

LAWN COMMUNITY CHURCH



Monthly Update

Making Jesus Known in Lawn and beyond.....



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JUNE 2023

Sunday Services are held every week at 10.30am

At Lawn Community Centre, Guilford Avenue, Lawn, Swindon, SN3 1JL

June

4 th	Sun	10.30am	Communion Service, Bring and Share Lunch
8 th	Thurs	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting
11 th	Sun	10.30am	Sunday Service
17 th	Sat	10am	Coffee Shop - Streaming Trooping of the colour in main Hall
18 th	Sun	10.30am	Sunday Service ----- Closing date for MU & CFN -----
22 nd	Thurs	7.30pm	Members Meeting
23 rd	Fri	7.30 – 10pm	<i>Prophetic Weekend</i> <i>Lawn Community Church will be hosting a special weekend</i>
24 th	Sat	2– 5pm	<i>Introduction to the subject and practice of Biblical prophecy Led by</i>
25 th	Sun	10.30am – 12 noon	<i>Lisa Tierney from Liverpool.</i> <i>See more details on page 3</i>

July

2 nd	Sun	10.30am	Communion Service, - Selina and John will be visiting Lawn Community Church, bring and share lunch.
9 th	Sun	10.30am	Sunday Service
13 th	Thurs	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting Cream Tea at Lawn Centre, our very own Dr Stephen Brooke will be playing live piano music, with his baritone voice. The music will include some of the award-winning entries in the recent Swindon Music Festival. Come and enjoy friendship with members of our local community and other church members.
15 th	Sat	2– 4pm	
16 th	Sun	10.30am	Sunday Service
23 rd	Sun	10.30am	Sunday Service ----- Closing date for MU & CFN -----
30 th	Sun	10.30am	Sunday Service

Sep

28th Thurs 8pm **AGM in Room 1**

Dec

10th Sun 10.30 Sunday Service followed by Bring and Share Lunch

Notice board

Holy Communion - Will take place on the first Sunday of each month. In response to those who have requested Holy Communion at other times, we are currently looking at various possibilities during the week, such as Thursday evening prayer meeting - please watch this space for further details!

Bring 'n' share lunch & Church walk on first Sunday of the month We will be having a church bring 'n' share lunch then going for a walk weather permitting following the 10.30am service, unless stated otherwise. Please note December's lunch will be on the 10th December. Please bring some lunch for yourself and some to share! Do you have friends or family whom YOU could invite to join us, for lunch? A walk together will be a good a good opportunity to spend time getting to know each other better. We've **already** had a number of non-church people from the local area join us for such a walk - we're now looking at incorporating some litter-picking into the activity, in this nicer weather.

Congratulations To Becky who ran the London Marathon on Sunday, 23rd April in wellies for Safe Families raising over £3000.

Finance: Offering Box Although many people make a regular offering to the church by Standing Order, we have a box on the table at the back, if you kindly wish to (discreetly) make a cash offering to the work of Lawn Community Church. Thank you.

Litter Picking Would you be willing to join us serving our local area by doing some organised litter-picking? Suitable equipment for the task is being shared with the church. There's scope for doing this at different times, such as a Saturday morning and seeing the church possibly lead teams from the Lawn district, including parish councillors and an elected councillor. Please let John now, if you're able to join us.

Nurture Hub Breakfast Service - this is an initiative being run from Monday - Friday during term-time, at Lawn Primary school. Its aim is to help bring previously absentee children back into school, by offering free breakfasts before lessons begin. To avoid staff having to pay for this themselves, Lawn Community Church has been donating breakfast things to the school, each week. If you would like to donate **(nut free)** cereal-bars, sliced- **brown** bread and other things, please speak with Sue Tredget and see what is needed, at the time.

THE LCC ROTA

June	Facilitator	Preach	Music	PA	Laptop	Set Up	Refreshments
4	Keith S / Susan	Keith S	Susan	Crispian	Ruth	Susan Keith S	Jenny Crispian
11	Stephen	Stephen	Stephen	Crispian	Jenny	Jenny Crispian	Stephen Christine
18	John	John	Stephen	Keith T	Howard	Keith T Howard	Frank Rachel
25	Prophetic Weekend Lisa Tierney		Susan	Matthew	Ruth	Stephen Christine	Christine Stephen

PROPHETIC WEEKEND

with SOAR Watchman Wall Ministries

WHOSE ARE YOU? What is your covenant identity?

Teaching, worship and prophetic ministry:

Friday, 23rd - Sunday 25th June

at Lawn Community Church

Lawn Community Centre, Guildford Avenue, Swindon, Wiltshire SN3 1JL

Free admission

Friday 23rd 7.30-10.00pm

Saturday 24th 2.00-5.00pm

Sunday 25th 10.30am-12noon

Please let us know if you intend to join us, for catering purposes - for more details, please contact John Cheek on 07983 537736 or JCheek2016@outlook.com

Thanks to Frank

For contributing so many inspiring articles and quotes for the Monthly Update and Prayer requests for the Church Family News; he is having a well-deserved break this month. *Editor*

Lawn Community Church (LCC)

CURRENT LEADERSHIP TEAM

Minister: John Cheek

Tel: 01793 420507 **Day off:** Friday

Role being reviewed: Dr Stephen Brooke

Deacons: Keith Tredget

Howard Patterson

Crispian Garth

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

Minutes secretary, gift aid administrator, etc: Jenny Garth

Church news co-ordinator: Ruth French

BMS birthday scheme: Lillieth Patterson

Designated person for safeguarding: Keith Tredget

LCC email: admin@lawncommunitychurch.org.uk

SAFE GUARDING

Although we are a small fellowship it is important that we continue to remember our responsibilities in safeguarding all children, young people and adults at risk, regardless of gender, ethnicity or ability.

