
ST JAMES PARISH CHURCH, SILSDEN WEEKLY NEWSHEET

SATURDAY 11 JANUARY 2025



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Readings for Sunday 12 January

The First Sunday of Epiphany
The Baptism of Christ
also known as Plough Sunday

Isaiah Chapter 43 verses 1-7

Psalm 29

Acts Chapter 8 verses 14-17

Gospel of Luke Chapter 3 verses 15-17 and 21-22

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

Services coming up

Sunday 19 January	9.30am Parish Communion (also on YouTube) – led by Rev Janice Smith 11am Together @ 11 ‘Ananias and Brother Saul’ 4.00pm Pizza Praise
Sunday 26 January	9.30am Parish Communion (also on YouTube) – led by Rev Denis Tate 10.30am Prayer Ministry 11am Together @ 11 4.00pm Pizza Praise

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who helped to take down all the Christmas decorations last weekend

Personal Growth and Leadership Course 2024-25

The next group session of the Personal Growth and Leadership Course is on Saturday morning.

Please pray for the St James team as they attend

Alpha Course

Our current Alpha course resumes next Wednesday – 7.30pm in the Hall.

Please pray for everyone involved

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

Pizza Praise

Pizza Praise resumes on Sunday 19 January at 4pm (in the Hall). We are currently specially praying for Pizza Praise as a church.

For those who can make it we will be gathering in the Hall at 4.00pm on Monday 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.

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! If you discern any guidance from God from your prayers please do share that with Jayne or Neil. Thank you

Parcevall Hall 7 – 9 February

A small group from St James are planning on spending a weekend at the Diocese of Leeds retreat house Parcevall Hall. The cost for a fully inclusive weekend is £192. If you would like to join us, please see Deborah.

Worship in the Homes

On Wednesday 15 January we will visit The Gables, with a 2pm start.

The next visit is to Summerfield is now on Wednesday 22 January at 2pm.

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.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The 2025 week of prayer for Christian Unity runs for the usual dates of 18 to 25 January.

Please build into your personal prayers during that time prayer for Christian Unity across the world.

There will be a coffee morning at Carmel House on 25 January to mark the week of prayer – and this is a good chance to get to know more of our friends from the other churches in Silsden

Praying for Silsden

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

Howden Road (including Springbank Care Home)
Brunthwaite Bridge Lane
Tomling Cote Lane
Canal Lane

PCC Meeting

The PCC will be meeting on Tuesday at 7.45pm. Please pray for the members and the work they do.

Sunday Home Group

Sunday Home group's meeting scheduled for this Sunday has been postponed to Sunday 19 January, at 7pm in the Hall.

Wednesday Home Group

Wednesday Home Group starts again on Wednesday 15th. Newcomers are most welcome. We are continuing with the Acts of the Apostles and are on chapter 7.

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

Children's Society Box Count

Thanks to everyone who has brought their boxes in so far. I am going to arrange a count of the boxes on Sunday 19th Jan in between the two services and at the end of the second service. It's good to count in pairs and if a few of you are prepared to help count 2 or 3 boxes we will get it done in no time. I can then bank our contribution before the end of January.

If anyone in the congregation would like a box, please, let me know. I am also trying to get a speaker from the Children's Society to come to one of our autumn MU meetings and everyone would be welcome to come and hear about the good work that they do. That will be publicised nearer the time.

Louise

Mothers' Union

Dear Members,

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 'Diocese of Leeds Mothers' Union' or by bank transfer to 20-11-88; 43535770 giving the branch name as reference.

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!

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

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 16 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 17 January
Saturday Social	First Saturday of the month – 2pm until 4pm	Next one Saturday 1 February
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 1 February

Diary for the week ahead

			FIRST SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY – THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST
Sun	12 Jan	9am-9.20am	Praying for Pizza Praise – in the Meeting Room
		9.30am	Parish communion
		10.30am	Prayer Ministry
		11.00am	Together @ 11
		7.00pm	Sunday Home Group
Mon	13 Jan	4.00pm	Praying for Pizza Praise
		7.30pm	Mission Group Meeting
Tues	14 Jan	7.45pm	PCC Meeting
Wed	15 Jan	2.00pm	Worship at The Gables
		7.30pm	Wednesday Home Group
		7.30pm	Alpha Course
Thurs	16 Jan	7.17pm	Thursday Prayers
Fri	17 Jan		
Sat	18 Jan		Start of Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
		2.00pm	Work Day
			SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY
Sun	19 Jan	9am-9.20am	Praying for Pizza Praise – in the Meeting Room
		9.30am	Parish Communion
		11.00am	Together @ 11
		4.00pm	Pizza Praise

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas) – 2 February 2025
Ash Wednesday – 5 March 2025