

# LAWN COMMUNITY CHURCH



## Monthly Update

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



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**MAY 2024**

### ***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

#### ***May***

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Thurs	7.30pm	Home Group
5 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	10.30am	Sunday Communion Service - Bring and Share Lunch
9 <sup>th</sup>	Thurs	10.30am	Prayer Meeting in Room 1
11 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	10.30am	Street Pastor Commissioning Service – Patricia & Stephen are being commissioned, please come and support them.
12 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	10.30am	Sunday Service
14 <sup>th</sup>	Tues	2 – 5pm	Whilst and games afternoon – At Lawn Community Centre <i>Bring your own games, the more the merrier</i>
16 <sup>th</sup>	Thurs	7.30pm	Home Group
18 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	2pm	Social dance, line dancing and ballroom dancing, everyone is invited, beginners most welcome, a small cost of £4 on the door.
19 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	10.30am	Sunday Service
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Thurs	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting in Room 1
26 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	10.30am	Sunday Service ----- Closing date for MU & CFN -----
28 <sup>th</sup>	Tues	2 – 5pm	Whilst and games afternoon – At Lawn Community Centre <i>Bring your own games, the more the Merrier</i>

#### ***June***

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sun	10.30am	Sunday Communion Service - Bring and Share Lunch
6 <sup>th</sup>	Thurs	10.30am	Home Group
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13 <sup>th</sup>	Thurs	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting
16 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	10.30am	Sunday Service
		6.00pm	Curry Evening - a charity meal to raise funds for Swindon Food Cooperative. <i>Tickets will be on sale from the Centre Office at £25 each.</i>
20 <sup>th</sup>	Thurs	7.30pm	Home Group
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Sun	10.30am	Sunday Service ----- Closing date for MU & CFN -----
25 <sup>th</sup>	Tues	2 – 5pm	Whilst and Games Afternoon – At Lawn Community Centre <i>Bring your own games, the more the merrier</i>
27 <sup>th</sup>	Thurs	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting
30 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	10.30am	Sunday Service

# *Notice board*

## *Meetings*

<b>Discipleship Group</b>	<b>When?</b>	Join our church homegroup, on 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday evenings of the month. Day is being reviewed to be more convenient for those interested.	
	<b>Venue?</b>	Jenny & Crispian's home	Email: <a href="mailto:crispian.garth@ntlworld.com">crispian.garth@ntlworld.com</a>
	<b>Time?</b>	7.00pm – refreshments, group session at 7.30pm.	
	<b>Purpose?</b>	Opportunity to study & pray together and support each other.	
<b>Prayer Meetings</b>	<b>When?</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday evenings of the month	
	<b>Venue?</b>	Room 1, Lawn Community Centre	
	<b>Time?</b>	7.30pm	
	<b>Purpose?</b>	To listen to God and pray for our church and each other.	

## *Lawn Community Church Rota*

May	Facilitator	Preach	Music	PA	Laptop	Set Up	Refreshments
<b>5th</b>	Stephen Christine	Keith S	Stephen	Keith T	Howard	Keith T Howard	Keith T & Sue
<b>12th</b>	Christine Stephen	Stephen	Stephen	Matthew	Jenny	Stephen Christine	Christine & Stephen
<b>19th</b>	Simon Patricia	Patricia B	Simon	Matthew	Ruth	Howard	?
<b>26th</b>	Frank Rachel	Frank	Susan	Keith T	Howard	Keith T Howard	Keith T & Sue

## *Lawn Community Church Contacts*

### CHURCH LEADERSHIP TEAM

LCC email: [admin@lawncommunitychurch.org.uk](mailto: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 Email: [lcnewseditor@gmail.com](mailto:lcnewseditor@gmail.com)

**BMS birthday scheme:** Role vacant

**SAFEGUARDING** *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:

**Designated person for safeguarding:**  
Keith Tredget **Mobile** 07810 860568

**Deputy designated person for safeguarding:**  
Rachel Hudd **Mobile** 07740 190629

Email [safeguarding@lawncommunitychurch.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@lawncommunitychurch.org.uk)

## ✠ BE INSPIRED WITH QUOTES ✠

Pentecost is a celebration of God... a celebration of God's power... a celebration of God's desire to empower us and to dwell within us. – **Mark Hart**

Because of the Holy Spirit living inside of me, I am able to do the very works that Jesus did. His experience is an example for what I should expect from my Christian life. Thank You, Lord, that I can do all things because of Your Presence living within me! - **Bill Johnson**

I surrendered unto Him all there was of me; everything! Then for the first time I realized what it meant to have real power – **Kathryn Kuhlman**

