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# ST JAMES PARISH CHURCH, SILSDEN WEEKLY NEWSHEET

SATURDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2025

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## Readings for Sunday 23 February

### Second Sunday before Lent

Genesis Chapter 2 verses 4-9 and 15-25

Psalm 65

Revelations Chapter 4 verses 1-11

Gospel of Luke Chapter 8 verses 22-25

## Sunday 23 February

9.30am Parish Communion (also on YouTube) – led by Rev Denis Tate

10.30am – Prayer ministry

11am Together @ 11 – led by Wednesday Home Group – topic will be ‘hearing’ and ‘listening’

## Services coming up

Sunday 2 March	Gathering Breakfast in the Hall from 9.15am  10am - Sunday Gathering in the Hall – led by Michael and Susan  11am - Holy Communion (said) – in the Meeting Room, off the Hall, led by Rev Pat Smith
Sunday 9 March	9.30am Parish Communion (also on YouTube) – led by Rev John Peet  10.30am - Prayers  11am Together @ 11 – led by Revd Bob Evans

### Prayer Ministry this Sunday

On Sunday 23 February we will be offering individual prayer, between the 9.30am service and the 11am service. The pray-ers on duty each week will be wearing green lanyards.

### Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2025

Our annual church meeting (the ‘APCM’) will be on Sunday 6 April 2025 at 11.30am in the Hall (after the said service of Holy Communion which follows the Gathering). Please put the date in you diary. Thank you.

### Recordings of 11am service

Connor regularly makes an AUDIO recording of the 11.00 service. If you would like to listen to the service, particularly the sermon, please email Val and she will send you the link. Services will be retained for 2 months. “Our Stories” will be retained indefinitely.

### Big Church Read –starting Tuesday 18 March

We are going to read Pete Greig’s book ‘How to Hear God’. Starting on Tuesday March 18th and finishing on April 22nd (skipping April 8th), in the church hall 7.45pm till 9pm at the latest. We will read a couple of chapters before each session, watch a short video and discuss what we think about it.

Please talk to Steph or Alison to hear more.

## Amnesty International Coffee Morning

Amnesty International are holding their annual coffee morning at Silsden Methodist Church on Saturday 22 February - 9.30am to 12 noon

## Children's Society

I am very happy to tell everyone that I banked £1,110.16 from Children's Society boxes this week. Considering many people now opt to send money directly to the charity by direct debit or cheque this is a fabulous amount from our church family. Thank you to everyone who continues to contribute, either via their box or directly, and to those who have helped with the counting process. I have asked a representative to come and talk to us about the work of the Children's Society at our November Mother's Union meeting and you are all welcome to join us. More about that nearer the time.  
Thanks again

## Worship in the Homes

### **Worship at The Raikes**

Thanks to a few generous offers of help and to continuing support from our regulars we are now able to trial a monthly worship at The Raikes.

This will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month at 2.00pm.

### **March dates for worship in the Homes**

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 2.00pm – Summerfield

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 2.00pm – The Raikes

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 2.00 – The Gables

## Praying for Silsden

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

Hunters Meadow

Bridge Street

Stirling Street

## Sunday Home Group

Sunday Home group meets this Sunday, 23 February, at 7pm in the Hall.

### **Wednesday Home Group**

Wednesday Home Group will be meeting, on Zoom as usual, on the 26th Feb. We are reading chapter 10 of Acts. See Alison if you would like to join us.

### **Thursday Zoom prayers**

The next Zoom prayers on a Thursday will be on Thursday 27 February – 7.15pm

### **Mothers' Union**

Thank you to all who supported the Valentines coffee morning last week by donating, helping or attending. We raised £320. A majority of this money will go to AFIA who provide caravan breaks for families who are struggling.

Louise

### **Pied Piper Pre-School**

Pied Piper Pre-School meet in our hall every day from 9am until 3pm. They are currently looking for new members of the managing committee. Are you interested? Please talk to Deborah about what being a committee member entails. Volunteers are also needed to help out each day with general tasks like preparing and clearing away snacks and tidying up at the end of a session. Are you able to offer a few hours to do this? Again, please talk to Deborah if you can help.

### **Jesus Christ Superstar**

Glusburn Institute are showing Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber's Jesus Christ Superstar on Sunday 2nd March at 1.30pm. It is the live performance of the musical that toured the UK a few years ago and is going to be simultaneously screened across several theatres at the same time. Tickets are £12 and it's usually café style, sitting around tables, with a bar for alcoholic or soft drinks. There is wheelchair access and there is always a comfort break halfway through. If anyone struggles to get tickets online I would be happy to book for them.

Louise

### **Milk Bottle Tops**

We are still collecting milk bottle tops for the 2025 Christingles. If you get milk in bottles, please do save the tops and rinse them and bring them to church. There will be a collecting tub for them.

