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# ST JAMES PARISH CHURCH, SILSDEN WEEKLY NEWSHEET

SATURDAY 22 MARCH 2025

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## Readings for Sunday 23 March

### Third Sunday of Lent

Isiah Chapter 55 verses 1-9

Psalm 63 verses 1-9

1 Corinthians Chapter 10 verses 1-13

Gospel of Luke Chapter 13 verses 1-9

## Sunday 23 March

**9.30am Parish Communion (also on YouTube) – led by Rev Bob Evans and Jen Read**

**10.30am – Prayer ministry between services**

**11am Together @ 11 – led by Paul Winstanley – Our Stories; episode 8**

**4.00pm – Pizza Praise**

## Services coming up

Sunday 30 March Mothering Sunday	9.30am Parish Communion (also on YouTube) – led by Rev Pat Smith  11am Together @ 11 – led by Brian Goddard  4.00pm – Pizza Praise
Sunday 6 April	9.15am – Breakfast  10.00am – Sunday Gathering – led by Brian and Val  11.00am – Said Communion  11.30am – APCM

## Our Stories

We are sure you have enjoyed listening to the testimonies of various members of our congregation over the last year. Whatever their background and journey it is always good to hear what has brought them to St James at this point in time. Would you like to give your story? Our next 2 “Our Stories” services will be on this Sunday and then on 25th May. If you would like to share on the next occasion, or at some other time in the future, please see Brian, Paul or Michael.

## Sunday Home Group

Sunday Home Group next meets on Sunday 23 March, 7pm in the hall.

## Mission Group

Mission Group next meets on Monday 24 March at 7.30pm, on Zoom.

## Big Church Read

The Big Church Read continues on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March starting at 7.45pm in the hall.

## Scouts' Coffee Morning

1st Silsden ( St James) Scout group coffee morning with bacon butties etc will be held on 29 March 9.30 – 12. All welcome.

## **Flowers for Mothering Sunday**

The bunches of flowers that we give out on Mothering Sunday will be prepared on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 10am in the back room of the hall, If you can help, please come along.

## **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).

## **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.

## **Thursday Zoom prayers**

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

## **Worship in the Homes**

### **Worship in the Care Homes update**

We shall be celebrating Easter in the homes in April (albeit early for some!)

Wednesday April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2.00pm at Summerfield

Monday April 14<sup>th</sup> 2.00pm at The Raikes

Wednesday April 16<sup>th</sup> 2.00 at the Gables

Please support if you can. We struggled at the Raikes in March with just 4 of us.

## **Easter Community Café – Wednesday 9 April**

Helen and Ali are organising a midweek coffee morning with an Easter Story theme. Refreshments with activities for children, raffle and tombola etc. They would love some help, some prizes, some prayers! Let them know if you can lend a hand

## Easter Services

### **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April - Palm Sunday**

Father Michael will bless and distribute palms in the Memorial Gardens at 10.15 am. All churches warmly invited to attend.

### **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April - Stations of the Cross - 7.00 pm at Our Lady of Mount Carmel.**

### **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April - Maundy Thursday Service by Clare Stainsby at 7.00 pm at the Methodist Church**

All invited to join.

### **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April - Good Friday Walk of Witness**

Starting at 10.30 am at Our Lady of Mount Carmel and progressing to St. James church and the Methodist church

### **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April - Good Friday service at 7.00pm: "The Nail" at St James**

On Good Friday evening, in St James' Church, there will be a reflective service telling the story of the cross using accounts from witnesses, readings, silence and drama.

## Mothers' Union

At the meeting on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March we welcomed Hilary Davies who shared stories of her experiences in the West Bank last year. Many thanks to Hilary for her talk.

We have been asked by the charity 'Doulas' if we could collect toiletries for their work with pregnant women from 6 weeks before the birth to 6 weeks after and at the time of the birth. They work in conjunction with BRI. The items they require are as follows:-

- deodorant
- shower gel
- soap
- flannels
- shampoo
- maternity sanitary pads
- breast pads
- lip balm,
- baby wipes
- cotton wool balls

Pat will take any items collected to the next Area Meeting which is on the 19th May. Items can be put in the basket at the back of church or given to Pat.

## Church Walks

We are hoping to do some more church walks. If you are interested, please talk to Ali or Emma.

## Homeless not Hopeless

A member of our church is a volunteer with the outreach team of Homeless not Hopeless, who attend Bradford Forster Square arches every week to serve food and chat to the homeless . They also hand out donations and it would be lovely if we could donate some Easter Eggs for them to distribute .

If you can give an Easter egg for this charity's work then please could you bring them to church by end March.



## Eco-Church

St James has recently registered as an Eco-Church and we are currently working our way towards a bronze award. There's lots of fantastic environmental work already going on in our church and in the community in Silsden, and I want us to build on that, rather than start new initiatives. If you are involved in any of the local community work which benefits the environment, it would be enormously helpful to me if you could tell me about it so I can see where, as a church, we can be better at working together.

Do you have a passion for environmental issues? I'm looking for a few people to join a small eco-church team. If you are interested or need more information, please come and have a chat with me.

One of the areas we need to improve is raising awareness of small lifestyle changes that help us to be good Christian stewards of creation and our world so please look out for these in the noticesheet in the coming weeks and months.

Jen Read, Eco-Champion

## 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

## 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 27March
Thursday Group	The fourth Thursday of each month at 2pm	Next one Thursday 27 March 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 21 March
Saturday Social	First Saturday of the month – 2pm until 4pm	Next one Saturday 5 April
PCC Meetings	Second Tuesday in the month at 7.45pm	Next one Tuesday 8 April

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 March
Work Days	Third Saturday of the month – 2pm to 4pm	Next one Saturday 19 April
Saturday Morning Prayers	The day before the Gathering (so always a Saturday!) – 9am	Next one Saturday 5 April

### Diary for the week ahead

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Sat	22 Mar		
			<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</b>
Sun	23 Mar	9.30am	Parish Communion
		10.30am	Between services prayer ministry
		11.00am	Together @ 11
		4.00pm	Pizza Praise
		7.00pm	Sunday Home Group
Mon	24 Mar	7.30pm	Mission Group on Zoom
Tues	25 Mar	7.45pm	Big Church Read
Wed	26 Mar		
Thurs	27 Mar	2.00pm	Thursday Group
		7.15pm	Zoom Prayers
Fri	28 Mar		
Sat	29 Mar	9.30am	Scouts' Coffee Morning
			<b>MOTHERING SUNDAY</b>
Sun	30 Mar	9.30am	Parish Communion
		11.00am	Together @ 11
		4.00pm	Pizza Praise

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