

# NETWORK

St James Church Clitheroe



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## Editor's introduction

## Sustaining prayer



I've been thinking recently about 'sustaining prayer'. The phrase has at least two meanings: God sustains us as we pray, and we also need to sustain our prayer life.

There are so many promises in scripture that we can take hold of, reminding us that Father God wants to strengthen and sustain us in all circumstances:

- *Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. (Ps 51:12)*
- *Surely God is my help; the Lord is the one who sustains me. (Ps 54:4)*
- *Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you: he will never let the righteous be shaken. (Ps 55:22)*
- And here's a particularly encouraging one for those of us of a certain age!: *Even to your old age and grey hairs I am he, I am he who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you. (Isa 46:4)*

Such great promises! Father God sustains us at all times, but when we turn to him in prayer, we are even more conscious of his presence, his strength and his love.

But prayer is not just about us, it's about seeking God for who he is, it's about praying for those we care for, and those we don't even know, but who He is placing on our hearts. We can pray on our own, in pairs or triplets, in small groups and collectively as a church.

But how do we sustain prayer as an ongoing habit or practice? Here are some suggestions:

- Recognise our dependence on Jesus
- Create prayer habits, including developing regular time(s) and place
- Pray with others: collectively in church, in a small group, with friends and family
- Write down prayer requests and answered prayers (e.g. keep a prayer journal)
- Use prayer tools, such as written prayers, prayer apps, images of God's creation or of people and topics needing prayer
- Be patient and persistent: It take time to develop a consistent prayer life.

In line with our **Year of Prayer**, this month's Network focuses on prayer, and we hope you will find content that inspires you to go deeper. Let's also live up to the challenge that the very title 'Year of Prayer' brings; let's sustain our commitment to prayer (and fasting on occasion), not just for our Rector vacancy, but for our church, our country and our world, as we pray together on Sundays and Wednesdays, in small groups, in families and households, and on our own. And do encourage each other by sharing answers to prayer to [yearofprayer@stjamesclitheroe.co.uk](mailto:yearofprayer@stjamesclitheroe.co.uk).

*Graham Haldane, Network Editor and Church Warden*

### **From the register**

#### **Funerals:**

**Barbara Dennett**

**Frank Lofthouse**

# Year of Prayer



## Praying in colour

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Podcast link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gEyUuqjOJwg>

A podcast which I've found really helpful recently is 'Praying in Color' – a podcast on prayer hosted by Tyler Staton and 24-7 Prayer America.

Over 8 episodes with a huge variety of different guests, different aspects of prayer are discussed: intercession, creativity, contemplation, confession... but the episode that has stayed with me is 'Becoming our prayers.' Pete Grieg, Katya Adams, Mark Sayers and Tyler Staton discuss various phases of their own personal prayer lives in a way that is both humbling and inspiring.

For years, I've had a prayer routine. After my Bible reading, I pray. I try to pray into the day ahead of me, to intercede for various friends and situations around the world. I went through a phase of writing out my prayers and found this really helpful – I sometimes go back to doing this if I've got stuck – but in this conversation, I found myself re-examining my personal prayer life.

Does my time of prayer allow me to keep connecting with God throughout the day? In this podcast, Pete Grieg says, "The aim of your prayer or your quiet time is not to do your prayer but to come out primed to see God in all things and to commune with God in all things and even when you're struggling to celebrate the presence of God."

Are my practices of prayer right for this season? Katya Adams talks a lot about how her practice of prayer has changed with the seasons of her life, and the importance of keeping the focus on the presence of God, rather than the practice itself. In this year of prayer, and particularly during our vacancy, I'm finding it so helpful to pray with others, to watch the Holy Spirit move as your prayers build on each other and as you take inspiration from each other. It's a helpful reminder that we are all praying together!



Do we ask God what we need? God knows our needs! He knows what we physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually need today. He knows when we're in the wilderness or when we're in a time of blessing. When I'm praying alone, I find it difficult to listen to God – I often need to write or just doodle to help me to concentrate. But I've been in prayer meetings and small groups where we take time and space to listen to God and then to come back and share what we felt God was saying. We did this in my small group recently as a part of the 'Hear our Prayer' course, and it was encouraging, challenging and exciting – and helped me see the prophetic giftings in one of our members that I hadn't been aware of before.

