

## What's on in January?

4 Thurs	8.00pm	Church Council
7 Sun	10.30am	Communion Service
11 Thurs	6.45pm	Thursday Fellowship
14 Sun	10.30am	Worship Service
16 Tues		<b>Good News for Swindon Prayer Meeting</b>
	7.00pm	Doors open
	7.30pm	Start
18 Thurs	8.00pm	Worship & Leaders Meeting In Room 1
21 Sun	10.30am	Worship Service
23 Tues	7.30pm	Home Group at Keith T's
25 Thurs	6.45pm	Thursday Fellowship
	8.00pm	Prayer Meeting
28 Sun	10.30am	Worship Service
	3.30pm	Messy Church at St. John's Church Parks

For home group dates not listed please speak to your home group to find out when your group is restarting.

## Relationships and Sex Education Consultation

From Care: 'In December the Government published an 8 week consultation on the teaching of Relationships and Sex Education in England. This follows a vote in March in which Parliament decided to make relationships education mandatory for all children in England from 5 years of age without a parental right of withdrawal; a change that requires further legislation before it can come into effect. This is a crucial consultation which has two parts: one for adults, the other for young people. **We will provide you with a supporter briefing to help you respond in the New Year.** The deadline for making a submission is 11.59 pm on 12 February. For more information: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/changes-to-teaching-of-sex-and-relationship-education-and-pshe>

Jan	Worship	Preach	PA	Lap Top	Set-Up	Refreshments	Welcome	Duty Person
7	Susan	Keith	Keith T	Ruth	Keith T Matthew	Ruth, Amy, Jenny	Liz	Keith T
14	Maureen	Susan	Matthew	Howard	David W Keith S	David, Kirit, Gill	Ruth	Keith S
21	Rachel	Frank	Keith T	Kirit	Howard Simon	Crispian, Jenny	Amy	Howard
28	Christine	Stephen	Matthew	Jenny	Jenny Matthew	Howard, Lillieth		Jenny
Feb 4th	Rachel	Keith	Keith T	Ruth	Keith T David W	David, Kirit, Gill	Liz	Keith T

## February 2018

1 Thurs	8.00pm	Church Council
4 Sun	10.30am	Communion Service
8 Thurs	8.00pm	Prayer Meeting
13 Tues		Shrove Tuesday
14 Wed		Ash Wednesday
18 Sun		First Sunday in Lent
22 Thurs	8.00pm	Church Meeting
25 Sun	3.30pm	Messy Church at St. John's

## Lawn Community Church Leadership

Susan & Keith Saunders ☎ 346179  
Frank & Rachel Hudd ☎ 529818  
Susan's Day off: Saturday

## LCC Prayer Diary & News Sheet Deadline: Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December

If you would like a prayer request included in our Prayer Diary please contact Derek Owen. For contributions for the Monthly News Sheet please send it to the editor:

[editor4lccns@gmail.com](mailto:editor4lccns@gmail.com)



## Advance notice:

The Lawn community News sheet this year will have a combine issue for July and August.

*For we live by faith,  
not by sight. 2 Cor 5:7*



# Lawn Community Church 2018

*Making Jesus known in Lawn & ... beyond*

## January

# Welcome

[www.lawncommunitychurch.org.uk](http://www.lawncommunitychurch.org.uk)

We'd love you to begin to feel part of our Church Community on Sundays and during the week. To find out more look at our website, facebook page or notice table. Feel free to ask any questions.

## Sunday Services

10.30am at Lawn Community Centre

# Ephesians

**Communion** 7<sup>th</sup>  
**Introduction to Ephesians 1** 21<sup>st</sup>

**Led by**  
Susan Saunders  
**Peaching**  
Keith Saunders

**Introduction to Ephesians 2** 28<sup>th</sup>  
**Led by**  
Maureen Iles  
**Preaching**  
Susan Saunders

**Led by**  
Rachel Hudd  
**Preaching**  
Frank Hudd

**Led by**  
Christine Brooke  
**Preaching**  
Stephen Brooke



## New Sermon Series Ephesians

Starting on 14<sup>th</sup> January

There are seven sessions in this series, a introduction followed by six parts. The final two parts sessions will be presented after Lent on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> of April.

**Messy Church  
at St John's  
3.30pm**

## Prayer Meeting at Lydiard

Prayer meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> of January in Room 1 is postponed; we are invited to the Prayer Meeting at:

**Lydiard Millicent Church of England Primary School,**

The Butts, Lydiard Millicent, Swindon, SN5 3LR.

**on Tuesday the 16<sup>th</sup> January**

Doors open from 7.00pm

Meeting will start at 7.30pm and finish by 9pm approx.

Organised by Good News for Swindon.

**MAP** web link to Google map of Lydiard, web link will also be emailed out with LCC update.

For more information see December news sheet, available on our website if you have mislaid your copy. If you would like a lift please speak to Susan Saunders.

