

LAWN COMMUNITY CHURCH



Monthly Update

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



FEBRUARY 2024

www.lawncommunitychurch.org.uk

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

February

1 st	Thurs	7.00pm	Home Group
4 th	Sun	10.30am	Communion Service Bring & Share Lunch
8 th	Thurs	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting
11 th	Sun	10.30am	Sunday Service
15 th	Thurs	7.00pm	Home Group
18 th	Sun	10.30am	Sunday Service <i>Closing date for MU & CFN</i>
22 nd	Thurs	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting
25 th	Sun	10.30am	Sunday Service - Open Doors - visiting speaker
29 th	Thurs	7.30pm	LCC Members Meeting

Bring & share lunches

Will be held after the service on the first Sunday of every month. Please bring some food to share. If bringing something that has been homemade, please include a note of ingredients, in case of others' allergies.

LCC Members Meeting

Everyone welcome, please note only members are allowed to vote. Please give your apology to Jenny Garth if you would like your absence to be noted.

March

3 rd	Sun	10.30am	Communion Service Bring & Share Lunch
7 th	Thurs	7.30pm	Home Group
10 th	Sun	10.30am	Sunday Service
14 th	Thurs	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting
17 th	Sun	10.30am	Sunday Service
21 st	Thurs	7.30pm	Home Group
24 th	Sun	10.30am	Sunday Service <i>Closing date for MU & CFN</i>
28 th	Thurs	7.30pm	Home Group
31 st	Sun	10.30am	Sunday Service

Suggestions/Ideas/Comments for our church?

If so, please speak to a deacon or email

admin@lawncommunitychurch.org.uk

Memory Verse:

*"Whoever gives
heed to instruction*

prospers, and

blessed is he who

trusts in the Lord."

Proverbs 16:20

Notice board

Thursday Evenings

Discipleship Group	When?	Join our church homegroup, on 1 st and 3 rd Thursday evenings
	Venue?	Jenny & Crispian's home email: crispian.garth@ntlworld.com
	Time?	7.00pm - refreshments and group session at 7.30pm.
	Purpose?	Opportunity to study & pray together and support each other.
Prayer Meetings	When?	2 nd and 4 th Thursday evenings of the month
	Venue?	Room 1, Lawn Community Centre
	Time?	7.30pm
	Purpose?	To listen to God and pray for our church and each other.

Worship Group Can you play a musical instrument or sing? If you are interested in using your talents, please see Stephen Brooke.

Food-parcels LCC continues to deliver food parcels regularly to households referred by Lawn Primary School and one-off emergency food-parcels. It is helping these households get back on their feet. If you would like to support this initiative you can donate food or drink; make a financial donation, (please use the envelopes at the back of the church and mark it 'food-parcels'); please contact Stephen or Christine for further information.

Free cleaning Patricia, is a professional cleaner and wishes to bless others by cleaning their home. Would you or someone you know (maybe a senior citizen), like to be blessed by her free offer?

THE LCC ROTA

Feb	Facilitator	Preach	Music	PA	Laptop	Set Up	Refreshments
4	Susan	Susan	Susan	Crispian	Jenny	Crispian Jenny	Jenny & Crispian
11	Christine Stephen	Stephen	Stephen	Matthew	Ruth	Stephen Christine	Christine & Stephen
18	Stephen	Patricia	Stephen	Keith T	Howard	Keith T Howard	Keith T & Sue
25	Open Doors	Open Doors	Susan	Crispian	Jenny	Crispian Jenny	Jenny & Crispian

Lawn Community Church (LCC)

CHURCH LEADERSHIP TEAM

LCC email: admin@lawncommunitychurch.org.uk

Deacons: Keith Tredget
Howard Patterson
Crispian Garth

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

Minutes secretary, gift aid administrator, etc: Jenny Garth

Church news co-ordinator: Ruth French
lccnewseditor@gmail.com

BMS birthday scheme: Role vacant

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

Designated person for safeguarding: Keith Tredget **Deputy designated person for safeguarding:** Rachel

✝ BE INSPIRED ✝

with quotes

The most important moment in life is when we experience the love of God. (Liz Wright)

The secret of the Christian's passion is simple: Everything we do in life, we do it as to the Lord and not to men. (David Jeremiah)

There is nothing better than giving up everything and stepping into a passionate love relationship with God, the God of the universe who made galaxies, leaves, laughter, and me and you. (Francis Chan)

David's passion for God was first seen on the backside of a mountain while tending his father's sheep. In the quiet part of our day, when no one is looking, the true desires of our hearts can be seen. So, it was with David. (Bill Johnson)

He's behind you!