The whole series looks at different forms of prayer, recognising that different practices of prayer might be helpful for different things, and that different personalities enjoy different forms of prayer, as well as social and cultural influences.

I'd just like to share this prayer from The Celtic Daily Prayer Daily Office, which I often use as well, and I love this prayer as a way of stilling myself into a time of prayer:

Here I am, Lord,  
I've come to do your will.  
Here I am, Lord,  
In your presence I'm still.

*Naomi Lynas, Operations Manager*



## Small group resources



# Practicing the Way

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Several of our small groups have recently been using resources from '*Practicing the Way*' (yes, we know it's American spelling!). This is not just one course, but a whole suite of resources, presented by John Mark Comer and colleagues. Not only are they very high quality, inspiring resources, but they are also free to use, thanks to the donations of a support network called 'The Circle'.



The *Practicing the Way* resources are based on the concept of us each establishing our personal 'Rule of Life'. This is a term used throughout Christian history, but alternative terms such as 'spiritual disciplines' and 'daily offices' have also been used. You may already have a pattern for e.g. daily prayer or bible reading, but this encourages us to think about many other aspects that we can incorporate on a daily, weekly, monthly or annual basis to develop and deepen our relationship with Jesus and our encounters with the Holy Spirit. The aim is to encourage 'spiritual formation' as we become or continue as 'apprentices' to Jesus.

Most of the resources can be found at: [www.practicingtheway.org](http://www.practicingtheway.org).

If you are setting up a particular course or 'practice' for your group, it helps to register. You can then add your members and set up dates. Each member will then get reminders and be able to use personal tools. These include:

- **Spiritual Health Reflection:** a tool you can use at the start of a course or revisit at any time
- **My Rule of Life:** Build your own framework, piece by piece (don't try to do it all at once!).

The free web-based resources for small groups or discipleship communities include:

- **Practising the Way Course:** an 8-session programme looking at building a Rule of Life
- **The Practices:** a series of 4-session courses, looking at the following spiritual disciplines:
  - \* Sabbath, Prayer, Fasting, Solitude, Generosity, Scripture (already available)
  - \* Community, Service, Witness (coming soon)

The above resources have a video for each session, and a companion guide, available to download free as a PDF. You can also print this out, but each document is fairly substantial. For our group, I arranged for the Companion Guide to be printed off commercially, so that we could have personal copies and write in them. I have additional copies available at £4.50 each.

There is yet more material available in the form of **podcasts** (through e.g. Spotify or YouTube), which are additional panel discussion sessions on the main course and the various Practices.

There is also a published book, ***'Practicing the Way: be like Jesus, become like him, do as he did'*** by John Mark Comer, available in hardback and audio versions from Amazon or other suppliers. (Hardback ISBN 0281086672). I recommend this as a place to start.

*Graham Haldane*



## A 'Selah' Psalm

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In our recent series on the Psalms, Sam Cheesman preached on the concept of 'Selah' that is frequently included in individual Psalms. It's not something to be read out loud, but rather a 'stage instruction', which I heard as 'pause here in wonder!'.

Shortly after, I was reading *'Praying like monks, living like fools'*, by Tyler Staton. The chapter on confession reminded me of a time when I first came across Psalm 51 in The Message version, and really felt I could communicate through it with God in a new way. I also remembered this picture of *The Prodigal* by Charles Mackesy (of *The Boy, the Fox, the Mole and the Horse*). It captured the nakedness and brokenness of the runaway son as he is welcomed unconditionally by his father.



© Charles Mackesy

And from all the above, I was then inspired to write this 'Selah' poem.  
When it says 'Selah', just stop and wonder at Father's grace and mercy.

### **I am the Prodigal**

The fig leaves are off,  
No hiding under cloaks of shame.  
He accepts me in all my nakedness.  
He even hugs me ...

*[Selah]*

And I melt,  
My shame dissolves,  
My sins are washed clean,  
I am washed clean  
By my tears  
And his love.

