



Monthly Parish News

July 2026

Knowing Jesus

A Prayer focussing on our Vision

Statement:

Lord Jesus, we ask that you help, enable and equip us in sharing the Good News of Jesus amongst those who are close to us in our Church family, and beyond, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

Prayers for the Parish and beyond

1. Vacancies in Skelmersdale, Newburgh, Westhead and Lathom Park Chapel.
2. To give thanks for Christ's forgiving love
3. For the Power of God's Spirit in our lives
4. For Spiritual Growth in our Church families
5. For people in our Parish to know Christ, personally – **please pray for those living in Firwood Road and Spa Lane.**
6. Coffee and Chat, CAMEO, JAFFA, Church in the Hall, LIFE, Community Praise, the Village Hall, Music Group and Leader
7. For the children, their families and their spiritual development
8. For the Church's link with the School and Collective Worship
9. For outreach and growth in numbers
10. The Under 18s leadership team, Street Pastors and School Pastors
11. Special prayers for our Children and Family Fun, Food and Fellowship
12. Please remember all the Students and Staff at Edge Hill University. All are welcome to worship with us.
13. Please continue to pray for the NHS who are under pressure in how they manage the backlog of many medical issues
14. Your prayers are asked for the continuing wars in Ukraine, Iran and Lebanon
15. We pray for all refugees, especially from Yemen, Palestine, Syria, Gaza, Ukraine
16. Please pray that these wars will cease and peace will be achieved

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17. Prayer Board: This will be available each week for your prayers in the Outer Porch Area of Church. These will be prayed for in Church the following Sunday. Urgent prayers that cannot wait please speak to Rev John or a Warden.

18. Please continue to pray that people's hearts would focus on, and put God first in their lives.

Making Him Known

NIV Complete Bibles:

Are available FOC.

These are to be given to people, or for your own use, please help yourself. This is an excellent quality gift.

Prayer for Individuals after Sunday Service:

We are looking for **2 people** who would be willing to pray with others for specific needs, on a rotational basis. It is thought that this would take place in the Upper Room for 15 minutes? after Morning Worship. If you would like to be involved please speak to either of our Wardens or Rev John.

Church Cleaning:

We are very grateful to Catherine and her team of loyal helpers who faithfully keep our Church looking so beautiful. Thank you all very much. We are still short of **4 people**. Would anyone be able to offer to go on the cleaning rota? If you would, or would like to find out what is actually involved, please speak to our Cleaning Co-ordinator Catherine Spencer.

Future Dates and Activities

Midstream Fridays:

This is now closed until September

175th Anniversary Celebration Meal:

If you are interested in coming to the meal at Briars Hall on Sunday 20 September at approx 4pm, please add your name to the list on the Notice Board in the Fellowship Area.

Alternatively, you could email to let us know your intention, if that's easier for you. Please email admin@stjameswesthead.org Thank you. **Jayne and Barbara**

Harvest Sunday 11 October

10.30am

School Service in Church

Afternoon – Songs of Praise and Bring and Share Meal

Sunday 8 November Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 29 November

Reverse Advent Calendar

Sunday 6 December

10.30am

Tree Service with the School
Advent Afternoon Tea and/or
Christmas Festival

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End January: Memorial Service

Sunday 26 – 28 March

Easter Flower Festival

Sunday 14 February 10.30am Tongues of Fire: The full group will be present at our Morning Service.

Notices

Safe Families:

Have a vacancy in the area for a Part Time Family Support Manager. Link below if you know anyone who may be interested. https://safefamilies.uk/job_roles/family-support-manager-lancashire/

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Request for Jigsaws:

If anyone has any they don't want, a lady from Midstream is collecting them for Wrightington Hospital Shop. Please get in touch with **Val Newby** on **01695 571144**, who will pass them on to her. Thank you.

Contacts Regarding this Parish News:

Additions or changes please to Janette or John Sephton by Monday evening.

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