

November 2018

1 Thurs	6.15pm	Thursday Fellowship
	8.00pm	Church Council
4 Sun	10.30am	Communion Service
8 Thurs	8.00pm	Soaking Prayer Meeting
11 Sun	10.30am	Worship Service
12 Mon	7pm – 9pm	Home Group at Rachel's
13 Tues	7.30pm	Home Group at Keith's
14 Wed	7.30pm	Home Group at Keith S's
15 Thurs	6.15pm	Thursday Fellowship
	8.00pm	Worship Practice
18 Sun	10.30am	Worship Service
22 Thurs	8.00pm	Church Members' Meeting
24 Sat	9.30 – 11.30am	Lawn Community Association Christmas Bazaar & Coffee shop
25 Sun	10.30am	Advent 1 Worship Service
	3.30pm	Messy Church St. John's
26 Mon	7pm – 9pm	Home Group at Rachel's
27 Tues	7.30pm	Home Group at Keith T's
28 Wed	7.30pm	Home Group at Keith S's
29 Thurs	6.15pm	Thursday Fellowship



December

2 Sun	10.30am	Advent 2 Communion Service
9 Sun		No service at Lawn Community Centre <i>instead we will be going to "The Journey"- Nativity</i>
	12 midday	Nativity in Old Town
	4.00pm	Two performances
13 Thurs	8.00pm	Prayer Meeting
23 Sun	10.30am	Christmas Celebration
25 Tues	10.30am	Christmas Day Service

Old Town Nativity Play "The Journey"

is a major ecumenical Christmas community project which will tell the story of the birth of Jesus in a colourful, interactive and imaginative way. It will be a transient piece of theatre, taking the audience through the journey as imagined for Joseph and Mary. The colours and feel of the piece will be heavy and rich, using lights and texture to create the sense of a journey taken by many as they head to the census. As we move along, the audience will encounter small vignettes of street theatre to give them a sense of the bigger picture as to how the population felt at this time of great uncertainty and upheaval. We will see conflict and disagreement to reflect the true nature of this gruelling truth as they move towards the final destination. It is intended that this draw parallels with those within our own community today who find themselves, refugees. We anticipate audience numbers being upwards of 2000 per performance, based on the experience of the 2016 Passion Play performed in Wroughton which also had the same director, Anna Friend.

Volunteer for Christmas Care?

All potential volunteers are asked to attend one of our two evening Volunteer Meetings in mid-November, which we have to brief people interested in volunteering with Christmas Care. For Christmas 2018, our volunteer meetings will be at St. Joseph's Catholic College on:

Tuesday 13th November, 7.30pm;
& Wednesday 21st November, 7.30pm.

There is no need to register in order to come to the meeting - just turn up in good time on the evening that you chose to come. You do not need to bring anything with you but we will ask you to complete a simple application form.



Lawn Community Church

Making Jesus known in Lawn & ... beyond

Welcome



November 2018



We'd love you to begin to feel part of our Church Community on Sundays and during the week. To find out more look at our notice table, website, or facebook page and feel free to ask any questions.

www.lawncommunitychurch.org.uk

Sunday Services 10.30am at Lawn Community Centre



ADVENT

4th November

Building Community

Acts 2:37 - 47

Led by
Maureen Iles
Peaching
Susan Saunders



11th November

Being Attentive

Mark 5: 1 -20

Led by
Susan Saunders
Preaching
Keith Saunders

18th November

Nurturing Friendships

John 15:12 - 17

Led by
Rachel Hudd
Preaching
Frank Hudd

25th November

Advent 1 (A week early)

Led by
Christine Brooke
Preaching
Stephen Brooke

8pm Thursday
8th November
In Room 1

Soaking Prayer Meeting



Please bring a cushion or/and fleece to make yourself comfortable.

No Service on the 9th December

Instead on the 9th December we are going to watch the Swindon Community Nativity Play two performances at midday and 4pm.

Journey to Bethlehem - No room at the Inn

The central area will be Wood Street, Old Town, Swindon. Joseph and Mary will seek shelter at several places along the way and hear from Joseph about the challenges he faced and the decisions he had to make. The entire piece will culminate at Christ Church, Old Town, where the birth will take place and our story will joyfully end. *More info on back page...*

Next Church Members' Meeting

Thursday 22nd November

If you are a church member and *unable* to make it, please give your apology to Keith Saunders or Jenny Garth.

2nd December

Communion

10.30am Advent 2



Led by Rachel Hudd
Preaching Susan Saunders

NOV	Worship	Preach	PA	Lap Top	Set-Up	Refresh-ments	Welcome	Duty Person
4	Maureen	Susan	Ashley	Kirit	Howard David W	David W Kirit Gill	Liz	Howard
11	Susan	Keith	Matthew	Jenny	Jenny Matthew	Howard & Lillieth	Nathan & Karen	Jenny
18	Rachel	Frank	Matthew	Howard	Keith S Simon	Jenny & Crispian	Amy	Keith S
25	Christine	Stephen	Keith T	Ruth	Howard David W	David W Kirit Gill	John	Howard
2 Dec	Rachel	Susan	Ashley	Kirit	Keith T Matthew	Howard & Lillieth	Liz	Keith T

From Willows....

Willows have expressed their thanks to our church for our continued financial support. Rachel was asked to pass this when attending the Willows Counselling AGM on 17th October. A copy of their Annual Report can be found on the notice table. There is also a leaflet about the Friends of Willows - they are always looking for new members to help their fundraising efforts.

The Bible course

Lawn Community Church

New people are still welcome to come to the bible course, the next session is in January.