*[Selah]*

And then he feeds me,  
He feasts with me.  
Accepted.  
Loved.  
A child again,  
Unafraid,  
Unguarded,  
Relaxing in my Father's presence.  
  
Home, in His arms.

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## Spiritual myopia

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*Earlier this year, I think it was after one of our 'Without Borders' worship evenings, Clive Watson shared the following spoken word poem. While written in 2012, it seems to convey many of the thoughts that have been shared through our prayer and consultation meetings about not being complacent, and particularly about the need to reach out to all people in our immediate parish.*

We need healing, Lord!  
Our spiritual myopia  
Is eroding our vision  
of a bigger plan.

So the inevitable  
Collision  
Of our church Utopia  
With the limited  
scope it has  
Is making us  
more comfortable  
than we should be.

Our ground is getting smaller,  
So we get a bigger crowd  
but on a smaller space  
And we make the music loud  
enough to drown out the cries  
of the broken  
and the poor.

Bigger congregations  
won't answer segregation.  
Locking ourselves in prayer  
won't show that we care.  
Enjoying when we meet  
won't change the street.  
Becoming more respectable  
won't change the spectacle  
Of communities that need  
Hope infused  
Sin refused  
Tension defused  
Satan confused  
Saints enthused.  
We need healing, Lord.

New eyes to see  
New ears to hear  
That You are here!  
Faith to believe that You win.  
Courage to push the envelope

Until You envelop  
People  
Streets  
Communities  
Towns  
Nations  
Continents  
And turn the world  
Right way up.

We don't need bigger buildings  
We need bigger hearts.  
We don't need to increase our  
capacity for seats,  
We need to increase our capacity  
to love.

We don't need more blessing  
We need to be blessing more.  
We don't need more grace,  
We need to be more gracious.  
We don't need more of God,  
God needs more of us.

There isn't an answer  
around the corner  
We are the answers  
hiding in a corner.  
God doesn't need to fit into our  
plans  
We need to fit into God's  
And His plan is change from the  
inside out.

Hope from the foetus of faith  
To the adulthood of the Kingdom  
Courage that pushes us out  
Birthing pangs that scream a  
declaration  
Through the heavenlies  
HE IS HERE.

God won in the Jerusalem dirt  
When Christ was planted  
Like a seed in the ground  
Beside Golgotha's mound  
And three days later  
The Seed pushed through the  
earth...

The plant has been growing ever  
since  
And we are now  
It's seed  
Called to germinate  
To propagate  
To profligate  
The Gospel.  
  
God wins.

*A spoken word prayer by  
© Malcolm J Duncan  
Shared at Elim Bible Week Ireland in  
June 2012*

# Youth Ministry update

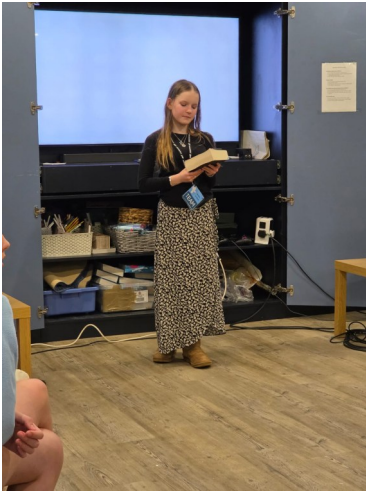


## Youth-led events

St James' Youth recently organised their own worship and teaching events for themselves and their friends.



*Faith to Fight, 2nd March*



*Sisters in Christ, 9th March*

## St James' Church, Clitheroe

### Prayer Calendar: April to May 2025

1

Pray for the **advertising process** for the new Rector, that it will reach and attract the right person.

2

Give thanks for the provision of a **new Rectory**; pray that the purchase will go through smoothly.

3

Pray for our **Pastoral Team**. Pray that they will keep those who are ill or unable to come to church connected in fellowship.

4

Pray for the **Leadership Team and PCC** during the vacancy: for unity and a clear sense of direction from the Holy Spirit.

5

Pray for our **young people**, many of whom are making significant steps of faith. Pray for those who would like to be baptized or confirmed soon.

6

Pray for **those who are new to the church**; pray for good relationships to develop.

