

Lawn Community Church

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LCC Leadership Team *Day off:*

Dave Carter ☎ 737344 **Friday**
Susan Saunders ☎ 346179 **Saturday**

To find out more about us have a look at the notice board table, our website or our face book page: 'Lawn Community Church'. Feel free to ask any questions you have. We'd love you to begin to feel part of our Church Community on Sundays and during the week. There are several opportunities to talk and pray with people if you would like.

- There are people around after the service willing to talk and pray with you.
- People pray in the week in 2's or 3's.
- In Home groups
- At Prayer meetings on the second and fourth Thursday of the month in Room 1
- We regularly pray for our local schools & staff on Friday mornings during school terms. Contact Janet Roe for dates.
- If anyone has any pastoral concerns or needs to speak or pray with someone please contact an Elder: Susan or Dave.

Ideas for prayers in the week: Lawn Community Church Prayer Diary is produced monthly. Your Prayer request can be included, please contact Derek Owen.

Prayer Diary & Monthly News Sheet Deadline: *Sunday 18th December*

If you have an item or for prayer request the News Sheet please send it to the Editor. editor4lccns@gmail.com

Happy Birthday

5th Kirit Patel 15th Elizabeth Roe
9th Emma Yates & Liz Petty
26th Maureen Iles

Happy Anniversary

14th Simon & Cathy Gibbs

Home groups

In the autumn there have been four groups meeting regularly. One group meets in the afternoon and the other three are evening groups. If you like to join a group please talk to Susan Saunders. We are currently coming to the end of the front line material and will be starting a new theme in January.

Thank you

Dave and Anne Carter are moving on to another Church near their new home away from Swindon. Thank you to Dave for being an elder and to Anne for organising Home Groups and all the other things you both have done in our Church. Everyone at LCC wishes you all the best for the future and hope you will be very happy in your home.

January's news sheet and Prayer Diary will be produced a week early for the 25th December as there will not be a Service on the 1st of January.

December	Worship	Preach	PA	Lap Top	Set-Up	Refreshments	Welcome	Duty Person
4	Keith S	Susan	Matthew	Kirit	Jenny / Simon	Jenny, Crispian, Amy, Simon	Amy	Jenny
11	Christine & Stephen		Keith T	Ruth	Keith S / David W	Frank, Rachel, Ruth	Roly	Keith S
18	Anne & Dave to lead team		Keith T	Jenny	Keith T / Howard	David W, Kirit, Gill	Liz	Keith T
25	John Roe		Matthew	Howard	Jenny / Simon	Jenny, Crispian, Amy, Simon	Dorothy	Jenny
1 Jan	No Service							

December 2016

Welcome to Lawn Community Church

Making Jesus known in Lawn & ... beyond

Sunday Services
10.30 am at Lawn Community Centre

Happy Christmas & a peaceful New Year

Advent

'Hope is on the way'



4th

- Candle of Prophecy
- We work while we wait
- Matthew 3:1 - 12
- Led by Keith & Susan Saunders

11th

- Candle of Hope
- Hope in the king
- Matthew 11: 2 - 11
- Led by Christine & Stephen Brooke

18th

- Candle of Joy
- Expecting Jesus
- Matthew 1:18 - 25
- Led by Anne & Dave Carter

Carols Readings & Reflections

25th

Christmas Family Day Service
The Christ Candle

- Hope has arrived
- Luke 2:1 - 20 Led by John Roe

Happy Birthday Jesus!

Welcome

We hope you enjoy our Services, if this is your first visit please take one of our leaflets from the notices table.

Christmas Dinner

1pm 25th December
At Lawn Community Centre

Please let Susan Saunders know if you would like to go or you are able to give someone a lift to arrive at 1pm.



Christmas Community Celebration
Wednesday 7pm on 7th December
at Lawn Primary School

New Year's Eve Party

8pm Saturday 31st December

At Susan & Keith's

What's on in December?

1 Thurs	8.00pm	Home Group at Stephen & Christine's	
4 Sun	10.30am	Communion Service	
5 Mon	8.00pm	Home Group at Susan's	
6 Tues	8.00pm	Church Council	
7 Wed	7.00pm	Community Christmas Celebration at Lawn Primary School	
8 Thurs	6.45 – 8pm	Thursday Fellowship	
	8.00pm	Prayer Meeting	
9 Fri		Visit to Lawn Primary School	
11 Sun	10.30am	Worship Service	
		Last Sunday to bring things for Christmas Care	
12 Mon	2.30pm	Home Group at Derek's O	
13 Tues	8.00pm	Home Group at Keith's	
15 Thurs	6.45pm	Thursday Fellowship	
	8.00pm	Home Group at Stephen & Christine's	
17 Thurs		Items donated will be dropped to Christmas Care	
18Sun	10.30am	Christmas Celebration All Age Service	
22 Thurs	1.30pm	Ashbury Lodge & Downs View House	
24 Sat		Christmas Care starts	
25 Sun	10.30am	Christmas Family Service	
28 Wed	Morning	Christmas Care finishes	
31 Sat	8.00pm	New Year's Eve Party	

Our Christmas Project this year is Christmas Care

At LCC each Christmas we support a charity and have a big Christmas card to sign instead of exchanging Christmas cards with one another.

