

LAWN COMMUNITY CHURCH



Monthly Update

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



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AUGUST 2023

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

August

6 th	Sun	10.30am	Sunday Communion Service, Bring and Share Lunch
10 th	Thurs	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting in Room 1
13 th	Sun	10.30am	Sunday Service
19 th	Sat	10.30am	Litter Picking – Meet at Lawn Centre
20 th	Sun	10.30am	Sunday Service ----- Closing date for MU & CFN -----
24 th	Thurs	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting in Room 1
27 th	Sun	10.30am	Sunday Service

September

3 rd	Sun	10.30am	Sunday Communion Service, Bring and Share Lunch
10 th	Sun	10.30am	Sunday Service
14 th	Thurs	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting in Room 1
15 th			Re-imagine Pastoral Leaders
16 th			Re-imagine All Teams Day
17 th	Sun	10.30am	Sunday Service ----- Closing date for MU & CFN -----
24 th	Sun	10.30am	Sunday Service
			AGM in Room 1
28 th	Thurs	7.30pm	Everyone is welcome to come, please note only members are able to vote. If you're a member and unable to make it, please give your apology to Jenny Garth.

December

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

Prayer before our Sunday Service in Room 1 has restarted. Please consider joining several whom have started to prayer on a weekly basis at 10.15am. Room 1 is the room at the front of Lawn Centre, accessed through the foyer, the entrance is past the kitchen, at the other end of the corridor to the hall.

Food-parcels Many thanks to everyone who has made donations of food and drink, or financial donations, to the church food-parcels. Over thirteen weeks recently, the church delivered a weekly, balanced, healthy food-parcel to three households referred to us, by Lawn Primary School. This assistance has helped those households get themselves back on their feet. We've now had two new families referred to us, and we continue to deliver occasional emergency food-parcels, too. We still require some help, by way of donations of food and drink - please see John. Thank you.

Litter-picking Lawn Community Church will be leading some efforts to clean up one or two roads within the Lawn area, in the morning, starting at Lawn Centre at **10.30am on Saturday, 19th August**. Would you be willing to help, in various ways? Litter-picking implements will be provided! For now, please reserve the date in your dairy. More details to follow.

Gardening As previously mentioned, there are a number of individuals in the Lawn area, known to John, who need help with basic, practical things at home, not least in the garden. Several of you have already expressed a desire to help them. If you're interested in assisting some senior citizens with getting their gardens back into shape - perhaps on a Saturday - please see John. Free tea, coffee and other refreshments will be available.

Board games evening Do you enjoy board games? Would you be willing 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. If you can help, please see John and dig out your games at home!

Bring 'n' share lunches These will take place following the morning service on the first Sunday of every month. Please bring some lunch for you and some lunch to share!

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August	Facilitator	Preach	Music	PA	Laptop	Set Up	Refreshments
6	John	John	Susan	Crispian	Jenny	Susan Keith S	Frank & Rachel
13	Keith S Susan	Keith S	Susan	Keith T	Howard	Keith T Howard	Keith T & Sue
20	John	John	Stephen	Crispian	Jenny	Jenny Crispian	Jenny & Crispian
27	Stephen	Stephen	Stephen	Matthew	Ruth	Stephen Christine	Christine & Stephen

A phrase to ponder on **'In waste there is treasure too'** Anon, words on a stone on the edge of the woods near Cirencester Court Old Town. "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts". Isaiah 55: 8 *Contributed by Ruth*

† BE INSPIRED WITH QUOTES †

I don't want to play with marbles, when God told me to move mountains!

Reinhard Bonnke

“Worry does not empty tomorrow of its sorrow. It empties today of its strength.”

Corrie ten Boom

Faith sees the invisible, believes the unbelievable, and receives the impossible.”

Corrie ten Boom

“How deep is God’s love! He gives Himself to those who have made a place for Him. He becomes their end, their fullness, their everything”.

Madame Jeanne Guyon

To be a son or daughter of God also means you are royalty. This is the greatest of privileges, but it is also an awesome responsibility. If you are truly thankful to God and want to please Him with all your heart, you must do more than just recognize your own authority. You must use it. He asks you to give love as freely as you have received it— not just to those who deserve it but also to everyone He puts in front of you.

Heidi Baker

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

Heidi Baker

Soaking in the Word - John 8 v 12 - TPT



Psalm 138 v 1-3 – New Living Translation



A psalm of David.