7

Give thanks for the **local patronage trustees** and the PCC reps. Pray for wisdom and unity.

8

Spend time **listening** to what God is saying about St James'. Why not share this with [yearofprayer@stjamesclitheroe.co.uk](mailto:yearofprayer@stjamesclitheroe.co.uk)

9

Pray for families, children and young people, that they will be **engaged effectively** in the process of finding a new Rector.

10

Pray for the **shortlisting team**, for wisdom and discernment.

11

Pray for the work of **Ribble Valley Foodbank**. Pray for the appointment of a new manager and for a smooth transition.

12

Pray for the **Teaching Team**. Pray that they will lead services well during the vacancy.

13

Spend time **listening** to what God is saying about St James'. Why not share this with [yearofprayer@stjamesclitheroe.co.uk](mailto:yearofprayer@stjamesclitheroe.co.uk)

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Pray for the **widows ministry at Kings Highway Church**. Pray for protection and provision for the most vulnerable members of society in Eldoret.

15

Pray for **St James' school**; pray that they will feel engaged in the process of recruiting a new Rector.

16

Pray for the work of **Charis Ministries** in Mozambique and Ethiopia. Give thanks for the 10 new houses that were recently built in Bandua.



17	18	19	20
Pray for our <b>Kingdom Kids and Tiddlers</b> leaders, for creativity, wisdom and compassion.	Pray for a good sense of <b>fellowship and church unity</b> in these months of vacancy.	Spend time <b>listening</b> to what God is saying about St James'. Why not share this with <a href="mailto:yearofprayer@stjamesclitheroe.co.uk">yearofprayer@stjamesclitheroe.co.uk</a>	Pray for the work of <b>Good News for Everyone</b> , who have recently distributed New Testaments in Ribblesdale School.

21	22	23	24
Spend some time today praying for <b>peace in regions of conflict</b> around the world, particularly in Ukraine and Gaza.	Pray for <b>Kings Highway Church</b> as we seek to develop and extend the partnership.	Pray for our <b>Outreach</b> as a church to our parish and beyond. Pray that God would shape that and raise up leaders.	Pray for the work of <b>CAP</b> in supporting those struggling with debt. Pray for Matt, our Centre Manager, and for more volunteers.

25	26	27	28
<p>Pray for <b>Gateway Counselling</b>. Pray specifically for more welcomers and for more qualified counsellors so they can expand their provision.</p>	<p>Pray for <b>Helen's work in St James School</b>. Thank God for the good relationships she has; pray for God's favour to be on the school.</p>	<p>Pray for <b>Lucy's work in local secondary schools</b> with often vulnerable children at lunchtimes.</p>	<p>Pray for our <b>small group leaders</b>, as they actively disciple and minister to their groups. Pray for more leaders to rise up</p>

29	30	31	Add further issues
<p>Pray for our <b>Leadership Team and our PCC</b>, that they would be open to God's direction and have wisdom in managing church well.</p>	<p>Pray for Allison, our new <b>Anna Chaplain</b>. Pray that she will develop great relationships across the town with older people.</p>	<p>Spend time <b>listening to</b> what God is saying about St James'. Why not share this with <a href="https://www.yearofprayer@stjamesclitheroe.co.uk">yearofprayer@stjamesclitheroe.co.uk</a></p>	



## The kids are praying too!



Over the last few weeks, the children have been taking inspiration from the prayer heroes in the Old Testament, then praying like Hannah, Elijah and Ezekiel and soon we will be praying like Esther, Daniel and Jesus. As always, I reckon the children have much to teach us about prayer. Last week, inspired by Elijah, they went out on prayer walks in the community and prayed monster prayers for their town. They imagined the unimaginable and prayed it. They prayed for the love of Jesus to fill our schools, care homes and whole town.

### **But what do the children think prayer is? This is what they said!**

- Prayer is worshipping God.
- Prayer is talking to God.
- Prayer is something that you do when you want to ask God to help you with something.
- Prayer is when God hears your prayers and helps you.
- Prayer is speaking to God.
- Prayer is a chat to God.
- Prayer happens when someone who needs help is prayed for.



