

LAWN COMMUNITY CHURCH



Monthly Update



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

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December 2024

Sunday Services are held every week at 10.30am

At Lawn Community Centre, Guilford Avenue, Lawn, Swindon, SN3 1JL

You are welcome to join us for prayer before the service in Room 1 10.15am – 10.25am

Events at Lawn Community Church

December

1 st	Sun	10.30am	Communion Service followed by a Bring and Share Lunch <i>If bringing something homemade, please write a note of the ingredients.</i>
8 th	Sun	10.30am	Sunday Service
10 th	Tues	6.00pm	Home Group - Practicing the Way, starting with shared meal
12 th	Thurs	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting in Room 1
14 th	Sat	5.00pm	Community Carols out side Lawn Community Centre
15 th	Sun	10.30am	Sunday Service
15 th	Sun	Doors open 12 noon, 1pm hot food.	It's Miki's birthday!! You are invited! Miki & Joe's house: Please ask for the address Any questions call Joe 07548 822860
			
22 nd	Sun	10.30am	Sunday Service
25 th	Wed		No Church Service Christmas Day
29 th	Sun	10.30am	Sunday Service - Led by the Prophecy Group Theme: Looking back with God & looking forward to 2025 <i>Christine, Simon & Ruth</i> -----Closing date for MU & CFN -----

January

5 th	Sun	10.30am	Communion Service followed by a Bring and Share Lunch <i>If bringing something homemade, please write a note of the ingredients.</i>
9 th	Thurs	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting in Room 1
12 th	Sun	10.30am	Sunday Service
19 th	Sun	10.30am	Sunday Service
23 rd	Thurs	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting in Room 1
26 th	Sun	10.30am	Sunday Service

February

27 th	Thurs	7.30pm	Church Members' Meeting Please give your apology to Jenny if you would like it to be noted.
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Please note the January edition of the Monthly Update and Church Family News will be published on 5th January, a week later due to Christmas and New Year break.

Regular events at Lawn Community Centre

Every Week

Monday	9.30am – 11.30am	Coffee morning in main hall
Thursday	2pm – 4.30pm	Coffee Shop in Room 1
Friday	9.45am – 11.15am	Blossom and Bloom, this is a stay and play time for children 0 - 4 and their carers

December

3rd	Tues	2pm	Lawn Folk Club
7 th	Sat	9am – 10am	Ward Councillors Surgery
7 th	Sat	10.00am – 12.00	Coffee Shop
10 th	Tues	2pm	Board Games
14 th	Sat	5pm	Christmas Community Carol Evening 

We would appreciate offers of help to set up a Gazebo from 3pm, and volunteers to act as marshals in the evening to direct people in and out of the centre. Please speak to Susan if you can help.

23rd	Mon	9.30am – 11.30	Christmas Coffee morning
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**The Centre will then be closed until Tuesday January 2nd
(apart from Church services on Sundays).**

Christmas Project

Our Christmas project this year is Safer Families. Instead of exchanging Christmas cards with each other we share one card and donate money to a chosen charity. Safer Families is giving support, hope and a sense of belonging to people who find life hard to face, to improve the lives of people who live in our community. We link local children and adults to local volunteers to support them. It is a national organisation with a local base in Swindon. If you would like to know more talk to Jenny who volunteers with them.



Questions to ponder:

- What are your plans for the New Year?
- Are you/have you asked God to show you something New for 2025?
- How would you like to grow in your relationship with Jesus?
- What would you like to see God do in Lawn Community church?
- Are you willing to experience change?
- Are you ready to have a go at something new/different?

**2025
A new year**

Lawn Community Church

Prayer Meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday evenings of the month starting at 7.30pm, in Room 1, at Lawn Community Centre. Time is spent listening to God and praying for our church and each other. Everyone is welcome to come and join in to hear God speak.