¹ I give you thanks, O Lord, with all my heart;
I will sing your praises before the gods.



² I bow before your holy Temple as I worship.
I praise your name for your unfailing love and faithfulness;



for your promises are backed
by all the honour of your name.



³ As soon as I pray, you answer me;
you encourage me by giving me strength.



Minister's Letter

It was a wet, Tuesday morning in the summer, when my station manager at Flame Christian and Community Radio decided that we were going to have a 'catch up' and he would be taking me, in his car, for a drive.

We went on to cross the border into Wales, where we eventually parked up at the Broughton Retail Park, in Broughton, Flintshire. We decided to have 'brunch' at a well-known, national cafe chain. I joined the queue, with a tray, as my manager went and sat down, inside. Soon, I was being asked by the woman behind the counter, what drinks I was ordering. I responded in my normal, friendly way and then asked her, how her morning was going. She looked straight at me, laughed and said something along the lines of, don't ask! We went on to laugh and joke about how busy it was there. Eventually, my order was ready and I chose to pay by cash. In giving me my change, I said to her, "Thanks - God bless."

She looked at me, again and magnanimously said, "Thank you - and you!"

In my use of those words, "God Bless", she evinced the fact that she felt blessed, at that moment.

However easy you find witnessing - or not - I've found that conversations like these have opened the door for me to tell others about my faith, or, at least, bless them in a small way. Whenever you're in a shop, or chatting to a neighbour, don't be afraid to ask the person how their day is going. Please listen carefully to their response. In empathising with them, you may be the first person all day, to make them feel valued. It may lead to a deeper conversation, where you share what you value most, in life.

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: Lillieth Patterson

Role vacant from September

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

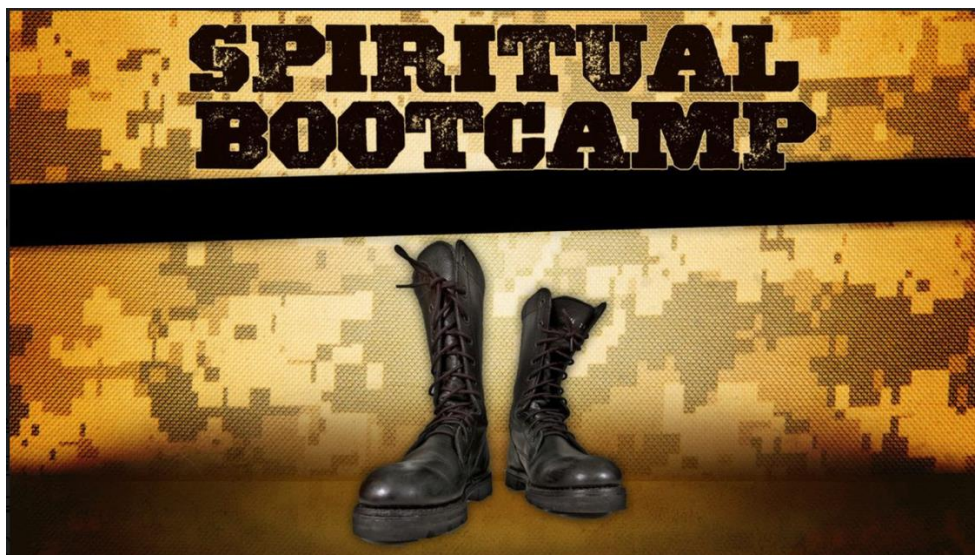
Finance

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

Coming in September 2023

this course will be running again

Online Course Recommendation by Frank H



This 12 week course is an opportunity to grow in relationship with God, spiritual understanding, giftings, and maturity. These workshops include inspiring testimonials, discussions, homework & teaching on key spiritual topics that have been hand picked by Lori Arnott Lawlor.

I completed this online course and it was fantastic. HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

It was run by Harvest Ministries in Birmingham.

The sessions were 1 hour a week on a Wednesday evening via Zoom and they consisted of teaching, prayer, discussions and testimonies.

The course sessions included topics like:

- Jesus and his Miracles. – What his Miracles reveal
- God's Grace - Receive the gift
- Holy Spirit - Power and presence changes everything
- Introducing Father
- The Power of your story
- Getting our hearts healed
- and much more!

For more details – talk to Frank H