

# LAWN COMMUNITY CHURCH



## Monthly Update

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



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**SEPTEMBER 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

### ***September***

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sun	10.30am	Sunday Communion Service, Bring and Share Lunch
10 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	10.30am	Sunday Service
14 <sup>th</sup>	Thurs	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting in Room 1
15 <sup>th</sup>			Re-imagine Pastoral Leaders
16 <sup>th</sup>			Re-imagine All Teams Day
16 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	10am – 12am	Bingo at Lawn Community Centre
17 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	10.30am	Sunday Service
24 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	10.30am	Sunday Service
----- Closing date for MU & CFN -----			

### **AGM in Room 1**

28<sup>th</sup> 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.

### ***October***

1 <sup>st</sup>	Sun	10.30am	Sunday Communion Service, Bring and Share Lunch
8 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	10.30am	Sunday Service
12 <sup>th</sup>	Thurs	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting in Room 1
15 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	10.30am	Sunday Service
21 <sup>st</sup>	Sat	10am	Clothes Swap
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Sun	10.30am	Sunday Service
----- Closing date for MU & CFN -----			
26 <sup>th</sup>	Thurs	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting in Room 1
29 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	10.30am	Sunday Service

### ***December***

10 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	10.30	Sunday Service followed by Bring and Share Lunch
25 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	10.30	Christmas Day Service

# *Notice board*

**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!

**House Group** A re-launch of is being considered, at Lawn Community Church. Watch this space!

**The BMS World Mission Birthday Scheme**

The BMS Birthday Scheme is currently administered by Lillieth Patterson, will become vacant at the AGM in September. Therefore, we are looking for a volunteer to take over this task. It involves sending out a Birthday Card and a Gift Envelope to members in the Birthday Scheme on their Birthday. Also encouraging more people to support BMS Birthday Schemes. The person who receives the birthday card, is encouraged to make a donation to BMS Birthday Scheme. If you would like to volunteer or would like more information please speak to Jenny Garth or Howard Patterson.

**Litter-picking** Lawn Community Church held its first litter-picking initiative on 19<sup>th</sup> August. Around ten people were able to fill five black bags in around an hour, with litter and various debris from the streets of Lawn, including a whole pane of glass and a third of a toilet! Some of us also 'blessed' staff and customers at the shops across the road. Great (free) cake made by Jenny, and Keith T., helped! Would you be willing to help with future litter-picking initiatives, in various ways? Litter-picking implements will be provided! If you would like to serve God & serve others, please see John.

**Food-parcels** The church has re-commenced delivering a weekly, balanced, healthy food-parcel to two households referred to us, by Lawn Primary School. We continue to also deliver one-off, emergency food-parcels. This assistance is helping those households in getting themselves back on their feet. We still urgently require help: donations of food and drink - please see John. Thank you.

**Board games evening** Do you enjoy board games? Would you be willing lead others in playing 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, with refreshments in a safe space. We may look to commence such an activity on the first Friday evening in October, although that may change. If you can help, please see John and dig out your games at home!

**Christmas Activities** A variety of different activities is currently being considered. A service on Christmas Day will take place at 10.30am. Please watch this space.

## *THE LCC ROTA*

<b>August</b>	<b>Facilitator</b>	<b>Preach</b>	<b>Music</b>	<b>PA</b>	<b>Laptop</b>	<b>Set Up</b>	<b>Refreshments</b>
<b>3</b>	John	John		Keith T	Howard	Keith T Howard	Keith T & Sue
<b>10</b>	John	John	Stephen	Keith T	Howard	Stephen & Christine	Stephen & Christine
<b>17</b>	John	John	Susan	Matthew	Ruth	Howard	Frank & Rachel
<b>24</b>	Keith S & Susan	Keith Saunders	Susan	Crispian	Jenny	Keith S Susan	Jenny & Crispian

## ✿✿✿✿✿✿✿✿✿✿ ✕ BE INSPIRED WITH QUOTES ✕ ✿✿✿✿✿✿✿✿✿✿

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

Reinhard Bonn

God moves in power, in signs and wonders—healing the sick, in deliverances, multiplying food for the hungry, raising the dead—primarily for this reason: He is good! And it is His desire to reveal His goodness—His glory—in all the earth.

