



St James Westhead

KNOWING JESUS | MAKING HIM KNOWN

Monthly Parish News

August 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 and His Holy Spirit
3. For Spiritual Growth in our Church families
4. For people in our Parish to know Christ, personally – **Please pray for those living in Whiteleys Lane and Ruff Lane.**
5. Coffee & Chat, CAMEO, JAFFA, Church in the Hall, Family Fun and Food, Proposed new Youth Group, the Under 18s Leadership Team, Music Group.
6. For the children, their families and their Spiritual development
7. For the Church's link with the School and Collective Worship. The Village Hall,
8. For outreach and growth, in this Parish.
9. Street Pastors and School Pastors
10. Students and Staff at Edge Hill University.
11. Please continue to pray for the NHS
12. Your prayers are asked for Ukraine, Russia, Iran, Israel, Lebanon, and so many other places who are at war with each other, that 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/

Notices

Thank you to everyone who helped to make our Anniversary Weekend and launch of the History Exhibition such a huge success.

There are still many activities in and around the Church as the History Exhibition continues until **September 20th**. Roger's bargain plants were hugely popular & he now has more room in his greenhouse to grow more bargains for next year!

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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