

LAWN COMMUNITY CHURCH



Monthly Update

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



NOVEMBER 2023

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Sunday Services are held every week at 10.30am

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

Prayer gathering in Room 1 every Sunday before the service at 10.15am

November

5 th	Sun	10.30am	Sunday Communion Service, Bring and Share Lunch
9 th	Thurs	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting in Room 1
12 th	Sun	10.30am	Sunday Service
19 th	Sun	10.30am	Sunday Service
----- Closing date for MU & CFN -----			
23 rd	Thurs	7.30pm	Members Meeting
26 th	Sun	10.30am	Sunday Service

December

3 rd	Sun	10.30am	Communion Service – first Sunday in advent
10 th	Sun	10.30am	Sunday Service – second Sunday in advent <i>followed by Bring and Share Lunch</i> <i>Please note change for B & S lunch from 1st Sun in month for Dec only.</i>
14 th	Thurs	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting
16 th	Sat	5pm	Carols and refreshments at Lawn Community Centre jointly presented by LCC and Lawn Community Association - with special entertainment from our very own Dr. Stephen Brooke. 😊
17 th	Sun	10.30am	Sunday Service – third Sunday in advent
24 th	Sun	10.30am	Sunday Service – fourth Sunday in advent
		8pm	Traditional Carol Service at The Sun Inn By Coate Water round-about, some from LCC are coming with relatives and having a meal there before the carol service
25 th	Mon	10.30	Christmas Day Service
31 st	Sun	10.30am	Sunday Service

----- Closing date for MU & CFN -----
MU & CFN being produced a week later than normal due to Christmas break.

Memory Verse

Revelation 19:10

*"For the testimony of Jesus is
the spirit of prophecy."*

Notice board

Bring 'n' share lunches will happen after the morning service on the first Sunday of each month, except December. Please bring some lunch for you to share! If bringing something homemade please include a note of the ingredients, in case of others' allergies.

Discipleship Group We have re-launched a church homegroup, on alternate Thursday evenings at Jenny and Crispian's home. Email: crispian.garth@ntlworld.com We start at 7.00pm with refreshments, with group session at 7.30pm. This is an opportunity for us to study and pray together and support each other. Do join us!

Prayer Meetings These will continue to be held on the first and third Thursday evenings of the month starting at 7.30pm in Room 1 at Lawn Community Centre.

Prayer Triplets Would you be willing to 'journey' with two others, both prayerfully and in other ways, at Lawn Community Church? Some of you already meet and pray for one or two others at the church - we're now looking to enhance this spiritual practice and extend it throughout the congregation. We welcome your feedback.

Autumn Harvest service Sunday 19th November at 10.30am, everyone is invited to bring and donate room temperature in date food and drink (no frozen or chilled food). The food will go towards our regular church food-parcels. Alternatively, you can make a financial gift, which will be forwarded to B.M.S. World Mission.

Food-parcels LCC continues to deliver a weekly, balanced, healthy food-parcel to three households referred by Lawn Primary School. We continue to deliver one-off emergency food-parcels. This assistance is helping those households in getting themselves back on their feet. We still urgently require donations of food and drink - please see how you can help the church to help others. If you would like to kindly make a financial donation, please use the envelopes at the back of the church and mark it 'food-parcels'. Thank you.

Board games evening Do you enjoy board games? Would you be willing to lead others in the playing of one of them? As part of gentle outreach towards others in the community who enjoy them, we're considering a free monthly, organised, board games evening at the Community Centre, led by the church where anyone can attend and play - and where teas, coffees and other refreshments will be available, in a safe space. We hope to have our first evening in January. Thank you to those who have already agreed to bring a game and show others how to play it. If you can help, please see John and dig out your games at home!

Finance: offering box Our thanks go to everyone who supports the church by Direct Debit, Standing Order or other electronic arrangement. We also have the box at the back on a Sunday morning, if anyone would prefer to make a cash offering to Lawn Community Church - thank you.

Men's Breakfasts So far, we've had two tremendous breakfasts, which were enjoyed by all those present! Watch this space, for more culinary gatherings. The ladies are welcome to do something similar, too...

Free cleaning Our new church member, Patricia Bakwinya, is a professional cleaner and is looking to bless others by cleaning their home, from top-to-bottom. Would you, or someone you know (maybe a senior citizen), like to be blessed by her free offer of help?

Worship Group Can you play a musical instrument? Do you sing, however falteringly? If so, we may be looking to use your talents - please see Stephen Brooke.

THE LCC ROTA

Nov	Facilitator	Preach	Music	PA	Laptop	Set Up	Refreshments
5	John	John	Susan	Crispian	Jenny	Jenny & Crispian	Jenny & Crispian
12	Christine & Stephen	Ruth	Stephen	Keith T	Howard	Keith T & Howard	Frank & Rachel
19	John	John	Stephen	Matthew	Ruth	Stephen & Christine	Stephen & Christine
26	Keith S & Susan	Keith S	Susan	Crispian	Jenny	Keith S & Susan	Jenny & Crispian

Congratulations to Tammy on her achievement of raising money

Tammy did a sponsored walk for Open Door in October. She walked round Coate Water.



Tammy raised: **£200**



Tammy thanks everyone who has sponsored her.



Soaking in the Word

Romans 8:38 – 39

The Passion Translation

So now I live with confidence
that there is nothing in the universe
with power to separate us
from God's love.

I'm convinced that his love
will triumph over death,
life's troubles, fallen angels or dark rulers in
the heavens.

There is nothing in our present or future
circumstances
that can weaken his love.

There is no power above us or beneath us –
no power that could ever be found
in the universe
that can distance us from
God's passionate love,
which is lavished upon us
through our Lord Jesus,
the anointed One!