## When, why and where so the children pray?

- I pray when I'm upset or when I'm thankful for something. I pray when I'm at home, at school and with my family.
- I pray when I go to bed and when I wake up.
- I pray when I have a good night or good day or when I get hurt.
- I pray in my room, at school and in the living room.
- I can pray anytime and anywhere.
- I can pray everywhere, because I want to talk to God.
- I pray in the morning and in the middle of the day and in the afternoon.
- I pray when I need something, like help at school.
- I pray when I need to and whenever I need to.





In August, The Shop of Hope will celebrate 6 years of service! We have survived lockdowns, won two awards, opened our craft workshop and increased the number of local artists and crafters

who sell through the Shop, whilst supporting Fairtrade projects and several charities, local and international. BUT – it is tough for all small retailers on the high street just now, and we need your help!

**Please pray for us** – As a Christian presence in the town centre, we need prayer cover like any other ministry! Hundreds of people have used our prayer box over the years, and New Testaments and “Hope” magazines, can be taken discreetly from our community notices table. We also have the privilege, when the Holy Spirit leads, of offering prayer in the Shop. Most people say yes – some have been back later to tell us God answered those prayers, and to thank us.

**Please buy from us** – We stock a range of Christian cards, books and gifts for all occasions, including The Real Easter Eggs and Advent Calendars, in addition to our wonderful range of ethical products, unique locally made items and cards, and a range of toiletries and soaps.

**Please support us in our fundraising efforts** – We hold a summer social event once a year to support our Crafts for Hope project, and this year we are holding a sponsored walk on **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April** to raise money for some essential repairs and redecoration that are required over the summer. As a Community Interest Company, our profits are all ploughed back into the community as support for our wonderful team of volunteers, maintaining our building and sustaining the Crafts for Hope project, with its emphasis on well-being and social interaction.

**Could you volunteer with us?** We would love to offer more craft sessions, but we need additional volunteer supervisors as well as volunteers to help with the retail side.

**Now for the big request** – Could you become one of our directors to take over from Julie with the finance and stock control when she retires from that role in the autumn? Directors receive no remuneration but there is the opportunity to run your own complementary micro-business in the Shop as Julie and Katy already do.

**Please pray** about all these things and contact Julie if you can help in any way. Thank you!

*CIC no 11388269*

## Personal prayer



# Responsive and Guided Prayer Ministries

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## Responsive Prayer Ministry

Each Sunday, we have a 'Responsive Prayer Ministry' team available to pray with people during or after the services. As the name implies, the main purpose is to help people bring to God any situations or challenges that have been prompted by the Holy Spirit during the worship, teaching or other parts of the service. Praying with someone else can help confirm your decision, for example, to make a change in your life, even to give your life to Jesus, or to accept his help and healing in a particular situation you are facing. This ministry takes place at the back of the main church space, so that it's still taking place in the context of worship, but you don't feel you are being watched by everyone. If it feels too noisy, you can ask those praying to step out into the foyer with you.

It's true both that we already 'have the Holy Spirit' as Christians, and that we can always receive or experience *more* of the Holy Spirit. Let us take every opportunity to give ourselves to him, and to be ministered to through members of his Body, letting his power, grace, encouragement and healing work in and through us.



## **Guided Prayer Ministry**

*Sometimes we really benefit for a longer prayer session than is possible in the context of a service or a small group setting. Our Guided Prayer Ministry team are available for this purpose. They offer a confidential individual session, arranged with two trained facilitators, and sessions can take around 1.5 to 2 hours. It is a time for someone wanting to come before God with the desire to connect with Him in a deeper way, to enhance their walk with Him or to address a specific issue. It is a gentle and honouring process, and deeply personal and individual.*

*The following is an edited testimony from someone who participated in a recent session.*

Participant X came with unresolved family issues, where there had been historical trauma and estrangement, causing friction, dysfunction and pain to all family members. With an aging senior member and care giver, deteriorating behaviour in the care receiver and recent revelation of hidden secrets, X knew they needed to address some things with God and booked an appointment.