Randy Clark

Our heart's desire should be to worship God; we have been designed by God for this purpose. If we don't worship God, we'll worship something or someone else.

John Wimber

Worship has a two-fold aspect...we lift Him up and exalt Him, and as a result are drawn into His presence where He speaks to us.

John Wimber

God's definition of what matters is pretty straightforward. He measures our lives by how we love.

Francis Chan

## *Big Congratulations*

### *Jo Nathan*

for winning these three medals in a variety of recent competitions.

GREAT JOB NATHAN 😊



## *Soaking in the Word*



**Romans 12 v1-2 – New Living Translation**

**A Living Sacrifice to God**

And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.

Don't copy the behaviour and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.



## *Minister's Letter*

At the time of writing, Fiona and I are starting to prepare for a week's holiday, our first since 2019.

Before then, my Annual Leave would allow me to go off with Fiona to do radio work; most memorably twice in Derry in Northern Ireland. On one occasion, I sat in someone's living-room in the Bogside area, looking out onto the site of the Bloody Sunday atrocity, interviewing two innocent people who had witnessed the massacre, that day. On the other, I sat in the living-room of the sister of the first child-fatality of The Troubles.

For years Fiona and I spent our holidays sharing the driving from Southend to Merseyside, where we would visit her family, there.

Before then, as a single man, employed by H.M. Customs and Excise, I'd take my Annual Leave in odd days, here-and-there, in doing voluntary work. Whilst my mates were imploring me to join them in boozy breaks on the Costa Packet, I'd instead take two or three senior citizens in the back of my dad's car for a drive along Southend seafront, where I'd eventually park-up and treat them to lunch at a cafe. For some of them, it was one of the few times that they'd go out, all month. I also remember taking odd days off, to help Refugees from Kosovo and Zimbabwe.

However, you choose to holiday, don't be afraid to witness to the God who gave us holy days in the first place. When I pray for opportunities to do, they do come along! Yes, rest and relax; however, be aware that other people - outside of their usual routines and surroundings, themselves - may let their guard down and just be open to chatting about the Jesus that you follow. You may never see them again, but do share with them, something that they'll never forget.

*God Bless, John Cheek*

## *A quote from a LCC worshipper ...*

We know this earth, so vast and fair, its hearts aches and its woes. Who can explain the mystery of sorrow and of pain. There is one greater than this earth, who also weeps and grieves for every grief that reached our hearts has first of all reached his.

*John V*

## *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](mailto: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](mailto:safeguarding@lawncommunitychurch.org.uk)

## *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 July 2023**

Regular & one off gifts:	£1,370
Offering Box Gift	£81.50
WEBA Home Mission Grant	£333.33
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£1,784.83</b>

If you have any questions about *Winter Wonderland*

Susan S will be happy to answer them.



## **LAWN WINDOW WANDERLAND**

8th - 12th November 2023

### **What is it?**

A festival of light and colour, where people transform their neighbourhood into a magical outdoor gallery of unique displays in their windows

### **How can I get involved?**

Register your window and create your display!

Workshops: At Lawn Community Centre, 21st October 10am  
29th October 2pm

Take part in the walking trail to see the community effort

Join us for the launch event on 8th November 4.30pm

Maps available from Lawn Community Centre Office

Guided walk (Families welcome) 11th November 5pm

Sponsor the event

### **How can I find out more?**

[lawnswindowwindowwanderland@gmail.com](mailto:lawnswindowwindowwanderland@gmail.com)

[www.windowwanderland.com/area/lawn-swindon/](http://www.windowwanderland.com/area/lawn-swindon/)



The Lawns Community (Swindon)