Finances - Lawn Community Church

We are reliant upon God and the giving of our Members / Congregation, for the ongoing work of the church. Each month, the money received goes towards paying for our Minister-In-Training, Giving to Specific Causes – locally and abroad and our various admin expenses.

If you feel prompted to give regularly, please speak to our Treasurer Howard Patterson or to Jenny Garth for Gift Aid. Please use the Offering Box if you are unable to give regularly or prefer to give a cash offering.

Gifts Received in September 2023

Regular & one-off gifts:	£1,235
Offering Box Gift	£201.50
WEBA Home Mission Grant	£333.33

Total: £1,769.83

Payments / Expenses for month: £3,700.84

The deficit payment is being met from our

✠ BE INSPIRED WITH QUOTES ✠

Don't waste your time consuming what makes you weak. Spend your time pressing in for the Presence. Become so intimate with Jesus, so full of Him, that it does not matter what challenges in life present themselves to you. You will be so spiritually full that you can feed a multitude of other people's needs. Jesus will give you more than enough. – Heidi Baker

Yes, God wants you to do signs and wonders. The love of God manifested through you is what people really need. So, you first must see His face. You must become so close HIS very heartbeat that you can feel what others feel. – Heidi Baker

God's thoughts for you outnumber the grains of sand. He is thinking all day long about you. He is planning good things for you before you wake up. He can't wait to reveal the solutions to problems you face and uncover his hidden secrets to you. He can't stop thinking about you! – Bob Hazlett

The kind of devotion that God delights in comes about when a person finds security in the pure, unselfish love of God. We don't find our security or our value from the rules we obey or the way we live. But in the love of God, we know that there is nothing we can do to make Him love us more or less—He just loves us!
– Max Lucado

From a LLL worshippinger - There's going to be a meeting in the air

There's going to be a meeting in the air
In the sweet, sweet bye and bye.
I'm going to meet you, meet you over there
In that home beyond the sky
Such singing you will hear, never heard by mortal ear.
T'will be glorious I do declare
And God's own Son will be leading one
At the meeting in the air.

You have heard the voice of little Moses in the bulrush
You have heard of fearless David and his sling.
You have heard the story told of dreaming Joseph
And of Jonah and the whale you often sing.
There are many, many others through the Bible
I should like to meet them all I do declare
By and by the Lord will surely let us meet them
At the meeting in the air.

You have heard the story told of working Martha
You have also heard the story told of Ruth
And Rebecca who became the bride of Isaac
And of Dorcas who loved Jesus from her youth.
There are many other women in the Bible
Just like Mary who washed Jesus with her hair
By and by the Lord will surely let us meet them
At the meeting in the air.

You have heard the story told of baby Jesus
And of Mary who was faithful and so true
You have also heard of Joseph who protected
And he cared for them in all they had to do.
To the stable came the angels and the shepherds
Wise men bringing gold, frankincense and myrrh
By and by the Lord will surely let us meet them
At the meeting in the air.

Apologies to John V for miss print in poem in September edition,
it should start 'Who knows' rather than 'God knows

*Thanks to John V for this contribution,
written by someone at Vision of Hope.*

Christine seeks partners to deliver Christmas calendars

Dear friends, it's that time again, that I have in my heart to give calendars to the people in my street. I am looking for volunteers to join me to knock on doors and deliver them. I also like to have chats and pray when the opportunity comes with the people.

I would start in early December, late afternoons, [between 15:00 and 17:00](#), finishing at the latest [at 17:30](#). I am happy to do most of the talking, if needed. One person to join me every time would be great. Doesn't need to be the same person every time. Anyone interested please contact me:

Christine B, telephone no 635129 or on Messenger (Facebook).

Many thanks, Christine

Minister's Letter

The Cross Keys pub in Dinas Powys, Cardiff wasn't a place I'd heard of, until a wet Wednesday evening in October. I was staying at the nearby Hebron Hall Conference Centre, during an Intensive Lecture Week with Bristol Baptist College. I had been invited by my fellow students to join them there.

I told the three members of staff behind the bar that we were all students at Bristol Baptist College. It took a second for that to register, before they all began to smile. They recognised the others from the previous night, when they'd spent a lot of money!

The barmaid who was pulling my pint asked about the purpose of our stay. As our conversation progressed, I asked her what she believed. She said she wasn't 'religious'. I politely asked why? She replied that religion and her life didn't 'connect' and, until they do, she won't need it. I asked if she'd experienced much tragedy and she smiled, told me that she hadn't and admitted when that time comes, she may think differently.

Later as I was standing at the bar, I chatted to one of her colleagues, who'd previously told me that he'd grown up in a Baptist Church. He didn't go to church now. He did have two crosses tattooed on his arm. I asked him if he believed in the cross of Christ. Tentatively, he responded that he did. He prays and he told me that "Jesus Christ is a friend of mine".

This reminded me that I've often thought there are many people who quietly suspect that the claims of Christianity are true - but they're still waiting for someone to demonstrate this in life, in a convincing and coherent way. Let's be people who show that the Jesus we worship is demonstrably true - by our lives.

God Bless, John Cheek

Lawn Community Church (LCC)

CURRENT LEADERSHIP TEAM

Minister: John Cheek

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

Deacons: Keith Tredget
Howard Patterson
Crispian Garth

Pastoral Mentor: Dr Stephen Brooke

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

Minutes secretary, gift aid administrator, etc: Jenny Garth

Church news co-ordinator: Ruth French

BMS birthday scheme: Role vacant

Designated person for safeguarding: Keith Tredget

Deputy designated person for safeguarding: Rachel Hudd

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 safeguarding@lawncommunitychurch.org.uk

**Let your heart be dipped in God's healing stream,
let your sorrow be washed away.**