## Prayer Meeting

Thursday 8pm, 25<sup>th</sup> January.  
in Room 1



## Communion Service

Sunday 10.30am  
4<sup>th</sup> February

**Led by Rachel Hudd  
Preaching Keith Saunders**



## Volunteer with Swindon Carers Centre

‘Improving Quality of Life for Carers Since 1997’

Do you have a few hours to spare? Would you like to work with a unique group of people? Swindon Carers Centre is a local charity supporting unpaid carers of all ages. This could be to have a break from the demands of their caring role or to access information and guidance. Swindon Carers Centre are currently supporting over 4093 unpaid carers in Swindon

Three in five people will be carers at some point in their lives. By 2030, the number of carers will increase by 3.4 million. Carers save the UK economy £132bn a year.

A Carer is a person who provides **unpaid** support to a family member, partner or friend who would otherwise be unable to manage without this support due to illness, frailty, physical or learning disability, mental ill-health or substance misuse.

We have a variety of volunteering opportunities across all areas of our work to suit everyone including supporting our Dementia Peer Support Groups, Admin, Benefits Advice, Young Carer Groups & Activities, Counsellors and mini bus drivers.

For more information call Julie Collar – Volunteer & Outreach Coordinator on 01793 531133 or look at our website <http://www.swindoncarers.org.uk/get-involved/volunteers/>

### Quote

‘We have worked, we have even worked hard; but the question comes to us – what have we worked for? Who has been our master? With what object have we toiled?’ (Charles Haddon Spurgeon – Baptist preacher 1834-92)

### From our Finance Director

The Treasurer would like to thank you for your gifts towards the work of the church during the month of November 2017.

Total gifts received:

£2,202.46.

Monthly Mission - giving to charities we

£127	Baptist Missionary Society
£170	Baptist Home Mission Fund
£122.50	Willows Trust
£122.50	Swindon Youth for Christ
£56.50	Educación Plus
£25	Swindon X:site Project

If anyone would like to make a financial gift towards the work of the church, there is an offertory box on the table near the notice board or speak to our Treasurer Howard Patterson. For information about Gift Aid, please speak to Jenny Garth.

## Happy Birthday

1<sup>st</sup> Georgina  
2<sup>nd</sup> Susan & Imogen  
Saunders  
4<sup>th</sup> Gary  
20<sup>th</sup> Jean Batchelor  
24<sup>th</sup> John Puttock  
26<sup>th</sup> Keith Tredget  
& Jean Skerten  
27<sup>th</sup> Derek Owen



## Happy Anniversary

29<sup>th</sup> Gill & John  
Mckinnon

Grow  
in Christ

### Area of our Community:

Pray for Lawn Community Centre, for the committee, volunteers and the many groups that meet there; that they may attract new people and the groups are successful.

God is  
our Father

Four regular prayer themes  
in each LCC monthly news sheet:

God is  
our Protector

### People within LCC:

Please for people who work within our fellowship that they may be a beacon of light in their work place.

Please continue to pray for our older folk  
Liz, Georgina, Tich, Mary, Derek and  
Dorothy.

### Organisation or ministry we support:

Christmas Care: Thank God for another successful year. Please prayer for the people who attended that may hold on the hope and comfort they gained through Christmas Care and find more purpose in their life.

## Time for prayer

Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere. Eph 6:18 (NLT)

- On your own, use a prayer diary or in the week in 2's or 3's.
- After or before the service, in Home Groups or at Prayer meetings on the second and fourth Thursday of the month in Room 1.
- If anyone has any pastoral concerns or needs to speak or pray with someone please contact one of our Elders.

## Prayer Suggestions for specific days from Care's prayer diary for December

Paper copies ☎020 72330455 [www.care.org.uk](http://www.care.org.uk) [www.twitter.com/careprayerdiary](http://www.twitter.com/careprayerdiary)

**Lord, we commit our lives to You afresh as we look ahead into 2018. You know everything that lies ahead so please renew our faith in You, restore our strength to serve You, and rekindle our love to delight in You. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

### Mon 1st NEW YEAR'S DAY

Thank God for the blessing of fruitful and rewarding work, both through paid employment and other duties and responsibilities. Pray for those who will embark upon something new in the coming year and ask for God's protection and blessing upon their activities.

**Tues 2<sup>nd</sup>** Pray for Christians who are unsure how best to share their faith openly at work, particularly in the public sector: that God's love and truth would shine through their lives. Ask Him to give special wisdom, grace and integrity if an employer expects them to act in ways that compromise their beliefs.

**Wed 3<sup>rd</sup>** Thank You for the work of Christian chaplains. May they continue to have freedom to share the gospel sensitively and offer support in universities and schools, the armed forces, hospitals, transport, industry, business and other professional and work environments. Amen.

*'Never let loyalty and kindness leave you ... Write them deep within your heart. Then you will find favour with both God and people and earn a good reputation. Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show which path to take. Proverbs 3: 3- 7 (NLT)*

## A New Year's Poem for Christians

Instead of making a  
New Year's resolution,  
consider committing to a  
biblical solution.

Your promises are easily  
broken,  
empty words,  
though earnestly spoken.

But God's Word  
transforms the soul  
By His Holy Spirit  
making you whole  
As you spend time  
alone with Him  
He will change you  
from within.

By Mary Fairchild

<https://www.thoughtco.com/prayerful-christian-new-years-poems-701098>