

## What's on in February?

1 Thurs	8.00pm	Church Council
4 Sun	10.30am	Communion Service
8 Thurs	6.45pm	Thursday Fellowship
	8.00pm	Prayer Meeting
11 Sun	10.30am	Worship Service
13 Tues		Shrove Tuesday
14 Wed		Ash Wednesday
18 Sun	10.30am	Worship Service
22 Thurs	6.45pm	Thursday Fellowship
	8.00pm	Church Members' Meeting
25 Sun	10.30am	Worship Service
	3.30pm	Messy Church at St. John's Church Parks

## March 2018

1 Thurs	8.00pm	Church Council
4 Sun	10.30am	Communion Service
8 Thurs	8.00pm	Prayer Meeting
11 Sun	10.30pm	Worship service
		Mothering Sunday
18 Sun	10.30am	Worship Service
22 Thurs	8.00pm	Prayer Meeting
25 Sun	10.30am	Palm Sunday
	3.30pm	Messy Church at St. John's

## Lenten Quiet Day at Harnhill 1<sup>st</sup> March

10 am to 4 pm Thursday, Led by Maureen Stringer  
Lent gives us an opportunity to pause, reflect and prepare for Easter. Reflection on questions Jesus asked like 'Who do you say I am?', and questions that need an answer, 'Who is this?'  
Cost: £35, to include lunch. To book a place ☎ 01285 850283

*What are you giving to Jesus this Lent?*

## ROMANS FOR TODAY Lent reflections 2018

*for the Old Town Partnership of Swindon,*

Romans is arguably the most influential letter the world has ever seen – really! The great theologian Karl Barth called it 'the clearest gospel of all', but for many readers it is anything but clear. In our time together we will hope to unlock its profound and wonderful teaching, and to see how relevant it is to today's church and world – really!

**About David Wenham:** David taught in India for 5 years; directed research project at Tyndale House in Cambridge; spent 24 years at Wycliffe Hall, Anglican Theological College, Oxford (six years also doing house for duty in a rural benefice); then to Trinity College in Bristol, before retiring. He still does some teaching at Wycliffe Hall and Trinity College, Bristol. David has written various books on Jesus' parables, but particularly on Paul and Jesus. He is married to Clare, they have two sons, married & six grandchildren. He is quite heavily involved in a housing estate church on the West edge of Oxford. David taught the book of Romans recently at the Bible College in Zimbabwe.

### Five weeks

Led by the Revd Dr David Wenham  
At Christ Church Swindon  
7.30pm – 9.15pm

**Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Feb** What's Romans all about, and why it is important to us? (ch 1 and 15, also a look at ch 9-11)

**Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Feb** What's wrong with the world? Diagnosing the human problem (ch 1-3:20)

**Weds 7<sup>th</sup> Mar** Amazing grace: making sense of the cross (ch 3:21-5)

**Weds 14<sup>th</sup> Mar** New life for humanity and all creation (ch 6-8)

**Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Mar** Being a Christian in the real world (ch 12-15)

Feb	Worship	Preach	PA	Lap Top	Set-Up	Refreshments	Welcome	Duty Person
4	Rachel	Keith	Keith T	Ruth	Keith T David W	David, Kirit, Gill	Liz	Keith T
11	Susan	Frank	Matthew	Howard	Howard Simon	Ruth, Amy, Jenny	Ruth	Howard
18	Christine	Stephen	Matthew	Kirit	Jenny Keith S	Howard Lillieth	Amy	Keith S
25	Susan	Keith	Keith T	Ruth	Keith T David W	David, Kirit, Gill		Keith T
Mar 4 <sup>th</sup>	Christine	Stephen	Keith T	Jenny	Howard Matthew	Crispian Jenny	Liz	Howard



# Lawn Community Church 2018

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

## February

# 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 & Lent

**Ephesians 3**

4th

**Led by**

Rachel Hudd  
**Peaching**  
Keith Saunders

**Ephesians 4**

11th

**Led by**

Susan Saunders  
**Preaching**  
Frank Hudd

**Lent 1**

18th

**Led by**

Christine Brooke  
**Preaching**  
Stephen Brooke

**Lent 2**

25th

**Led by**

Susan Saunders  
**Preaching**  
Keith Saunders

### Communion



### Sermon Series on Ephesians

Continuing after Lent

The two remaining sessions in this series, 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**

**Reflection:** *Let us remember we are not living in the past or the future, but here and now today; to be ourselves living to what God wants us to be; not what other people expect us to be.*

### Home groups

Please speak to your home group to find meetings as they were not known at time of printing.

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. **Eph 1: 3**

### Prayer Meeting

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



### Church Members' Meeting

8pm Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February in Room 1

If you are unable to make it, please give your apology to Jenny Garth or Keith Saunders.

### Communion Service

Sunday 10.30am 4<sup>th</sup> March  
**Led by** Christine Brooke  
**Preaching** Stephen Brooke



# RENEW

New centre for creativity in Old Town

Renew, the new Men in Sheds project for Swindon, which is part of the same charity that runs Swindon Foodbank has now opened a centre of creativity in Victoria Road, Old Town with space for a wealth of home-made gifts, furniture made and upcycled up the 'shedders' and workshops for all ages starting over the next few weeks in upcycling, re-upholstery and other crafts, including cooking.