When? Sundays 10.30am

Session	Date
4	27 th January
5	24 th February
6	28 th April
7	16 th June
8	14 th July

*New to the bible
or want to go deeper?*

The bible Course is for you. It shows how the key books, famous characters and epic events form one big story, from Genesis to Revelation. The course also provides tools and skills that help apply the bible to everyday life. Come and discover more about the bible through an eight session interactive course.

For more information contact:

Lawn Community Church

admin@lawncommunitychurch.org.uk

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LCC Prayer Diary & News Sheet

Deadline: Sunday 18th November

Please give your prayer requests to Derek Owen. For contributions for the Monthly News Sheet please send it to the editor:
editor4lccns@gmail.com

What is the Christian Institute and what is its purpose?

The Christian Institute have been supporting the Asher's baking company in Ireland. Their aim is "furtherance and promotion of the Christian religion in the United Kingdom" and "the advancement of education". The Christian Institute is a nondenominational Christian charity committed to upholding the truths of the Bible. They are supported by individuals and churches throughout the UK. They believe that the Bible is the supreme authority for all of life and they hold to the inerrancy of Scripture. They are committed to upholding the sanctity of life from conception. *Colin Hart, Director*

This is a link to the Asher's Bakers speaking about their experience over the past four and a half years following winning their case in the Supreme court.
<https://www.christian.org.uk/case/ashers-baking-company/>

On their website is in depth about issues facing our society: Abortion, Drugs, Education, Extremism, Gambling, Marriage and the family, Medical Ethics, Religious Liberty & Transsexualism. Available in various formats: on-line info, leaflets, podcast, audio & videos.

They have organised campaigns on:

- Choose life
- Named person scheme – In Scotland
- The prevent 'Strategy'
- Sex and relationships education

The website has a search page to find out how your MP voted in parliament elections; news updates from a Christian perspective, useful to be informed for intercessory prayer. You may like to look at their website to explore how they are promoting the Christian faith in the UK.
<https://www.christian.org.uk/>



Christmas Bazaar

Lawn Community Association

Saturday 24 November 9.30 until 11.30 am

Birthday list

6th Daniel Patel &
Stephen Brooke
8th Louise Williams
12th Nathan Baines



Home Groups

Three groups have started meeting this autumn if you would like to join one or just ask questions contact one of the leaders: Rachel Hudd, Keith Saunders or Keith Tredget; or speak to an elder.

Are you willing to sacrifice a portion of your time to meet with God each day?

This is a vital key to a powerful Christian life. It unlocks the treasure chest of God's wisdom, His guidance, His power, and His blessings.

<https://inspiration.org/christian-articles/called-to-pray/>

Prayer Suggestions

From Care for the family Prayer Diary for Novmeber Paper copies ☎020 72330455

<http://www.care.org.uk> www.twitter.com/careprayerdiary

11th Sun 100th Anniversary - Ending Of The WW1

Almighty and eternal God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life: hear our prayers and thanksgivings for all who we remember this day. Fulfil in them the purpose of Your love; and bring us all with them, to Your eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Church of England liturgy)

14th Wed Start of Prisons Week (www.prisonweek.org)

Lord, please break the bonds of fear and isolation, and support with Your love prisoners and their families and friends, prison staff, and all who care. Heal those who have been wounded by the actions of others, especially the victims of crime. Amen.

15th Mon International Day of Rural Women

PRAY DAY – when students and staff across Europe pray for their schools Lord our great Teacher, please encourage Christians today to pray for education, especially their own places of learning. Send Your Spirit to inspire them to share the Good News with others and spark revival across this generation we pray. Amen.

16th Tues International Day

For The Elimination Of Violence Against Women

Father of mercies, please bring to an end the cruelty and oppression that is experienced by so many women. Often, at the hands of their partner or close family members, in war and through practices like female genital mutilation and forced marriage. Amen.

28th Wed Red Wednesday

God of justice, may this 'Red Wednesday', as thousands of buildings are lit up in red to stand with those who face injustice because of their religion or beliefs, send a powerful message to those able to bring freedom to persecuted people. Amen.

Lawn Community Church Eldership Team

Susan & Keith Saunders ☎ 346179

Frank & Rachel Hudd ☎ 529818

Susan's, Rachel's and Frank's **Day off:** Saturday

- If anyone has any pastoral concerns or needs to speak or pray with someone at any point in the week please contact one of our Elders.
- James 5:14 *Is anyone among you ill? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord.*

LCC monthly news sheet Regular prayer themes

Area of our Community:

Please pray for people who spend time on the streets in Swindon 'hanging out', living, wandering aimlessly; that they may discover Jesus that this winter they will have a safe place for shelter.

Organisation or ministry:

Pray for Youth for Christ as they meet young people in Swindon through work in schools & in community settings that they may know the most relevant words to share with those who they meet.

An aspect of LCC life:

For the worship group, to be blessed through their leading our worship, to know your presence and guidance as they rehearse and their faith strengthened.

Pray for People within LCC:

For our older folk: Liz, Georgina; also Tich, Mary, Derek B and Dorothy whom are in residential care homes.

Prayer before every Sunday service



at 10.15m in Room 1

From our Finance Director

The Treasurer would like to thank you for your gifts towards the work of the church during the month of **September 2018**.

If anyone would like to make a financial gift towards the work of the church, there is an offertory box on the table near the notice board or speak to our Treasurer Howard Patterson. For information about Gift Aid, please speak to Jenny Garth.

Total gifts received: £2,242.36
Includes the following: £43.70 Harvest

Monthly giving to charities & missionaries:

£127	Baptist Missionary Society
£170	Baptist Home Mission Fund
£122.50	Willows Trust
£122.50	Swindon Youth for Christ
£56.50	Educación Plus
£100.00	Selina & John Fanai (Missionaries in Taiwan)