Massive congratulations to our resident munchkins Anthony and Nathan.

They both starred in the Immanuel Panto, 'The Wizard of What'

Special Friends were invited and we took 11 people to see the Tuesday evening show. The show was great fun and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Many thanks to Anthony and Nathan for being part of something to bring joy and laughter to people's lives. We are looking forward to next year's show.



Soaking in the Word

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Passion Translation

LOVE is large *and* incredibly patient.

LOVE is gentle *and* consistently kind to all.

It refuses to be jealous when blessing comes to someone else.

LOVE does not brag about one's achievements *nor* inflate its own importance.

LOVE does not traffic in shame and disrespect, *nor* selfishly seek its own honour.

LOVE is not easily irritated or quick to take offense.

LOVE joyfully celebrates honesty *and* finds no delight in what is wrong.

LOVE is a safe place of shelter, for it never stops believing the best for others.

LOVE never takes failure as defeat, for it never gives up.

LOVE never stops loving.

It extends beyond the gift of prophecy, which eventually fades away. It is more enduring than tongues, which will one day fall silent.

LOVE remains long after words of knowledge are forgotten.

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.

Our thanks goes to everyone whom gives regularly.

Gifts received in December 2023.

- Regular & one-off Gifts: £1,235.00
- Offering Box Gifts: £170.43
- School Work Gift: £180.00
- Food Parcels Gifts: £240.00
- WEBA Home Mission Gift: £333.33
- Christmas Project - Ed Plus: £141.10

Total: £2,299.86

Payments/Expenses for the month:

£4,246.36

The deficit payment is being met from our reserves.

When you don't know how
to pray:

Worship

When thinking of situations
near to your heart:

Worship our living God

3 Keys for Breakthrough

Summary points from Frank's talk on
Sunday morning 14th January 2024

Key 1) GIVING THANKS.

(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

When we are able to focus on the measure we have, and giving thanks for what we have, we are positioned for increasing measures of breakthrough.

Key 2) LISTEN TO GOD

(John 10:27)

Listen to what God is saying to you.

God plants the seed and gently invites you to take action and partner with him

Key 3) BE OBEDIENT-TAKE ACTION-RESPOND

(John 8:32)

Do whatever God encourages you to do.

Once we take action God comes to meet with his supernatural power and breakthrough starts.

By Frank

Let God be your:

Way Maker, Miracle worker, Promise keeper

Inspired from worship during service
on 13th August 2023

Reflections

Words of inspiration from worship on 14th January.

- Whatever may pass, & whatever lies before me

..... My soul bless the Lord.

Whatever we are going through and facing God is there for us,
if we place our trust in him, he will keep us in a safe place.

- Jeremiah 29: 11 – 14

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you," declares the Lord, "and will bring you back from captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you," declares the Lord, "and will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile."

- Jeremiah 31: 3

I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness.

- Feel the warmth of your embrace

Sensed God wanting to hold us close in his embrace.

Susan shared some words that God brought to her attention in the week:

‘God does not watch us from a distance, he holds us close to him’.

- Let the weak say ‘I am strong IN the strength of God’.

Significant to remember we are strong **IN** the strength of God.

Picture received on Saturday 20th January, shared a summary in church on the 21st.

Picture of darkness, black, complete darkness, then pin prick spots of light appeared, across the area of darkness. These spots of light became bigger, looked like snowflakes varying slightly in shape, they were yellow/pink/orange ‘ish’ in colour. They appeared to be moving gradually, but not falling, as though they were hovering. Had the sense these represented God’s blessings, to be absorbed rather than fall to the floor and the darkness represents frustration, uncertainty. I asked God to confirm this picture was from him, by giving me a scripture. Within an hour this scripture appeared on my phone through a daily app:

You will eat the fruit of your labour; blessings and prosperity will be yours. Psalm 128:2

Eat the fruit of our labour is a direct correlation between our actions and outcomes, if we have been faithful to God then this will be an avenue to spiritual growth. Prosperity is more than just materialistic things, it also about peace, joy and fulfilment. If we commit/dedicate our tasks and activities to God and glorify him in what we do – it becomes a spiritual action, definite avenue for spiritual growth and development.

Coming back to this picture Saturday evening, I asked God why there was not a layer of these snow flake things on the floor, my logical mind imagined some settling. God replied and confirmed they were his blessings ‘These lights are my blessings, they are there for people to absorb, not to fall to the floor. I am going to completely transform the darkness you see with my blessings, creating a place full of life, happenings, bringing growth and change’.

Following describing this picture on Sunday morning, Stephen emphasised the need for us to receive God’s blessings and then led us in a time of giving thanks for God’s blessings.

By Ruth