LAWN COMMUNITY CHURCH

Monthly Update

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

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OCTOBER 2026

Sunday Services are held weekly at 10.30am

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

October LCC Dates			
4th	Sun	10.30am	**Rev Alisdair Longwill** **Communion Service** **Bring and Share Lunch** Please make a note of ingredients if you are bringing something homemade.
8th	Thurs	7.30pm	**Prayer Meeting in Room 1**
11th	Sun	10.30am	**Sunday Service**
		7.30pm	**Evening Prayer Meeting,** *At Susan & Keith S's*
18th	Sun	10.30am	**Sunday Service**
20th	Tues	◈◈◈ *Closing Date for:* ***November Monthly Update*** ◈◈◈	
22nd	Thurs	7.30pm	**Prayer Meeting in Room 1**
25th	Sun	2.00am	Clocks Go Back
		10.30am	**Harvest Service**
		7.30pm	**Evening Prayer Meeting,** *At Keith & Sue T's*
November			
26th	Thurs	7.30pm	**Church Members Meeting**

Join us to pray before the service in Room 1 at 10.15am – 10.25am

Harvest Festival 2026

Last year, the church made donations to The Harbour Project for our Harvest Festival.

Address - Broadgreen Community Centre, Salisbury Street, Swindon, SN1 2AN

The Harbour Project – We aid refugees and asylum seekers across Swindon

Their mission is to help individuals rebuild their lives with dignity – offering hope, safety and resilience at every step of their journey.

The deacons would like to suggest that our Harvest Festival gifts this year goes to The Harbour Project once again.

There will be lists of what can be donated on the table at the back of the church or donations in the offering box, mark Harvest Festival.

October Lawn Community Church Rota

Date	Facilitator & Leading	Preach	Music	PA	Laptop	Set - Up	Refreshments
4th	Susan	**Rev Alisdair Longwill**	Susan	Crispian	Jenny	Crispian & Jenny	Jenny & Crispian & Tammy
11th	Simon	Keith Saunders	Simon	Matthew	Ruth	Susan & Keith S	**Volunteers Required**
18th	John & Janet	John Roe	John & Janet	Keith T	Howard	Keith T & Howard	Jenny & Crispian & Tammy
25th	Stephen & Christine	Stephen	Stephen	Crispian	Jenny	Crispian & Jenny	Christine & Stephen

Events at Lawn Community Centre

organised by Lawn Community Association

Every Week

Mon	9.30 am – 11.30am	**Coffee morning** in main hall
Thurs	2.00pm – 4.30pm	**Coffee shop** in Room 1
Fri	9.45am – 11.15am	**Toddler Play & Stay Adventure!**

October

3rd	Sat	9.00 – 10.00 am	**Ward Councillors Surgery**
		10.00 – 12 noon	**Coffee Shop**
6th	Tues	2.00 pm	**Folk Club**
10th	Sat	2.00pm	**Film Club**
13th	Tues	2.00pm	**Board Games**
17th	Sat	7.00 pm	**Barn Dance and Supper** Bring your own Drink Tickets £5 *from the Centre office*
24th	Sat	10.00am	**Short Mat Bowls**
27th	Tues	2.00 pm	**Board Games**
31st	Sat		**Halloween Event**
		2.00 - 3.00 pm	Pumpkin Carving for £1
		5.00 - 7.00 pm	Treat Station for any Trick or Treaters out and about.

December

12th	Sat	5pm	**Community Carols at Lawn Centre**

If you would like to help with Lawn Community Association Centre events, please speak to Susan Saunders.

LCC Finances

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 Garry Tang for Gift Aid. Please use the offering box if you are unable to give regularly or prefer to give a cash offering.

Finance Report

August 2026

Gifts received in August 2026: **£1,200**

Offering Box Gifts: **Nil**

Total Expenses & Payments: **£744.06**

Your future is a harvest produced by the seeds you are willing to sow.

Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments. Deuteronomy 7: 9

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

Email: safeguarding@lawncommunitychurch.org.uk

Church Leadership Team

Lawn Community Church email:
admin@lawncommunitychurch.org.uk

Deacons: Keith Tredget, Howard Patterson & Crispian Garth

Minutes Secretary: Jenny Garth

Gift Aid Administrator: Garry Tang

Church News Co-ordinator: Ruth French

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Church WhatsApp Group: Frank Hudd

Owen's Letter

Dear friends,

A October Month of Prayer – Listening to God Together

During October, we are setting aside a Month of Prayer as a church family. We want to take time to seek God together and listen for what He may be saying to us about the life and future of Lawn Community Church, and about the people and community around us.

Jesus reminds us that His sheep know His voice (John 10:27), and throughout Scripture we see God's people taking time to seek Him, listen to Him and respond in faith. Our desire this month is simply to come before Him with open hearts, grounded in His Word and trusting the Holy Spirit to guide us.

We would encourage everyone to make this an intentional part of October, whether praying on your own, with family or friends, or joining one of the opportunities below.

Opportunities to pray together

- **Thursday 8 October** – Lawn Community Centre, Room 1, 7:30–9:00pm
- **Sunday 11 October** – Keith & Susan Saunders' home, 7:30–9:00pm
- **Thursday 22 October** – Lawn Community Centre, Room 1, 7:30–9:00pm
- **Sunday 25 October** – Keith & Sue Tredget's home, 7:30–9:00pm
- **Every Sunday morning** – 10 minutes of prayer from 10:15am, before the service
- **Prophecy Group** – Zoom meetings on Wednesdays from mid-October onwards

(If you would like to join Prophecy Group zoom call, please contact Simon, Christine or Ruth).

Why not look at your usual pattern of praying with others from the church and make a particular effort to join one of these times during October? Or perhaps invite a few friends to meet together specifically to pray and seek God.

Three simple ways to listen

Here are some simple ideas you might use during your own prayer time or when praying with friends.

1. Pray with Scripture

Choose a short passage and read it slowly. Ask God to help you notice anything He may be highlighting.

"Lord, is there something here you want me to see, understand or pray about?"

We don't need to force an answer. Simply bring what comes to mind back to God and test it against Scripture.

2. Be still before God

Find a few quiet minutes to put aside distractions and simply be with God.

You might pray:

"Lord Jesus, we are listening. Is there anything you want to bring to our attention as we pray for our church and our community?"

A word, picture, Bible verse, person or situation may come to mind. Write it down and continue to pray about it. We can hold these things lightly, recognising that we don't always know immediately what they mean.

3. Look and pray

As you walk around Lawn or go about your everyday life, ask God to help you see our community through His eyes.

"Lord, what do you see here that you want me to see?"

Perhaps a person, place or situation catches your attention. Before trying to work out what it means, simply pray for what you see.

Let's use October to seek God together – listening to His Word, being open to His Spirit, and praying with faith for His purposes to be fulfilled in Lawn and in our wider community.

With love, Owen

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A Prayer for Andy Burnham

The leaders of the Baptist, Methodist and United Reformed Churches wrote to Andy Burnham, the new Prime Minister. At the end of their letter, they offered a prayer, which has been shared with churches and printed below, as it could be useful to use.

God of wisdom and peace,

Today we pray for Andy Burnham as he begins his service as Prime Minister. Grant him wisdom to make good decisions, courage to do what is right, humility to listen well, and strength for the responsibilities he now carries.

We pray for all who serve in public life: ministers, MPs, civil servants and local leaders. Give them integrity, compassion and a genuine desire to seek the good of all. May they be especially attentive to those who are poor, vulnerable or overlooked, both in our own communities and across the world.

We also pray for ourselves as citizens. In a time when public debate can so easily become angry and divided, help us to be people of grace and truth. Teach us to disagree with respect, to seek understanding before judgement, and to play our part in building a healthier public life.

May your peace, justice and wisdom shape our nation, and may all those entrusted with authority govern in ways that enable people and communities to flourish.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace.

Amen.

The full text of the letter and the prayer can be found at the following link. https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/743261/A_letter_to.aspx