 January to 19 January 2025 be a special period of prayer for our Pizza Praise project. Pizza Praise resumes on 19 January and we are asked to put special time aside during this period to pray for Pizza Praise – perhaps praying as part of your personal prayer or perhaps with others in existing prayer groups (or even possibly as part of a special group meeting for this purpose). Please pray that families will come along, for discernment about the future of this project and for all those leading and organizing Pizza Praise. Pizza Praise needs prayer! Thank you

## Regular church events

Thursday Zoom prayers	Every Thursday 15 minutes of prayer time together online at 7.15pm (Zoom) - please come along!	Next one – Thursday 19 December
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	Meeting ID: 952 0002 8284 Passcode: 201804	
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 14 January
Prayer ministry Between our Sunday morning services	Usually the second Sunday of each month	Next one after the 9.30am service on 12 January
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

<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>			
Sun	15 Dec	9.30am 11.00am	Parish Communion Together @ 11
Mon	16 Dec		
Tues	17 Dec		
Wed	18 Dec	2.00pm	Service at The Gables
Thurs	19 Dec	7.15 pm	Zoom Prayers
Fri	20 Dec	7.00pm	Friday at the King

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Sat	21 Dec	10.00am	Church Work Day
		10.30am	CTIS Carols at Methodist Church
			<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>
Sun	22 Dec	9.30am	Parish Communion
		7.00pm	Carols by Candlelight

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