## Ash Wednesday – 5 March 2025

Ash Wednesday this year is on the 5th of March and we have an opportunity to come together to mark the beginning of lent through a service of holy communion. It will begin at 7 pm

During the Service there will be the opportunity to be ashed. This will be optional. This will be a traditional service focusing on repentance and Jen will be the preacher.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of 40 days of preparation for Easter. You might like to reflect that the Israelites had to endure the desert for 40 years before entering the promised land. And of course Jesus spent 40 days in the desert being tempted by the devil before he began his ministry.

“Lent is a time for the drifting, wandering people of God to turn back, to recommit themselves into a relationship with him in a deeper way. It’s a time to take stock.” (From Delia Smith ‘A Feast for Lent’)

An outward sign of lent is often the giving up of something, like chocolate, but God asks for more.... God is most interested in our heart. Our self denial of chocolate, (tearing of clothes?) or anything else, is meaningless if we don’t allow God to touch our hearts during the 40 days of preparation.

“let your hearts be broken, not your garments torn. Turn to the Lord your God again, for he is all tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich and graciousness, and ready to relent.” (Joel 2:13)

Bob

## Airedale Hospital Governors

These are exciting times for our community, as we plan and prepare to build our new, state-of-the-art hospital. This is a great time to be part of our future!

Airedale has a Council of Governors to tell us what local people think about our services and plans, to ask Board members questions about key issues for the Trust, and they help us to recruit some of our most senior people. Being a Governor, you will represent people in your local area, making sure that their voices are heard by the Trust. It could also enhance your CV, university or job application.

Does this sound interesting? We would welcome your nomination to be a Governor – all you need to do is complete the nomination form.

There is a Governor post up for election in each of the following constituencies. You must live in the constituency that you wish to represent:

### **Public**

- Central & East Keighley
- Ilkley & Wharfedale
- Pendle East & Colne
- Skipton
- South Craven
- West Craven
- Craven
- Bingley Rural

## Staff

- All Other Staff
- Nursing & Midwifery
- Doctors & Dentists

If more than one person stands there will be an election process. Once elected, Governors serve for a period of up to three years.

If you are interested in standing, more information and a nomination form can be obtained as follows:

**Online:** [www.cesvotes.com/airedale2025](http://www.cesvotes.com/airedale2025)

**Telephone:** 020 8889 9203

**Email:** [ftnominationenquiries@cesvotes.com](mailto:ftnominationenquiries@cesvotes.com)

**Post:** CES, The Election Centre, [33 Clarendon Road, London N8 0NW](#)

To find out more about the Governor role, please visit the Trust website:

[www.airedale-trust.nhs.uk/about-us/governors-and-membership](http://www.airedale-trust.nhs.uk/about-us/governors-and-membership)

## Saturday morning prayers

At 9am on Saturday 1 March there will be the usual monthly prayers before we set up for the Gathering at around 9.45am. Please come along to pray together for the church and the community.

## 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 27 February
CAMEO (Come and Meet Each Other)	The first Tuesday of each month at 1.30pm	On hold
Thursday Group	The fourth Thursday of each month at 2pm	Next one Thursday 27 February 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 7 March
Saturday Social	First Saturday of the month – 2pm until 4pm	Next one Saturday 1 March
PCC Meetings	Second Tuesday in the month at 7.45pm	Next one Tuesday 11 March
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 23 February

Work Days	Third Saturday of the month – 2pm to 4pm	Next one Saturday 15 March
Saturday Morning Prayers	The day before the Gathering (so always a Saturday!) – 9am	Next one Saturday 1 March

**SATURDAY SOCIAL**

St James  
Community Hall  
Silsden

**1st Saturday  
Every Month**

**2.00 - 4.00 pm**

*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*

  **ALL WELCOME**  

## Diary for the week ahead

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Sat	22 Feb	9.30am	Amnesty International Coffee Morning at Methodist Church <b>SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT</b>
Sun	23 Feb	9.30am	Parish Communion
		10.30am	Prayer ministry
		11.00am	Together @ 11
		7.00pm	Sunday Home Group
Mon	24 Feb		
Tues	25 Feb		
Wed	26 Feb	7.30pm	Wednesday Home Group
Thurs	27 Feb	2.00pm	Thursday Group
		7.15pm	Zoom Prayers
Fri	28 Feb		
Sat	1 Mar	9.00am	Saturday Morning Prayers
		9.45am	Set up for Gathering
		10.30am	Music Group practice
		2.00pm	Saturday Social
			<b>SUNDAY BEFORE LENT</b>
Sun	2 Mar	9.15am	Breakfast
		10.00am	Sunday Gathering
		11.00am	Said Communion

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Ash Wednesday – 5 March 2025

Annual Parochial Church Meeting – 6 April 2025 at 11.30am

### 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