Even though X felt that the things they wanted to share were "too much of a burden and there is so much shame" to share with anyone else, they felt safe and accepted enough to bring these things to God with the team members. They went on to say, "The prayer ministry helped me articulate these feelings and to place it all in God's hands and to be helped and witnessed doing this." "It is not easy to speak of such things, but I felt safe in the prayer ministry session, that I wouldn't be dismissed, or for it to become gossip."

Soon after the appointment, X experienced a truly significant breakthrough in their relationship with a key sibling, being reconnected with Y, and being reassured by God of how He has been already working in Y's life and how much they had changed. "It was the best Christmas present I could have received!"

*Janet White, Guided Prayer Ministry Team leader*

# King's Highway Partnership



## Partnering in Prayer

Prayer is the cornerstone of our partnership with King's Highway Church and the life of their church. It was a joy and privilege to spend some time in Eldoret during their month of prayer and fasting. This is something they observe each January as they both re-dedicate their lives to God and seek his face and ways for the coming year. As a pattern a prayer meeting is held each weekday evening in the church building when members of the congregation – generally between 20 and 30 people – gather for an hour to pray. It is a vibrant, lively, and loud experience as vocal exclamations and petitions fill the room. As they were invited each Sunday to participate in the daily prayer meetings, it was done with a simple faith-filled statement – 'come along and you will be blessed'.



The theme for 2025 was the 'Year of Abundant Grace' based on 2 Corinthians 9:8:

*"And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work".*



Our friends at King’s Highway Church encourage us to read it, pray it, memorise it and claim it – just as they did through the month of January. It is noteworthy that for the whole of the first week in January the theme of each of the nightly prayer meetings was simply focus on giving praise, honour and glory to God – bringing our worship, our thankfulness to Him and recognising His sovereignty and kingship in our lives and in the world. It is worth noting that each Sunday, the hour between their first and second services is when they hold their School of Prayer, when they have an hour’s teaching on prayer.



I am reminded also of the time we visited Eunice, a widow, in her home. Surrounded by her three children – aged 8 to 18 - they talked together of their family life and the importance of prayer each day in the home.

Every day the teenage boy, Charles, reads a Bible passage, Purity, the eldest, explains the passage, and Praise, the youngest girl, sings a worship song. They then hold hands and pray together. Eunice works in a school, brings up her three children, and nurtures their faith; she has little time for herself. Yet each evening, she sets her alarm for midnight and wakes so she has some time alone to read the Bible and pray in the quietness of the night whilst her children are sleeping.

The partnership agreement between King’s Highway Church and St James’ centres on prayer. Whilst we pray for each other in our church services and individually in our homes there are two other opportunities we are looking to develop. First, each month we are looking to record a short video for King’s Highway giving them helpful ideas of how they can pray for our church, our community and our country. We are hoping to receive a similar video each month from King’s Highway which we can show in church and share via the usual channels. Second, we are looking to start again a monthly ‘same time’ prayer meeting with King’s Highway Church, probably over the Teams online platform. We are just agreeing with Henry and Fred the best time to do this but keep a look out for further information. And please keep King’s Highway Church in your prayers.

*Sam Johnson, Chair of the KHC/SJC Steering Group*



*Eunice in her home*



**CAP@StJames**

**“A move of God is always preceded by a movement of prayer”**



This phrase has been used by many when encouraging people to pray. We hear how prayer sparks revival, renewal and healing, but do we see it in our lives and communities?

CAP@St James would like to share with you how prayer has been answered recently, to encourage you, as well as share and proclaim the glory and goodness of God.

A dedicated team of volunteers regularly responds in prayer to what is going on in the lives of CAP clients. In many cases the detail of these situations has to be vague due to confidentiality. The truth is that God knows the detail, extent and future of what we are all facing, we are called to bring all things to the Lord in prayer.

*Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with thanksgiving. At the same time pray for us as well that God will open to us a door for the word, that we may declare the mystery of Christ. (Col 4:2-3)*

### **Answered Prayer:**

Clients:

*M&A: Issues with car overcome*

*G: New accommodation & exploring faith*

*D: Accepting prayer*

*E: Exploring faith*

General:

- Clients becoming debt free
- Increase in volunteers
- Connections with wider community
- Increase in client referrals

The power of these prayers is largely from the corporate unity of people coming together to petition in faith and hope.

