

## What's on in March?

1 Thurs	8.00pm	Church Council
4 Sun	10.30am	Communion Service
6 Tues	7.30pm	Home Group at Keith's
8 Thurs	6.45pm	Thursday Fellowship
	8.00pm	Prayer Meeting
11 Sun	10.30am	Worship Service
		Mothering Sunday
18 Sun	10.30am	Worship Service
20 Tues	7.30pm	Home Group at Keith's
22 Thurs	6.45pm	Thursday Fellowship
	8.00pm	<b>Special Members' Meeting</b>
25 Sun	10.30am	Worship Service
		<b>Visiting speaker: Russ Howell</b>
	1.00pm	Bring & Share Lunch
	3.30pm	Messy Church at St. John's Church Parks

## From our Finance Director

The Treasurer would like to thank you for your gifts towards the work of the church during the month of January 2018.

**Total gifts received:** £1,969.41

£15 BMS Birthday Scheme

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

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

## April 2018

1 Sun	10.30am	Communion Service
5 Thurs	8.00pm	Church Council
12 Thurs	8.00pm	Prayer Meeting
26 Thurs	8.00pm	Church Members' Meeting
29 Sun	10.30am	Visiting preacher Alisdair Longwill

## Russ and Lesley Howell

Russ was the Pastor of Hoole Baptist Church (HBC) from 1977 to 1990 since then both Russ and Lesley have been exercising an apostolic ministry with HBC as their base and home church.

They work with churches and church leaders from a number of different denominations to bring teaching and support with a specific prophetic edge. They live in Pantymwyn near Mold. Their home is a place where people come to see them and where they run short courses.

We first met Russ and Lesley in 1997 when he led several church weekends for us. In addition to their ministry to the whole church, several of our fellowship have benefitted from input from Russ and Lesley often at their cottage on 'prophetic' based weekends.



**Open Doors**

60 years of serving persecuted Christians

You may like to receive [regular news](#) from Open Doors. They work in over 50 countries, supplying Bibles, training church leaders, providing practical support and emergency relief, and supporting Christians who suffer for their faith.



# Lawn Community Church

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

2018  
March

## 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

**Lent 3**

4th

**Led by**

Christine Brooke

**Peaching**

Stephen Brooke

**Lent 4**

11th

**Led by**

Rachel Hudd

**Preaching**

Susan Saunders

**Lent 5**

18th

**Led by**

Susan Saunders

**Preaching**

Frank Hudd

**Communion**



**Ephesians**

**Sermon Series**

Continuing after Lent on the 15th and 22nd of April.

**Lent course - Theme: Romans**

Led by the Revd Dr David Wenham

Wednesdays 7.30pm – 9.15pm at Christ Church Swindon

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

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

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

# Lent

**Palm Sunday Lent 6**

25th

**Led by** Rachel Hudd  
**Preaching** Russ Howell

*Followed by a*

**Bring And Share Lunch**

providing an opportunity to meet Russ and Lesley Howell and we will helping **Maureen and John Iles** celebrate their

**50th Wedding Anniversary**

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

## Easter Cards

are being produced to deliver to every house in Lawn; volunteers are required to deliver the cards. Nearer Easter they will be on the notice table.

## Prayer Meeting

Thursday 8pm,  
8<sup>th</sup> March.

In Room 1

*This will be a soaking session, please bring something to make yourself comfortable.*



## Maundy Thursday Communion

8pm, 29<sup>th</sup> March in Room 1



March	Worship	Preach	PA	Lap Top	Set-Up	Refreshments	Welcome	Duty Person
4	Christine	Stephen	Keith T	Jenny	Howard Matthew	Crispian Jenny	Liz	Howard
11	Rachel	Susan	Matthew	Howard	Howard Simon	Howard Lillieith	Ruth	Jenny
18	Susan	Frank	Matthew	Kirit	Keith S Keith T	Ruth Amy Jenny	Amy	Keith S
25	Rachel	<b>Russ Howell</b>	Keith T	Ruth	Stephen David W	David Kirit Gill		Keith T
April 1	Susan	Keith	Keith T	Jenny	Howard Matthew	Crispian Jenny	Liz	Howard

## Communion Service

Sunday 10.30am 1<sup>st</sup> April  
**Led by** Susan Saunders  
**Preaching** Keith Saunders



## Next Church Members' Meeting

8pm Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April in Room 1

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



A PRACTICAL CHRISTIAN RESPONSE TO PORNOGRAPHY FOR ALL LEADERS

On 27th January 2018 Frank and Rachel attended the P conference.

P stands for pornography. The conference was organised through a partnership between CARE and the NAKED TRUTH PROJECT; it happened in four locations around United Kingdom: London, Glasgow, Belfast and Cardiff. Online pornography has created a huge problem for our Churches and Communities. It deeply affects men, women and children physically, emotionally, relationally and spiritually.