If you have any concerns, please contact Keith Tredget: Mobile: 07810 860568 Email keith@tredget.com

Ministers Letter

As someone who regards himself as a bit of an evangelist, I was once asked why I wanted to share the good news of Jesus with others. As I began to reply, I remembered how, on several occasions, I have prayed for God to fill me with a real love for other people.

Not long after one such occasion, I reflected upon how, as a Christian, my main love, the subject of all my devotion, is Jesus Christ. I'm not alone in that - I'm sure that many of you reading this will feel the same about Him. I reflected upon whom Jesus loves and is devoted to. That was easy - as part of the Three, it's the Heavenly Father and the Spirit together. As one party in this divine relationship, Jesus is close to the others: close, to the point where all Three are One-and-the-same.

Yet, as I continued with this train-of-thought, I considered that this divine relationship is no 'closed-shop', no 'only angels are allowed to join in', arrangement. I reflected upon how God loves every human being, made in his image. So much so, that God came to earth, to redeem us and save us.

If we have since accepted Jesus into our lives, we have also accepted His grace, His forgiveness, His love, His eternal life into our lives, too. What more could we ever ask for...only, for Him to give our lives meaning and purpose, whilst on this earth, perhaps?

Whatever else He has planned for us, I believe that God wants us glimpse His great love for people. It may be risky, but I invite you to pray for God to gradually give you a heart for others, when He does, other people will start to become so important to you. Good news!

God Bless, John Cheek

Soaking in the Word - Psalm 16: 5 - 11



⁵LORD, you alone are my portion and my cup;
you make my lot secure.



⁶The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
surely I have a delightful inheritance.



⁷I will praise the LORD, who counsels me;
even at night my heart instructs me.



⁸I keep my eyes always on the LORD.
With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.



⁹Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;
my body also will rest secure,



¹⁰because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,
nor will you let your faithful one see decay.



¹¹You make known to me the path of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence,
with eternal pleasures at your right hand.



Organisation for focus – Baptist Home Mission (BHM)



Home Mission is all about helping Baptist churches and individuals to reach their mission potential and bring the love of God to their communities. It is the Baptist family purse, and each year our Union has an appeal to raise money for Home Mission.

Is a movement to grow healthy churches in relationship for God's mission. We believe our churches are called to be Beacons of Hope in their communities, sharing the good news of Jesus in the places he has put us. Our Union of over 2000 churches is supported by staff in thirteen regional associations and three specialist teams based in Didcot, Oxfordshire. Our six Baptist Colleges prepare men and women for ministry and offer ongoing development and training.

Focus on making vision reality, Baptists Together are committed to *intentionally* developing a culture where we...

SEEK TO BE A MOVEMENT OF SPIRIT LED COMMUNITIES:

As those who have encountered the living Christ, to intentionally seek his will and purpose for our local churches and every expression of our shared life. ([Gal. 5:22-25](#))

FEEL LIKE ONE TEAM:

Celebrating diversity; valuing, respecting and trusting each other as we work together in partnerships – making sure everyone feels included and listened to. ([1 Cor. 12:24b-27](#))

EMBRACE ADVENTURE:

Being serious about discipleship, willing to take risks, pioneer and move out of the comfort zone of familiar ways of doing things. ([Matt. 28:18-20](#))

INSPIRE OTHERS:

With a generosity of spirit, energise and motivate people to be all that God created them to be. ([Eph. 5:1-2](#))

SHARE A HUNGER FOR GOD'S COMING KINGDOM:

Nurturing a 'holy discontent' that arises from our desire to give practical expression to our vision of God's purpose for creation – confronting evil, injustice and hypocrisy and challenging worldly attitudes to power, wealth, status and security both within and beyond our Union. ([Matt. 6:9-10](#))

PRAYER POINTERS:

- **Baptist Assembly in Telford from 16-18 June** will be considering various aspects of **our theme 'Mission is...'** - a title which emerged as a result of the feedback and conversations we had when we gathered in Bournemouth last year. For God to give guest speaker insight - **Bishop Mike Royal** (General Secretary of Churches Together in England) with other contributors from across Baptists Together and BMS World Mission. To find out more Watch the video on YouTube channel <https://youtu.be/fWotu-aNHEY>
- **Gambling** The Baptist role in influencing the government white paper High Stakes: Gambling Reform for the Digital Age, about gambling along with other churches in the UK. The Government has indicated that it will consult on the introduction of a number of measures that Churches have been calling for, which we believe are needed to prevent the harm caused by gambling. More info: [The Baptist Union of Great Britain : Gambling reform: 'welcome changes but delay and missed opportunities'](#)
- **Home Mission Resources** – for churches to access support and material available to expand their scope to reach out to the local community to share the God's love. For stronger networks to develop between local churches, organisations and the national Baptist church.