
ST JAMES PARISH CHURCH, SILSDEN WEEKLY NEWSHEET

SATURDAY 4 JANUARY 2025

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Readings for Sunday 5 January

The Second Sunday of Christmas

Jeremiah Chapter 31 verses 7-14

Psalm 147 verses 13-21

Ephesians Chapter 1 verses 3-14

Gospel of John Chapter 1 verses 10-18

Readings for Epiphany

Isaiah Chapter 60 verses 1-6

Psalm 72 verses 10-15

Ephesians Chapter 3 verses 1-1

Gospel of Matthew Chapter 2 verses 1-12

Sunday 5 January

Gathering Breakfast in the Hall from 9.15am

10am - Sunday Gathering in the Hall – led by the music group, so lots of singing! – ‘It’s Still Christmas’ - but here comes Epiphany...

11am - Holy Communion (said) – in the Meeting Room, off the Hall – led by Revd Bob Evans

11.30am – taking down the decorations in the Hall

Services coming up

Sunday 12 January	9.30am Parish Communion (also on YouTube) – led by Rev Denis Tate 10.30am Prayer Ministry 11am Together @ 11 Out of the Wilderness
Sunday 19 January	9.30am Parish Communion (also on YouTube) – led by Rev Janice Smith 11am Together @ 11 4.00pm Pizza Praise

Saturday 4 January and Sunday 5 January

On Saturday 4 January we will set up for the Gathering at 9.45am and then take down the Christmas decorations in the church.

Before that, at 9am on Saturday 4 January there will be the usual monthly prayers in the Meeting Room so why not come to pray with others before the setting up starts?

We will then be taking down the Christmas decorations in the Hall after our Gathering service on Sunday 5 January

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who has helped in any way towards celebrating Christmas at St James.

Christmas here takes some planning and we are grateful to the church's Christmas Planning Group who started their work back in September

Thank you from Val to all those who contributed to the on-line advent calendar.

Saturday Social

Our next Saturday Social will be on Saturday 4 January starting at 2pm. All welcome.

A vertical poster with a blue-to-purple gradient background. At the top, there are icons for a puzzle piece, a ball of yarn with knitting needles, and two dice. The main title 'SATURDAY SOCIAL' is written in large, white, hand-drawn letters. Below the title, it says 'St James Community Hall Silsden' in white. To the left is an illustration of two people sitting at a table. To the right is an illustration of a hand of playing cards. Below the location, it says '1st Saturday Every Month' and '2.00 - 4.00 pm' in bold black text. A paragraph of text follows: 'Would you like some company on a Saturday afternoon? Drop in during the times above for chat and refreshments. Games and activities will be available, or bring a book, a magazine, your knitting/crochet etc'. At the bottom, there are icons for a cupcake, a teapot, a cup of coffee, and a slice of cake, followed by the text 'ALL WELCOME'.

We need milk bottle tops please!

For the past three years we have made 250 Christingle kits each Christmas. An integral part of each kit is a milk bottle top and this year we reached the end of our stock. So – if you take milk in bottles (as we do at church) please can you rinse and retain the foil tops and bring them to church and put them in the labelled container ready for making next year's Christingles? Thank you

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

The PCC asks that January 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).

For those who can make it we will be gathering in the Hall at 4.00pm on Mondays 6 and 13 January to pray together for Pizza Praise. Also, the meeting room in the Hall will be available between 9am and 9.20am on Sundays during January for those who wish to pray together for Pizza Praise before our Sunday morning services (on 5 January before the Gathering and then, for the other Sundays in January, before the 9.30am service).

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

Worship in the Homes

The next visit to Summerfield is on Wednesday 8 January at 2pm.

Then on Wednesday 15 January we will visit The Gables, again with a 2pm start.

Please join us if you can

Thanks for all your support.

Worship in the Homes Consultation

The Raikes are very keen for us to begin to provide monthly services and the new activities organiser at Spring Bank has said he will be in touch soon. Is it possible for us to resource 3 or even 4 services a month? Initial consultations with the team suggest that to do this we would need to split into two teams but there are not enough of us.

Question: if we committed to new worship services at 2:00 on a Monday, once or twice a month, would anyone else be able to join us? (In either a Monday team, or a Wednesday team?) Your main task would be to sing.

Please have a word with Bob if you might be able to help.

Thanks

Bob Evans

Expanding Sunday Prayer Ministry at St James Silsden

In 2024 we started offering prayer ministry (individual prayer) between the services, on the second Sunday each month. In 2025 we are expanding this so that this ministry will be available on the second and fourth Sundays each month. The pray-ers on duty each week will be wearing green lanyards. Thank you to them. The dates for January are 12th and 26th January.