The purpose of the conference was to equip leaders with a practical and pastoral response to the issue of pornography. It featured a variety of short talks from a range of experts including personal testimonies of freedom; a powerful time of praise, worship and prayer; hearing about the social costs of pornography and about practical tools that can be used to address it within the Church and Communities.

If you would like to know more about this topic or seek some help, please feel free to come and talk to Frank and Rachel Hudd.

**LUKE 4 v 18-19 - Jesus said:**

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour."

**Happy Birthday**

- 12<sup>th</sup> Mary Pryor
- 16<sup>th</sup> Christopher Williams
- 20<sup>th</sup> Lillieth Patterson
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Joy Compton
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Rachel Patel
- 26<sup>th</sup> Amy

**Happy Anniversary**



6<sup>th</sup> Maureen & John Iles

**Wanted by**



Swindon Youth for Christ is asking for 'likes' to promote its Face book page.



**Swindon's Foodbank**

offers food parcels and advice to Swindon's people, during crises. The project has seven Distribution Centres where volunteers welcome guests who bring vouchers from external agencies. Vouchers can be obtained from 193 different agencies, including Doctors Surgeries, Churches, Schools, Colleges, SBC, CAB, Threshold Housing Link, Probation, GWH, Department of Work & Pensions.

Boxes of food are issued to suit their family size with toiletries & extra goodies that have been donated such as luxury items, chocolate, bread, vegetables & eggs. The centres offer a safe place to talk about their problems over a cup of tea or coffee; they can be signposted onto professional services to tackle the root cause of their crisis such as with benefit issues or debt.

Swindon Foodbank relies on the generosity of Swindon's communities for the items they distribute. In 2017, we helped 3,103 adults & 1,836 children; 60,466 tonnes were distributed; each food box supplies a minimum of 3 meals for 3 days, equal to over 54,545 meals being provided. Our warehouse is at The Bible Society, Westlea. Food is weighed in & weighed out once packed in boxes. On Thursday & Friday mornings between 10am & 12 noon a team of dedicated volunteers come to sort donations & pack food parcels ready for distribution. Sometimes they sort over 2 tonnes of food & pick between 60 & 70 boxes.

Swindon Foodbank costs £60,000 annually; we need to raise essential funds in order to sustain the core operations. Costs include salaries of full time manager & part-time deputy manager; warehouse lease, running costs for 2 vehicles; charities' business, content/assets, public liability, employers & trustee indemnity insurances; all the administration needs: stationary, wifi/internet, phones etc. Currently Swindon Foodbank does not have enough money to see through 2018 so all donations made payable to Swindon Foodbank would be very welcome especially if they are Gift Aided. We are in great need of increased regular income through standing orders. We hope to encourage people to give a small amount - £10 (the cost of a coffee a week each month). This will enable us to budget better knowing amount income each month.

**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 worship team 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 Defender

Four regular prayer themes in each LCC monthly news sheet:

God is our Father

**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 Maureen and John Iles as they travel to see their son and meet up with some friends.

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

**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> March**

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)

**Big Church Day Out 2018**

26<sup>th</sup> -27<sup>th</sup> May – We are invited to join Good news for Swindon to go to the UK's largest non-denomination gathering at Wiston House, West Sussex. £10 deposit, remainder taken from card on 21<sup>st</sup> May, the more people that go cheaper it will become. Group organiser is Caleb Thomas from Gorse Hill Baptist Church.

**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 March**

Paper copies ☎020 72330455 [www.care.org.uk](http://www.care.org.uk) [www.twitter.com/careprayerdiary](http://www.twitter.com/careprayerdiary)  
**'I taught Ephraim to walk. I took them up in my arms. But they did not realize I was the one who took care of them. I led them with kindness and love. I was to them like a person who lifts a little child to their cheek. I bent down and fed them.'** HOSEA 11:3-5 (NIV)

**8<sup>th</sup> International Women's Day**

Today's activities highlight the overall widening gap between men and women, especially in the developing world, in the areas of education, economic opportunities, health and political empowerment. Pray for greater equality and justice for disadvantaged and vulnerable women and girls. (#PressforProgress)

**Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Lord**, please help and comfort any mother who has become separated from her child because of conflict, refugee and immigration issues, imprisonment, mental health, marriage breakdown and custody problems, work commitments, or any other reason. Amen.

**Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> World Water Day – Nature For Water**

Pray that today's activities across the world will educate and encourage governments, industry, agriculture, business and local communities to work together and safeguard this precious resource of water – using 'nature-based solutions' such as reforestation and improved agricultural practices.

**In Him you are being built together, creating a sacred dwelling place among you where God can live in the Spirit.**

*Ephesians 2:22 Translation: The Voice*