The project itself aims to relieve social isolation and loneliness, help promote health and well-being and create community. The focus is on men's wellbeing and sharing skills but is open to all. They encourage people from all walks of life and all parts of the community to have a good time together and work on projects for the community and themselves.

The 'shed' hosts their wood workshop in Park South which opens on a Tuesday from 12 – 4pm. The new centre which even features a full size shed inside made by John McKinnon, with a church pew donated by Christchurch – is already proving popular with upholstery courses for the public running 3 times a day on Wednesdays and an upholstery course for the shedders started last week.

They also aim to provide an affordable space and creative outlet for artists and crafters to teach and sell their products and give opportunities for school aged entrepreneurs to learn skills then sell them in the shop.



"We have been overwhelmed by the way the community have come together to open the centre. Organisations, churches, businesses and individuals have all donated their time and materials" said Dawn Prosser, part of the Development team for the project. "We look forward to becoming a centre for creativity and community, a place to pass on skills as well as provide opportunities for people to engage in activities that help people remain, physically, mentally and socially active.

If you think you can help, know someone who might like to be involved, or have a donation that may help, please ring 07954 331074. As well as older men and crafters wanting to grow their business, they are looking for furniture donations they can sell to keep the project going, quality pieces of wooden furniture that could be used for restoration and upcycling, tools, fabric for reupholstering, primer, timber, pallets and fixings plus an area to store wood. For more information on the Renew project and a full list of workshops and activities, please look at their Facebook page, Renewswindon.

For more information, please contact Dawn Prosser on 07544 540476.

## From our Finance Director

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

Total gifts received: £2,202.46.

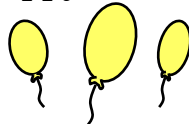
£20 BMS Birthday Scheme      £100.50 Christmas Project

### Monthly Mission - giving to charities we support:

£127 Baptist Missionary society      £122.50 Swindon Youth  
 £170 Baptist Home Mission Fund      for Christ  
 £122.50 Willows Trust      £56.50 Educaci3n Plus

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



3<sup>rd</sup> Dorothy Hudgson  
 4<sup>th</sup> Gill Patel  
 12<sup>th</sup> Crispian Gareth  
 16<sup>th</sup> Howard Patterson  
 26<sup>th</sup> Aaron Patterson  
 27<sup>th</sup> Kathryn Paterson



## Happy Anniversary

25<sup>th</sup> Amy & Gary

### Area of our Community:

Pray for the Messy Church at Parks that the leadership team may know God's leading and be blessed through their outreach work and that strong relationships may develop with those they have contact with.

### An aspect of LCC life:

Pray for LCC as various changes happen within our church as we move forward with a new leadership team; pray for clear concise communication, gifting and skills to develop and new ones to be discovered.

God is our Fortress

Four regular prayer themes in each LCC monthly news sheet:

God is our Renewer

### Organisation or ministry we support:

Pray for Willows as they seek to support many people through counselling; for guidance and wisdom as they make plans for the coming year; for sufficient funds, counsellors, volunteers and resources to do all the work required.

### People within LCC:

Please pray for Howard, Lillieth, Aaron, Kathryn and their wider family following the death of Howard's Father.

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

## Time for prayer

- 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 February

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

The LORD detests the use of dishonest scales, but He delights in accurate weights ... Those who oppress the poor insult their Maker; but helping the poor honours Him.' *Proverbs 11:1, 14:31 (NLT)*

### Safer Internet Day

Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Ask God to inspire those in government, the communications industry and organisations seeking to protect vulnerable children and adults online – as today hundreds of organisations across the UK will unite to consider ways 'to use technology responsibly, respectfully, critically and creatively'.

### Fair trade Fortnight 26 February – 11 March

Sun 25<sup>th</sup> Heavenly Father, please prosper people who conduct their business with integrity and treat their workers honourably. May those who are dishonest and exploit others be found out, brought to justice and where possible, make amends. Amen.

Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Pray that Fairtrade Fortnight will inspire millions of people around the world to choose the Fairtrade option and buy one of 4,500 products with the Fairtrade Foundation mark that are available: coffee, tea, chocolate, gold, cotton, flowers, sugar and other products.

Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Lord, we pray for the success of international efforts to improve the pay and appalling working conditions for some gold miners, and to stop the 'blood diamonds' trade that finances violence and conflict. May more retailers choose to sell free trade gold and jewellery, and may people increasingly buy them. Amen.

## Lawn Community Church Leadership

Susan & Keith Saunders

☎ 346179

Frank & Rachel Hudd

☎ 529818

Susan's, Rachel's and Frank's

Day off: Saturday

## LCC Prayer Diary & News Sheet Deadline: Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February

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)

## Fair Trade

There are 1,226 Fair trade producer organisations, in 74 countries employing 1.74 million farmers and workers. On top of a fair wage these communities receive a premium payment to invest in education, health and other important services.

From Care Prayer Diary Feb 2018