Praying for Silsden

This week we will be praying for the residents of:-

Lowfield Crescent
Waterside
Telford Close
Ings Way

Sunday Home Group

Sunday Home group next meets on Sunday 12 January, at 7pm in the Hall

Mission Group

Our Mission Group next meets on Monday 13 January, at 7.30pm on Zoom

Thursday Zoom prayers

The next Zoom prayers on a Thursday will be on Thursday 9 January – 7.15pm

Children's Society Boxes

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.

Thank you
Louise

Mothers' Union

Dear Members,

I hope you all had a good, peaceful and joyful Christmas.

We now find ourselves at the beginning of a New Year, a year which I hope will see us continue to support, work for and enjoy being part of the World Wide MU as the 'Branch' here at St. James Silsden.

Our first opportunity to continue this support presents itself on the 10th January at 4pm when we will gather together for the MU Wave of Prayer which connects us, and reminds us, that we are part of something much bigger than our small 'Branch' here as we pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ throughout the world. Please do come along if it is at all possible for you to attend - 3.50pm for a 4.00pm start.

Our first Monthly Meeting is on the 16th January at 7.30pm: This will be our AGM and Faith Supper. May I remind you that Annual Subs will be due at this meeting and should be in before the end of January. NO INCREASE IN SUBS SO ONLY £33 to pay (by cash to Deborah; by cheque payable to

Our February Meeting is on the 17th February at 3.45pm (Afternoon Meeting). We hope to see as many of you as possible as we once again try out these afternoon meetings on alternate months.

A day NOT to forget, get it in your diaries NOW, is our 'VALENTINE' COFFEE MORNING on the 15th FEBRUARY - more about that at the AGM in January.

We are working hard to put a programme together to hand out to all members a.s.a.p. Please bear with us if we don't have it ready for the AGM.

A BIG THANK YOU to all our members, and A BIG THANK YOU to the wonderful congregation here at St. James, who supported our hats, scarves and gloves collection for the 'Homeless not Helpless' Charity. BRILLIANT!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Love and Prayers to all

Rev. Pat and the 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

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

Foodbank – a message from Michael and Susan

On 16 December the toys and some food donations from the cupboard in church were taken to the Salvation Army in Keighley where they were received with much gratitude.

We were also given receipts for the cash donations from two people, which were also included.

Thank you to everyone and please keep going with the restocking of our food cupboard in church and we will transport some to Keighley on a monthly basis.

Work Days

To try and make Work Days more accessible for people we are moving the sessions to Saturday afternoons for a period to see how it works out. We desperately need more people to get involved as at present all the work in and around the church is being done by 2 or 3 people. Jobs that need doing in January are general tidying up around the churchyard and the hall.

The next Work Day will therefore be Saturday January 18th from 2pm - 4pm

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 9 January
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
Friday at the King Pub Social	First and Third Fridays of the month – 7pm to around 9pm at the Kings Arms	Next one Friday 3 January

Saturday Social	First Saturday of the month – 2pm until 4pm	Next one Saturday 4 January
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 and fourth Sunday of each month	Next one after the 9.30am service on 12 January
Work Days	Third Saturday of the month – 2pm to 4pm	Next one Saturday 18 January
Saturday Morning Prayers	The day before the Gathering (so always a Saturday!) – 9am	Next one Saturday 4 January

Diary for the week ahead

Sat	4 Jan	9.00am	Saturday morning prayers in the Meeting Room
		9.30am	Music Group practice in the hall
		9.45am	Gathering set up and take down decorations in church
		2.00pm	Saturday Social
SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS			
Sun	5 Jan	9am-	Praying for Pizza Praise – in the Meeting Room
		9.20am	
		9.15am	Gathering breakfast
		10.00am	Sunday Gathering
		11.00am	Said Holy Communion in the Meeting Room
		11.30am	Take down hall decorations
Mon	6 Jan	4.00pm	Prayers for Pizza Praise – in the Hall
Tues	7 Jan		
Wed	8 Jan	2.00pm	Worship at Summerfield
Thurs	9 Jan	7.45pm	Zoom prayers
Fri	10 Jan	4.00pm	MU Wave of Prayers
Sat	11 Jan		
FIRST SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY – THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST			
Sun	12 Jan	9am-	Praying for Pizza Praise – in the Meeting Room
		9.20am	
		9.30am	Parish communion
		10.30am	Prayer Ministry
		11.00am	Together @ 11
		7.00pm	Sunday Home Group

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – 18 January to 24 January 2025

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas) – 2 February 2025

Ash Wednesday – 5 March 2025