

LAWN COMMUNITY CHURCH



Monthly Update

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



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JUNE 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

June

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| 2 nd | Sun | 10.30am | Sunday Communion Service - Bring and Share Lunch If bringing something homemade, please write a note of the ingredients. |
| 6 th | Thurs | 10.30am | Home Group at Crispin & Jenny's |
| 9 th | Sun | 10.30am | Sunday Service |
| 11 th | Tues | 2 – 5pm | Whist and Games Afternoon – At Lawn Community Centre <i>Bring your own games, the more the merrier</i> |
| 13 th | Thurs | 7.30pm | Prayer Meeting |
| 16 th | 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 th | Thurs | 7.30pm | Home Group at Crispin & Jenny's |
| 23 rd | Sun | 10.30am | Sunday Service ----- Closing date for MU & CFN ----- |
| 25 th | Tues | 2 – 5pm | Whist and Games Afternoon – At Lawn Community Centre <i>Bring your own games, the more the merrier</i> |
| 27 th | Thurs | 7.30pm | Prayer Meeting |
| 30 th | Sun | 10.30am | Sunday Service |

July

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| 4 th | Thurs | 7.30pm | Home Group at Crispin & Jenny's |
| 7 th | Sun | 10.30am | Communion Service - Bring and Share Lunch If bringing something homemade, please write a note of the ingredients. |
| 9 th | Tues | 2 – 5pm | Whist and Games Afternoon – At Lawn Community Centre <i>Bring your own games, the more the merrier</i> |
| 11 th | Thurs | 7.30pm | Prayer Meeting in Room 1 |
| 14 th | Sun | 10.30am | Sunday Service |
| 18 th | Thurs | 7.30pm | Home Group at Crispin & Jenny's |
| 21 th | Sun | 10.30am | Sunday Service ----- Closing date for MU & CFN ----- |
| 23 rd | Tues | 2 – 5pm | Whist and Games Afternoon – At Lawn Community Centre <i>Bring your own games, the more the merrier</i> |
| 25 th | Thurs | 7.30pm | Prayer Meeting in Room 1 |
| 28 th | Sun | 10.30am | Sunday Service |

Notice board

Meetings

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| Discipleship Group | When? | Join our church homegroup, on 1 st and 3 rd Thursday evenings of the month. Day is being reviewed to be more convenient for those interested. | |
| | Venue? | Jenny & Crispian's home | Email: crispian.garth@ntlworld.com |
| | Time? | 7.00pm – refreshments, 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. | |

Lawn Community Church Rota

| June | Facilitator | Preach | Music | PA | Laptop | Set Up | Refreshments |
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| 2 nd | Stephen Christine | Stephen | Stephen | Matthew | Ruth | Stephen Christine | Frank & Rachel |
| 9 th | Susan Keith S | Keith S | Susan | Crispian | Jenny | Jenny Crispian | Jenny & Crispian |
| 16 th | Susan Keith S | Visitor Tom Lafford | Susan | Crispian | Howard | Susan Keith S | Christine & Stephen |
| 23 rd | Stephen Christine | Stephen | Stephen | Keith T | Howard | Keith T Howard | Frank & Rachel |
| 30 th | Susan Keith S | TBC / Visitor | Susan | Matthew | Ruth | Jenny Crispian | Keith T & Sue |

Lawn Community Church Contacts

CHURCH LEADERSHIP TEAM

LCC email: admin@lawncommunitychurch.org.uk

Deacons: Keith Tredget
Howard Patterson
Crispian Garth

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

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

Minutes secretary, gift aid administrator, etc:
Jenny Garth

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

BMS birthday scheme: Role vacant

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

Email safeguarding@lawncommunitychurch.org.uk

✠ BE INSPIRED WITH QUOTES ✠

For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favour lasts a lifetime; weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning. (Psalm 30 v 5)

"I can't afford to have thoughts in my head about me that God doesn't have in His." (Bill Johnson)

Great faith doesn't come out of great effort, but out of great surrender." (Bill Johnson)

My thing is, get Jesus to come and live inside, and let Him start cleaning house. (Brian Welch)

You are going to be rejoicing for all eternity. Why not start now?
The Joy of the Lord is our strength. (Georgian and Winnie Banov)

I am on the Rock The sure foundation I am on the Rock,
on the Rock I am on the Rock I am on the Rock,
His revelation I am on the Rock,
Though the winds may blow,
And though the floods may grow I shall not be moved,
'Cause I am on the Rock.

(Extract from 'I am on the Rock' – Petra)

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 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 who gives regularly.

Gifts received in April 2024.

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| Regular & one of Gifts: | £1,910.00 |
| Offering Box Gifts: | £305.00 |
| Home Mission Grant: | £333.34 |

Total: £2,548.34

Payments / Expenses for the month: £3,934.65

The deficit payment is being met from our reserves.

Soaking in the Word

James 1 19-27 - Living Translation - Listening and Doing

19 My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, 20 because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. 21 Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

22 Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. 23 Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror 24 and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.

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Continued 25 But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.

26 Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless. 27 Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

Forgiveness Questions and responses

Do you need to forgive God for a situation that did not work out?

“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with My righteous right hand” (*Isaiah 41:10*)

- Ask Holy Spirit to bring to your mind a situation that you are holding onto
- Talk to God and be honest in your feelings
- Remind yourself of God’s faithfulness
- Decide to release the anger and bitterness to God
- Receive peace flowing freely from God
- Move forward to live a life of gratitude and freedom

Footprints in the sand



One night I dreamed a dream. As I was walking along the beach with my Lord. Across the dark sky flashed scenes from my life. For each scene, I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand, One belonging to me and one to my Lord.

After the last scene of my life flashed before me, I looked back at the footprints in the sand. I noticed that at many times along the path of my life, especially at the very lowest and saddest times, there was only one set of footprints.

This really troubled me, so I asked the Lord about it. "Lord, you said once I decided to follow you, You'd walk with me all the way. But I noticed that during the saddest and most troublesome times of my life, there was only one set of footprints. I don't understand why, when I needed You the most, You would leave me."

He whispered, "My precious child, I love you and will never leave you Never, ever, during your trials and testing's. When you saw only one set of footprints, ***It was then that I carried you.***"