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Dec	Facilitator	Preach	Music	PA	Laptop	Set Up	Refreshments
1st	Susan	Susan Keith S	Susan	Keith T	Howard	Howard Keith T	Rachel & frank
8th	Susan	Susan Keith S	Susan	Matthew	Ruth	Susan Keith S	Jenny & Crispian
15th	Susan	Susan Keith S	Susan	Crispian	Jenny	Jenny Crispian	Keith T & Sue
22nd	Susan	Susan Keith S	Susan	Keith T	Howard	Keith T Howard	Frank & Rachel
29th	Christine Stephen	Prophecy Group	Stephen	Crispian	Jenny	Stephen Christine	Jenny & Crispian

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 No: 07810 860568

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

Minutes secretary, gift aid administrator, etc: Jenny Garth

Church news co-ordinator: Ruth French

Email: lcnewseditor@gmail.com

BMS birthday scheme: Role vacant

Deputy designated person for safeguarding:

Rachel Hudd

Mobile No: 07740 190629

Email 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 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 October 24

Regular & one of Gifts: £1,210

Offering Box Gifts: £ 235

Harvest - Swindon Food Collective: £105

Total: £1,550

Payments / expenses for the month of October £1,240.54

✠ QUOTES TO INSPIRE ✠

“During the hurry of the festive occasion of this Christmas season, find time to turn your heart to God.” (Howard W. Hunter)

“At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving the others with God's own love and concern.” (Mother Teresa)

“When Christ was born so was our hope.” (Max Lucado)

“If we could condense all the truths of Christmas into only three words, these would be the words: 'God with us.'” (John MacArthur)

"Jesus is the reason why we can find rest, peace, and hope in every season of life". (Joseph Prince)



Christmas is not as much about opening our presents as opening our hearts
Janice Maeditere



All the Christmas presents in the world are worth nothing without the presence of Christ.
David Jeremiah



The hinge of history is on the door of a Bethlehem stable..
Ralph Washington



CALL TO PRAYER

The Deacons have called the Church to

A Time of Prayer - focus on Listening to God.

Plans to do fasting are also being explored

***This will be a time to Seek and Listen to God about Leadership and Direction of the Church.
A time to reflect on what to do as we go forward into the future.***

Three opportunities:

1. Meeting at 7:30pm on Sunday evenings for an hour happened during November, venues were in various homes. Please listen for weekly updates.
2. Prayer before each Sunday Morning Service has restarted in Room 1, 10:15 to 10:25am, praying and listening.
3. For individuals or groups at other times to pray / listen and forward their thoughts to the deacons.



If there are any questions, please speak to any of us. Keith T, Howard & Crispian.

Soaking in the Word - Isaiah 9 v 6-7

For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His government and its peace will never end. He will rule with fairness and justice from the throne of his ancestor David for all eternity. The passionate commitment of the Lord of Heaven's Armies will make this happen!

SECOND GENESIS

As the earth was crystallized in a crucible of cataclysmic power,
Bonded by unimagined forces to an entity,
So have You come, the embodied expression of the genesis,
born of the heat and fire of infinite love.
Primordial flame, we touch You and we are not burned.

You whose unbreakable word ordered the atoms to be and they were,
Who bound them together with the energy of love to form and shape and order
have bound Yourself, a handful of cells compressed by the palm of God
into the pattern of a human child.

Incomprehensible, we understand You and are not confounded.
You hung the world in light, and peopled it
with sons and daughters who were of Your mind;
then watched them flirt with darkness,
using their wills in ways that were not Yours.
You balanced Your unsearchable perfection against their fleeting freedom –
and You found it light.
Great God! What stark humility! That those who walked with You might do so willingly.
Now Your star shines on Ephrathah.

Transplendent light, we look at You and are not blinded.
Spirit of illimitable freedom, who lives beyond the boundaries of time,
our minds reach out to You – extended – taut –
but cannot more than sense the margins of Your passing.
What are You doing here? Your limits now four wooden walls
Who yesterday encompassed all-worlds-being within Your thumb and forefinger.
Now nothing but the prickling hay and the moist softness of an ox's nose
are found within Your grasp.
Boundless You put Yourself within our compass – and we may cradle You.

Contributed by Stephen, (written by a friend of Stephen's - Sylvie Jaffrey).