We must depend on His Word, pray the promises of God, and then watch what happens. The Word spoken through your lips releases angels. – **Benny Hinn**

The practice of the presence of the Lord begins when Jesus becomes more real to us than our problems, our families, our troubles, and even more real than life itself. At that moment, it is all about Jesus.” – **Benny Hinn**

### *Soaking in the Word*

#### **Acts 2 v 1-4 Amplified Bible - The Day of Pentecost**

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place, and suddenly a sound came from heaven like a rushing violent wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. There appeared to them tongues resembling fire, which were being distributed [among them], and they rested on each one of them [as each person received the Holy Spirit]. And they were all filled [that is, diffused throughout their being] with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other [b]tongues (different languages), as the Spirit was giving them the ability to speak out [clearly and appropriately].`

### *Points to Ponder*

- When we release the situation to God, he will take care of it and do what he needs to.
- God made you a dwelling place for his power and grace.
- Let your heart burn with his love, sing out hallelujah.
- Take every thought captive and make it obedient to Christ. 2 Cor 10: 5
- To fully understand God’s love, we need to consider all aspects of God.

## *Finances Lawn Community Church*

Our thanks goes to everyone who gives regularly.

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 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 March 2024.**

Regular & one of Gifts:	£1,910.00
Offering Box Gifts:	£305.00
Home Mission Grant:	£333.34
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£2,548.34</b>

**Payments / Expenses for the month: £3,934.65**

The deficit payment is being met from our reserves.

## *Forgiveness Questions and responses*

### **Do you need to ask for God's forgiveness for anything?**

**But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness. (1 John 1 v 9)**

- Ask Holy Spirit to bring to your mind things that you may need forgiveness
- Focus on the Cross and what Jesus did for you
- Confess your sin quietly to God
- Receive the Forgiveness flowing freely from God.
- Move forward to live in Freedom

### **Have you asked God for forgiveness but you are struggling to forgive yourself?**

**God says that He will throw the sins of His people into the depths of the sea. (Micah 7:19)**

**He has removed our sins as far from us as the east is from the west. (Psalm 103:2)**

- Ask Holy Spirit to bring to your mind things that you are still holding onto
- Read the scriptures above and realise that you are forgiven
- Decide to forgive yourself – God loves you and has forgiven you
- Let that sink in
- Receive the unconditional love flowing freely from God.
- Move forward lighter to live out your Freedom and not be held back anymore.

***Pregnancy Choices Closed*** - As many of you are aware, I have been volunteering and working with Pregnancy Choices for a long time now (approx 20 years!). As a team we have realised that it is the right time to close the charity. When something ends, it is always a bit sad, but I feel at peace that it is the right decision.

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has encouraged me in the work, or who has prayed, or given financially to the work over the years.

*Rachel*

## *Swindon Street Pastors*

Patricia and Stephen are being commissioned as Street Pastor and Coordinator, respectively, at St. Andrew's Methodist Church, Moredon Road, Swindon SN25 3DF on the 11<sup>th</sup> of May at the commissioning service starting at 10.30 am to 12 noon. Please come along to support them in the start of their new venture.

Several of our congregation are involved with Swindon Street Pastors. Ruth continues to do admin work for them. Patricia has recently completed her training, which involves three weekends training with Southampton Street Pastors and a few evening sessions in Swindon. Stephen is taking up the role of co-ordinator as well as being on the Street Pastor team going out from 10pm through the night to talk with people out in the town centre and Old Town area. Christine is a Prayer pastor, praying with other prayer pastors whilst Stephen. Plans are in the pipeline for further recruiting, please pray for an expansion of their work.

### *Father God, we come as we are to worship you*

Father, we come as we are, we come seeking you.

Seeking you to set us free, to set us free from our self-perceived limitations.

To be free to express all that we are to you.

Father God, we ask you to show us your way,

to show us your face, to show us your power and grace.

As we draw upon all that you are, may we respond to all that you are.

We long to see your majesty, we long to sense more of your presence,

to seek more of your peace to seek more of your love in our lives.

Let us find freedom within ourselves to experience you in a real way.

Exposing our whole self to you, rather than just going through the motions of worship.

May we all become caught up in your presence.

Jesus, we ask you to draw near to us.

Help us prioritise things appropriately, to just want you before all things.

As nothing else will truly fulfil our longings.

May we become caught up in your holiness.

As we worship you, may we sense a newness of your love,

discover a crisp vision, hear how you are calling us to respond to your love.

Have a freshness of your Holy Spirit within us.

Bring us a deeper sense of compassion for others, connecting us all as one body

Through your love Father God may we have more awareness

of emerging spaces and opportunities around us,

May our relationship with you Father God be displayed in everything we do.

*Written by Ruth*