This year Christmas Care will be at Buckhurst Park Community Centre in Walcot, formerly known as the Dome. The shelter will be open Christmas Eve to the morning of the 28th of December. It will be open 24 hours and all run by volunteers. In the past Christmas Care had 60+ people in each day for food and company and slept 30+ people each night. They also take in people living on their own and on low income. They appreciate all donations however this year, they do NOT require donations of bedding as it has been sponsored by the car shop in Penny Lane and the Rotary Club of Swindon. They also need funds to help cover the cost of hiring the Centre. If you wish to donate money LCC will be collecting.

Options of venues to drop off donations:

- Tinned food and toiletries can be taken to:**
- Swindon Rugby Club, Greenbridge Road, Swindon, SN3 3LA
Saturday 10th December 10 am – 2 pm
Sunday 11th December 11am – 3 pm
 - Tesco's Octal Way will have a collecting point for customers to donate food and toiletries.
 - Pilgrim Centre
- Donations of food, toiletries, warm clothing and footwear:**
- Shop next to the Sue Ryder on the ground floor in the Brunel Centre
Saturdays 3rd, 10th, & 17th December between 10 am to 4 pm

January 2017

Please note: 1st JANURAY

No Sunday Service

5 th	8.00pm	Church Council
12 th	8.00pm	Prayer Meeting
26 th	8.00pm	Prayer Meeting
February		
23 rd	8.00pm	Members' Meeting

LCC Christmas cards

are being delivered to the homes in Lawn. If you can help with delivery see Susan or Derek O. The cards for roads in Lawn will be available from the back of the church, extra are available to deliver where you live if you live outside of Lawn.

Memory Verse:

Do not conform to THE pattern of this world but be transformed by THE renewing of your mind. Romans 12:2a

From our Finance Director

The Treasurer would like to thank you for your gifts towards the work of the church during the month of October 2016. Total gifts received came to £3,242.14, this includes:

£10	BMS Birthday Scheme
£60	Educación Plus
£245	BMS Harvest Appeal

Monthly Mission Giving:

£127.50	Baptist Missionary Society
£140.00	Baptist Home Mission Fund
£122.50	Willows Trust
£122.50	Swindon Youth for Christ
£56.50	Educación Plus
£25.00	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 to the left of the main door or speak to our Treasurer Howard Patterson. For information about Gift Aid, please speak to Jenny Garth.

Offer your hand for international friendship!

Welcome an adult international student into your home for a day, weekend, or 4 days at Christmas, and do your bit to make the world a little friendlier. Many adult international students from across the world would love to spend a few days with you, learning about British culture, experiencing UK home-life, and telling you about their own country. A Christmas invitation is particularly valuable to students facing a holiday on an empty university campus.

Japanese student, Mamiko Moda, wrote "Thanks to my hosts and their kindness, I could spend a nice Christmas here instead of staying at home alone. I am grateful to you all."

Hosting is a voluntary position suitable for all ages and is also available throughout the year with HOST, a charity set up in 1987. To find out more or be put in touch with your local organiser, please visit www.hostuk.org, or call ☎ 020 7739 6292.

Prayer is an important part of our relating together.

Our next prayer meeting is the 8th December starting at 8pm in Room 1

Prayer Ideas

Prayers from Care's prayer diary

Paper copies ☎ 020 7233 0455 www.care.org .uk
www.twitter.com/careprayerdiary

1st Thurs WORLD AIDS DAY Please reflect today on the tragedy of the 35 million individuals who have died from AIDS and related illnesses and their bereaved families. Pray for the 100,000 people in the UK who currently live with HIV, and for the 36 million worldwide – only half of whom have access to antiretroviral therapy.

2nd Fri THANKSGIVING: for everyone who is involved in palliative and hospice care and for medical and nursing staff treating critically ill people in hospital. Ask God to pour out His life-giving hope, compassion and wisdom, especially in situations of diffi culty and pain.

3rd Sat INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY Pray especially for those for whom disability also means chronic bad health, poor education and employment opportunities, lack of mobility, poverty and social stigma. Ask God to impart love and comfort to them through Christians and others.

Four regular prayer themes

in every LCC monthly news sheet:

- **Area of our Community:** For people to discover the REAL value of Christmas and search out answers amongst a busy and demanding time of year.
- **Organisation or ministry area we support:** Baptist Home Mission as they strive to support many projects around the UK to help local people share Jesus in their community.
- **An aspect of LCC life:** Pray for worship leaders and preachers to be inspired as they prepare and plan our Sunday Services and for clear and effective communication.
- **People within LCC:**
 - Continue to pray for Titch and ask Frank for an update.
 - Pray for Mary, Gillian and Liz as they face each day and may know God's closeness during advent.