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**Rev.'Jonny' Hirst  
Kathryn's Message  
'Off You Fly' Kay Street**

## **REV JONATHAN PHILIP HIRST**

Following the Special Church Members' Meeting on May 14<sup>th</sup>, it was unanimously agreed to offer Rev. Jonny Hirst the position of Associate Minister here at Kay Street and we are delighted that he has accepted. He will be taking up his new role on September 1<sup>st</sup> and his Induction Service has been arranged for **Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm**, here at Kay Street. Further details about this will follow, but do put the date in you diaries now! Please pray for Jonny as he prepares for this change and for Joy and Jemima as they contemplate moving home; that they will be able to sell their house and that they will find one in Rossendale with which they are comfortable.

**Remember the date**

## 'Off you fly Kay Street'

It is always a strange time of year in school heading in towards summer. You begin to reflect on the year that has just gone but at the same time start to meet and think about the children that you will be teaching in the coming year. As children move on from my class I write a report for the parents but I also write a letter to the child, reflecting on each child's interests, their learning and my memories of them from the year, sending them on their way looking to the future and new beginnings. This letter is entitled 'off you fly...', sending them on their way to what is ahead with all the knowledge and support they have received the previous year.

If I were to write a letter reflecting on the last year for Kay Street there have been so many memories and looking forward, many new beginnings.

This year has seen Jess join us as our new family and children's worker, bringing fresh new ideas to this area of church ministry.

We have witnessed baptisms, listening to testimonies of how God has been transforming lives.

As a church we have been reflecting more on discipleship. What it looks like for ourselves as individuals and how it can impact Kay Street as the people of God together.

We have celebrated new babies being born and seen them dedicated to God.

We have welcomed new people into the church family and also lost members of our church family.

As a church we have seen new ministries start, existing ones develop, grow and change and seen some ministries come to a close.

As we look forward to the year ahead there are many exciting things to come. Including welcoming our new

associate minister Rev Jonny Hirst, his wife Joy and little girl Jemima in September.

We pray for God to walk with us in the days that lie ahead, the joy, the laughter, the challenges and the tears. We pray that we would be a church that not just listens to God but also lives out what God is telling us to do: faith and action!

Over the past few months we have focused on the book of James. The section of this book that has resonated with me most is in James 2: faith and action. As we grow in faith we respond with action, it can be a slow and difficult journey BUT it is transformational, as long as we are patient. Action is how we demonstrate our faith; this may involve the testing of our faith and this develops our maturity. Jesus lived out faith in such a way that it turned people's lives around and showed what God is truly like. As we look to the future, may we live in such a way that those around us are impacted by what we believe and may we listen to God's heart for the valley that we live in.

Off you fly Kay Street into God's future.

Kathryn

on behalf of Matt, Jess and the Deacons

### **Children's Clothes Swap**

Saturday 7th July at Kay St, 10-11.30am.

Bring along your children's outgrown or unwanted, good quality and clean clothes, accessories and toys.....and swap them! For more info contact Jess.



## Prayer Points for July/August

### Vision

**Give thanks** for:

increasing opportunities to lead assemblies and lessons in schools and the continued development of Woodlea.

**Please pray** for:

- God to work in the hearts, lives and families of the children reached through Vision's activities.
- The right people to work with the team.
- Strength and energy for the team as they had a busy week of assemblies etc leading up to No Limits recently.
- Increasingly warm and fruitful relationships with the schools and staff.

### CAP

**Give thanks** for:

- CAP clients who have either given their lives to Christ for the first time or returned to God through the work of the debt centre.
- Good relationships with the referring agencies.
- The probability that the Bury debt centre will reopen, with the Ramsbottom clients transferring to Jane.
- New staff at head office, from a new executive leader to new members of the insolvency team.
- A client giving his testimony on Premier Christian Radio.

**Please pray** for:

- Energy and time management for Jane and wisdom in how to prioritise.
- Time and relaxation with her family.

- Clients to engage with the process and stick with it until they become debt free.
- The new staff as head office to work effectively together.
- Ongoing protection and growth in faith for those who have found or rekindled their faith. Pray for them to be accepted in a local church.
- The work of the local job club at St Mary, for clients to find good jobs and for Dorothy as she leads it.

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## Mentoring Update

At the last Inform, Matt mentioned that we were starting to offer mentoring within Kay St. This follows on from our sermon series on discipleship and wanting to see people grow spiritually. A few mentoring relationships have already been successfully set up. The focus of the relationship is mentee led; it may be that you would like to understand the Bible more or you would like to explore prayer in a deeper way. It could be walking through a time in your life with someone beside you to help you understand how God wants you to grow e.g. learning to parent a child or caring for a relative. Each of us is different and mentoring relationships can be variable! However, mentoring relationships are usually short-term and they are not a counselling relationship.

If you would be interested in a mentoring relationship, please speak with **Matt, Michael or Jennifer**. We will match you with a mentor and you can meet up for a first meeting to get to know each other and discuss what you want to explore.