*All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, **together.***  
(Acts 1:14)

May this article and report encourage you to keep praying, join in corporate prayer, and keep the work of CAP in your prayers.

#### **Prayer points for CAP:**

- Resolution for clients
- Revelation of Christ in the lives of clients
- God's purposes of justice, mercy, grace and peace to breakthrough into the dark places in our community
- The volunteer and support teams
- Plans for reopening a debt centre in Blackburn.

**If you would like to get in touch about getting involved with CAP@St James' please contact the centre manager, Matt.**

**Contact: [matthewwood@capuk.org](mailto:matthewwood@capuk.org) (07860-617992)**

# What's on each week?

## **Sunday**

9.30am

## **Morning Worship**

In person only; St James' Church

## **Sunday**

11.15am

## **Morning Worship**

St James' Church and YouTube

## **Wednesday**

10.30am

## **Wednesday Communion**

St James Church

## **Without Borders**

Worship Night

## **Monday 28th April and Monday 26th May**

7.30pm, St James' Church

## **Kids and**

**Families**

## **Little Fishes: Monday 10.30-12**

Babies 0-12 months

## **Rockin: Tuesday 6pm-7.30pm**

Years 2-6

## **Kingdom Kids: Sundays 9.30am and 11.15am**

0-11 years

## **Forest Church:**

30th March

## **Popcorn:**

18th April and 16th May, 3.30pm

## **Youth**

## **Youth 412: Wednesdays 7pm-9pm**

Discussion, Bible Study and Worship

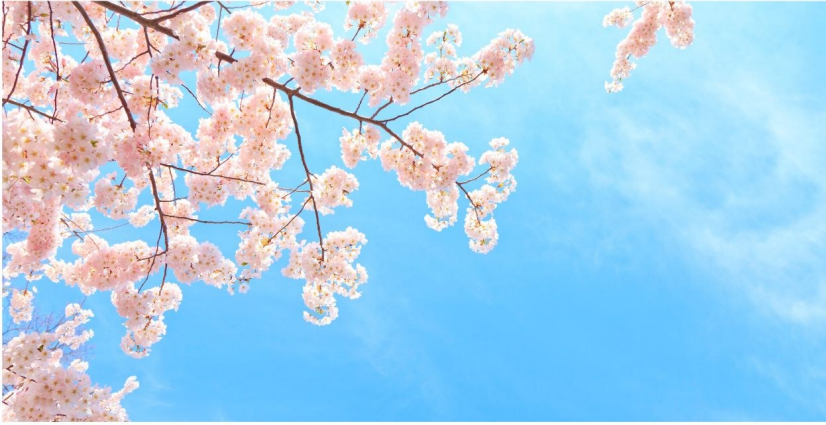
## **Youth Club: Fridays 6.30pm-8.30pm**

Games, snacks and fun

## **Sunday Youth:**

11.15am Service only

[stjamesclitheroe.co.uk](http://stjamesclitheroe.co.uk)



## COMING UP

### APRIL

Sunday 6th: Welcome Lunch

Saturday 12th: Parish Prayer Walk

Sunday 13th: Palm Sunday; Bishop Joe preaching

13th-17th: Holy Week Prayer space

Friday 18th: Good Friday, 10.30am Popcorn, 3pm Hour at the Cross

Sunday 20th: Easter Sunday, Baptism service

### JUNE

28th Love Clitheroe Barbecue

### MAY

Sunday 11th: AGM

Saturday 16th: Social event - TBC

### JULY

12th: Games in the Garden by Kids Council

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## Future issues of Network

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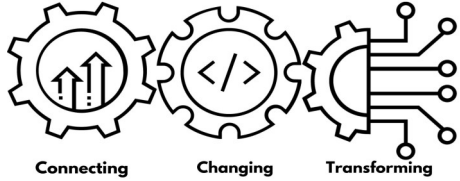
as a Word attachment (.doc), or a plain text (.txt) file. Don't worry about formatting, as we will have to adjust items to fit the page.

**Deadline for Network June/ July 2025: Friday 23 May**

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