Lawn Community Church

Monthly Update

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

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NOVEMBER 2026

Sunday Services are held weekly at 10.30am

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

November LCC Dates			
1st	Sun	10.30am	**Communion Service** **Bring and Share Lunch** Please make a note of ingredients if you are bringing something homemade.
8th	Sun	10.30am	**Remembrance Service**
		7.30pm	**Evening Prayer Meeting,** *At Jenny & Crispian's*
12th	Thurs	7.30pm	**Prayer Meeting in Room 1**
15th	Sun	10.30am	**Sunday Service**
17th	Tues	◈◈◈ *Closing Date for:* ***December Monthly Update*** ◈◈◈	
22nd	Sun	10.30am	**Sunday Service**
		7.30pm	**Evening Prayer Meeting,** *At Jenny & Crispian's*
26th	Thurs	7.30pm	**Church Members Meeting**
29th	Sun	10.30am	**Sunday Service** 1st Sunday in Advent

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

Harvest Festival 2026

The deacons thank you for giving your support to the Harbour Harvest project this year.

Christmas Project

This year Educación Plus has been chosen for our Christmas Project. A Christmas card will be made for everyone to sign instead of sending individual cards and donations collected for the project. The card will be available to sign at the back of church.

Church Members Meeting

If you are unable to make the Members Meeting and would like your absence to be noted, please let Jenny you are unable to attend.

November Lawn Community Church Rota

Date	Facilitator & Leading	Preach	Music	PA	Laptop	Set - Up	Refreshments
1st	Simon	**Mercy Ships**	Simon & Rachel Hind	Matthew	Ruth	Keith T & Howard	Keith T & Sue & Tammy
8th	Susan	Keith S	Susan	Keith T	Howard	Susan & Keith S	Jenny & Crispian & Tammy
15th	Stephen & Christine	**Richard Williams**	Stephen	Keith	Ruth	Stephen & Christine	Christine & Stephen
22nd	John & Janet	John Roe	John & Janet	Matthew	Ruth	Crispian & Jenny	Jenny & Crispian & Tammy
29th	Simon	Keith S	Simon & Rachel Hind	Keith T	Howard	Keith T & Howard	Keith T & Sue & Tammy

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

November

3rd	Tues	2.00 pm	**Folk Club**
7th	Sat	9.00 – 10.00 am	**Ward Councillors Surgery**
		9.30 – 12 noon	**Coffee Shop**
10th	Tues	2.00pm	**Board Games**
14th	Sat	2.00pm	**Film Club**
24th	Tues	2.00 pm	**Board Games**
27th	Sat	10.00am	**Short Mat Bowls**

December

12th	Sat	5pm	**Community Carols at Lawn Centre** *Followed by* *seasonal interactive activities*

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

September 2026

Gifts received in August 2026: £1,210

Offering Box Gifts: Nil

Total Expenses & Payments: £984.96

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,

Ssh – can you hear him?

As I write we are still in our month of prayer, leaning into what God is saying to us for the season to come. I wonder what has stuck with you as you prayed this month, remembering prayer is at least as much an act of listening as it is speaking – some would say to a ratio of two to one based on our numbers of ears to mouths!

I've been struck by two moments where God seemed to be speaking. Firstly, at a Sunday evening prayer gathering where we read this from **Song of Songs 2:10-13**.

My beloved spoke and said to me,
'Arise, my darling, my beautiful one, come with me.
See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone.
Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come,
the cooing of doves is heard in our land.
The fig-tree forms its early fruit;
the blossoming vines spread their fragrance.
Arise, come, my darling;
my beautiful one, come with me.'

I've fairly recently dwelt in this passage with The Stowe Church following a difficult season, hearing God's invitation to arise and follow him and when I re-read it during The Stowe 24 hours of prayer I wrote;

It doesn't feel like spring, it's autumn. I can't hear the doves for the drones. The singing has been drowned out by shouting or is it shooting. It's hard to see the blossoming vines in these troubled times.

Yet, *we declare and we believe*, this is the season to sing, to arise, to rejoice. To choose to be the beloved, to choose trust, to choose joy.

To choose to sing is a disruptive act of resistance, is this the prophetic people you are calling us to be, marked out by joy, trust and love. Loving as we are loved by the one who calls us beloved.

Then today, I was praying in the new and as yet unformed 'room of hope' with Crispian and Keith T. We want it to be a place for people of all faiths and none to meet Jesus, to connect with God and grow in hope. Yet at the moment it is a fairly bland rather too narrow room that is hard to access. As we prayed, I saw an empty manger scene on the table and reflected on its similarities to the room we were in. Both are empty, both might be judged unsuitable for their purpose – the messiah – lying in a feeding trough – surely not Lord! Yet holy encounters took place in that place, and so I prayed with renewed vigour, Lord, be born in the lives of people in this space. Perhaps like the angels we are called to proclaim good news – of great joy – do not fear, the king has come you can meet him!





Keep listening – keep wondering, keep calling out to God, and remember God chose Samuel the servant boy to bring his message, rather than the Chief Priest Eli.

If you would like to chat with me about anything, please get in touch. I only work for Lawn Community Church on Mondays, so it may take a while to respond. *With love, Owen.*

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A Picture received from God for LCC

When waking early on Sunday 25th October, around 4am I asked God for a picture for the church. Very quickly an image of a huge heap of different coloured objects formed in my mind. Each object was a single colour, the colours were all very distinct. There were many different shapes in the heap, not specific objects. I had a strong sense they symbolically represented God's gifts to the church, gifts in the widest sense. Answers to prayer maybe a more accurate description as I strongly felt God was saying "**Acknowledge your need, ask me and I will provide and equip you for what you need".**

I could see the fellowship standing around in the huge heap of gifts. I could not see everyone as heap was really wide and tall. As a fellowship we are at different points in our spiritual journey, whether we need something from God to thrive more, cope with a challenging situation, be refreshed, handle something differently, enable us to grow more in our faith or be able to respond to more efficiently God's calling; there is something in this heap that is appropriate for everyone. *I asked "God how do you know what gift is appropriate to choose from this heap?"* I then watched Jesus appear from behind the heap, and say to me **"You just have to acknowledge your need or tell me how you feel and I will select the most appropriate gift and give it to you."** Jesus was carrying a bright yellow gift and walked over to the deacons and gave it to them. Jesus spent several minutes talking directly with the deacons.

My attention went back to the huge pile of gifts and focused on it again. I sensed God expects us to return to the pile time and time again as it contains several hundreds of gifts. I asked God "How do you expect us to carry several gifts?" God said **"I do not expect you to carry them, I will implant them in your mind, heart, soul and innermost being."** Then I watched God give me a symbolic picture of this happening separate to the main picture. I watched Jesus give someone a red gift. I could only see the outline of the body a person, but not the head on a white background. I watched Jesus walk towards this person and give the gift to them. They did not receive it by taking it in their hands, I watched the gift dissolve into the person's body.

I sensed some of these gifts represented the various parts of the armour of God, garments of praise and there were many other gifts in the pile. The picture finished with God saying **"I have something for everyone in the church, I will equip and provide what is needed. You just need to come to me and ask, ha appropriate."**

Contributed by Ruth