

StreetLight Prayer Update April 2026 – Stepping Back to See Clearly

“Supporting people, sharing Jesus, changing lives”

 **Hello Friends, Supporters & Prayer Warriors,**

It's been a couple of months since our last update, and in that time, we've really sensed God inviting us not just into doing more but into *seeing more clearly*.

This season has been one of stepping back, reflecting, and seeking God's heart again for StreetLight what He is building, and how we faithfully join Him in it.

A Time to Pause: Learning from Nehemiah

Recently, Steven has been teaching through the book of Nehemiah, and it has been deeply shaping how I've been thinking and praying.

One moment that has particularly stayed with me is when Nehemiah hears about the broken walls of Jerusalem:

“When I heard these things, I sat down and wept... For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven.” (Nehemiah 1:4)

Before Nehemiah *builds*, he *pauses*.
Before he *acts*, he *prays*.

That has really challenged me.

In the busyness of running a centre, it can be easy to keep building, keep planning, keep moving but God has been gently encouraging me to step back and ask:

**What is Your vision for StreetLight?
Where are You leading us next?**

This has stirred a deeper dedication in me to pray not just for the centre, but for our town and our nation trusting in God's faithfulness and His perfect timing.

Growing Ministry: With Purpose

There's so much encouragement in what's happening day to day.

Vicky's groups continue to go from strength to strength, and we're currently exploring the implementation of:

- SEN-focused groups
- Home education groups
- Toddler skating sessions

It's exciting to see these opportunities opening up, but also a reminder that growth needs to be stewarded wisely.

Financially and spiritually, StreetLight is growing well which we are so thankful for but we're very aware of the importance of continuing to make decisions that:

- allow for *sustainable growth*
 - keep *ministry first and foremost*
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Youth Club; A Lovely Challenge

Youth Club has been such a delight over these past months.

We're now regularly seeing numbers close to **30 young people**, which is currently our capacity.

That brings a new question for us:
What next?

It's a *lovely problem to have* and such a joy to see these young people forming real community, encouraging one another, and growing together.

But it also means we're prayerfully considering how we adapt and create space for more, without losing what makes it so special.

Community: Getting Stronger and Deeper

One of the most encouraging things for me personally has been seeing **community at StreetLight continue to grow and deepen**.

A recent highlight was our **Skate Jam** a free event where:

- Vicky ran arts & crafts in the café
- There were games like Connect 4 and Mario Kart
- We hosted skate competitions and challenges

Despite the *very hot* weather, we had a fantastic turnout, and it was such a picture of what StreetLight is about bringing people together in joy, creativity, and connection.

A Vision Emerging: Creating Space for Young People

Something that has really been laid on my heart is the idea of developing a **dedicated youth space** whether that's:

- a garden area
- or a youth room within the centre

The heart behind this is simple:

- to create space for young people who don't skate
- to provide somewhere for homework, after-school time, or simply to *be*
- to make StreetLight even more accessible
- and ultimately, to create more opportunities for relationship and ministry

Because StreetLight isn't just about activities it's about **people encountering Jesus**.

As this vision develops, we'll definitely be inviting you to stand with us in prayer (and potentially support) as we explore what this could look like.

God's Provision: Answered Prayer

In our last update, we mentioned plans to launch a crowdfunder for a Nintendo Switch and projector.

But God had other plans.

On the very same Sunday we visited St John's, we were *unexpectedly and generously given* all the money needed and more.

It was such a powerful reminder of God's provision and timing.

We've also seen answered prayer in staffing:

- A new **Administrator / Café Assistant**
- A **Party Host**

Both have been such a blessing, and we're incredibly grateful.

God is Moving

One of the most encouraging things right now is seeing what God is doing *beyond* StreetLight too.

This past Sunday, I had the privilege of witnessing **four baptisms** at St John's from our Soul Group.

The week before, Simon who volunteers with us was baptised at The Lantern, with over 300 people attending.

There are more people already waiting or eager to be baptised.

It's incredible.

God is moving especially among young people and it's a privilege to witness it.

A Heartfelt Prayer

My prayer in this season is simple:

- That we would all know **God's love more deeply**
- That we would **trust His plan** for our lives
- That we would be **bold in reaching out** to friends and family

Because StreetLight is not just a building.

It's a **mission**.

At its core, it's simply believers wanting to share Jesus with those who don't yet know Him and that's something we are *all* called into.

My hope is that as you read these updates, you feel encouraged to step into that calling too.

Prayer Points

Please Give Thanks For:

- God's continued faithfulness and guidance
- Growing community and deeper relationships
- Youth Club and the young people attending
- Provision of new staff and resources
- Opportunities to witness baptisms and life change

Please Pray For:

- Clarity and wisdom as we seek God's vision for StreetLight
- Discernment around new groups and future growth
- Next steps for Youth Club capacity
- Development of a youth space
- Continued unity and spiritual depth across the team
- Boldness for all of us in sharing Jesus

A Final Word

As in Nehemiah's story, we're reminded that God's work isn't rushed it's *prayed into, discerned, and then built faithfully*.

We're so grateful to be on this journey with you.

Thank you for praying, supporting, and standing with StreetLight.

Many blessings,
James, Vicky & the Trustees
StreetLight Community Hub