On Saturday 4 August I hope to swim a mile in the River Dee in Chester. This will be my first, and maybe last (!) attempt to do a river swim. Last year I was raising money for a renovation project in the Basque region of northern Spain, at Olabe, with a 10% portion going to BrailleIT in Accrington; and I would like to continue to raise sponsorship for both these projects. When finished Olabe will have a similar ministry to Shekinah with the addition of farm animals and nearby surfing! Already Joseba has been having good contact with local people. For example he wrote, 'Over the last few months, we have struck up a good friendship with Julen, a local 35 year old electrician who has been a God-send to us in many ways. He visits every day and is willing to help us practically on many small projects. He's not a Christian (yet) but he has said that he believes in God.'

Jean



## Church Family News

We rejoiced with **Dee & Steve** and a large congregation as they brought son, **Ethan**, on June 17 for a dedication service. We promised as a fellowship to care, pray for and nurture him and his sister, Erin.

On June 24 we rejoiced again as **Liz** and **Rebecca** were baptised by Matt and Di to witness to their commitment to Jesus.

**Thanks from Jilly** - 'I want to thank all my friends at Kay Street for their love, care and attention and support given after yet another big operation which left me unable to do much for myself. I am on the mend now but so appreciate the cards, flowers, phone calls, visits and meals you have given. It all helped me to feel loved. I'll try not to do anything unwise for at least a year! ! Jilly

**Jason & Dawn** are to be married at St. Peter's Church, Haslingden at 1pm. on Saturday July 7. Jason would be pleased to see Kay Street friends at the ceremony and asks that they take their seats by 12.30pm

**Roland** has been seriously ill in hospital. He is now home and making a good recovery.

**Margaret** is recovering from her knee operation.

**Mary & David** are also unwell.

**Amanda**, after months in hospital, is now well enough to be moved to Accrington Victoria Community Hospital, but is still not able to come home.

Please remember all these in your prayers and include Amanda's son.



## Sunday Worship in July

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**July 1 AM** All age worship  
All age team led by George Kirk

**PM** Communion and Prayer led by Janet Barrie

**July 8 AM Bible Sunday**  
Preacher Hannah Dobbins (Bible Society)  
Coordinator Di Isherwood

**PM** DVD Coordinator Allyson Jump

**July 15 AM** Preacher Mr D Isherwood  
Coordinator David Griffith  
(*James 3:1-12 Taming the tongue*)

**PM** Preacher Mrs D Isherwood

**July 22 AM** Preacher Rev J Prior Coordinator Ian Pickup  
(*James 5 13-20 The prayer of faith*)

**PM** Café Church Coordinator David Griffith

**July 29 AM** Preacher Mr Ian Pickup  
Coordinator Allyson Jump  
(*John 6:35 I am the bread of life*)

**PM** DVD Coordinator David Isherwood

# Sunday Worship in August

**Aug 5 AM** All age worship  
All age team led by Di Isherwood

**PM** Communion and Prayer led by Jim Barrie

**Aug 12 AM** Preacher Mr J Barrie \*\*  
Coordinator Heather Skilling  
(*John 8:12 I am the light of the world*)

**PM** DVD Coordinator Geoff Skilling

**Aug 19 AM** Preacher Rev M Hirst \*\*  
Coordinator Jane Jackson Communion  
(*John 19:9 I am the door of the sheep*)

**PM** Preacher Mrs J Barrie

**Aug 26 AM** Preacher Mr T Elkington \*\*  
Coordinator Di Isherwood  
(*John 10:11 I am the Good Shepherd*)

**PM** Café Church Coordinator Rev M Hirst

\*\* denotes that when children leave they will all be meeting together downstairs'

**Malcolm** writes – Thank you to everyone who bought the prayer guides and came to the prayer meetings during Ramadan. Look out for notices about the prayer meeting at Haslingden Christian Fellowship on the last Friday of most months'

## Diary for July & August

Sat July 7	Asda Prayer Meeting 8am. Children's Clothes Swap (see page 4) Torch Fellowship 2pm
Sun July 8	Visit to Holme Manor
Sat July 14	CAP event
Mon July 16	Church Members' Meeting
Sat July 21	Prayer Walk 4pm.
Mon July 23	Church Prayer Meeting
Sat July 28	Striders' Monthly Walk- Gisburn app.5m.
Sun July 29	Visit to Cherry Tree Lodge
Sat Aug 4	Asda Prayer Meeting 8am. Torch Fellowship 2pm.
Sun Aug 12	Visit to Holme Manor
Sat Aug 18	Prayer Walk 4pm.
Sat Aug 25	Striders' Walk – Brierfield to Wheatley 7miles
Sun Aug 26	Visit to Cherry Tree Lodge
Mon Aug 27	Church Prayer Meeting

### Coming in September

Coffee Morning on Friday September 28th,  
10 a.m. to 12 noon.  
Come and enjoy coffee and cake,  
helping Macmillan Cancer Support.

**Please note that material for the September issue should  
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by August 17 for publication on August 27.**