

LAWN COMMUNITY CHURCH



Monthly Update



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

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MAY 2023

Welcome to our Monthly Update

Please send any contributions to be included in the next Monthly Update to lccnewseditor@gmail.com by Sunday 21st May.

It will be distributed on 28th May.

May God bless you this Pentecost with a fresh touch of his Holy Spirit, filling deep within and overflowing.

	May	Facilitator	Preach	Music	PA	Laptop	Set Up	Refresh - ments
THE	7	John	John	Susan	Keith T	Howard	Keith T Howard	Keith T Sue
LCC	14	Keith S Susan	Keith S	Susan	Crispian	Jenny	Jenny Crispian	Jenny Crispian
ROTA	21	Stephen	Stephen	Stephen	Matthew	Ruth	Susan Keith S	Stephen Christine
	28	John	John	Susan	Matthew	Howard	Howard	Frank & Rachel

Please note: *The Leading & Preaching Rota will be subject to change from John Cheek.*

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DO ANY OF THESE WORDS OF KNOWLEDGE SPEAK TO YOU?

Four church members met to pray on 23rd March 2023 and sensed the following impressions from God.

- "I know the plans I have for you."
- "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not lack."
- "The wheels on the bus go round and round..... but there is TOO MUCH NOISE"
- In the Book of Acts the disciples were seen as DIFFERENT; the result was that great fear came upon the people and many were added to the church.
- "I waited patiently for the Lord; He turned and listened to me."

Apologies this was meant to be included in the April edition. **Editor**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday Services are held at Lawn Community Centre,
Guilford Avenue, Lawn, Swindon, SN3 1JL

Please note regular events are listed for this month.

May

1 st	Mon	6pm	Ladies night, pizza and film evening at Susan S's
7 th	Sun	10.30am	Communion Service, Bring & Share Lunch
11 th	Thurs	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting
14 th	Sun	10.30am	Sunday Service
21 st	Sun	10.30am	Sunday Service
25 th	Thurs	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting
28 th	Sun	10.30am	Pentecost Service



June

8 th	Thurs	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting
22 nd	Thurs	7.30pm	Members Meeting
23 rd – 25 th	Fri - Sun	Time to be announced	Prophetic Weekend Lawn Community Church will be hosting a special weekend Introduction to the subject and practice of Biblical prophecy Led by Lisa Tierney from Liverpool, please keep the dates free.

July

2 nd	Sun	10.30am	Selina and John will be visiting Lawn Community Church, they are missionaries we support, further details will follow.
15 th	Sat	2 – 4pm	Cream Tea in Lawn Community Centre from 2 – 4 pm. Background music by piano and song by Dr Stephen Brooke and other guests. Charge to be decided by Lawn Community Association.

Sep

28th 7.30pm Thurs **Annual General Meeting in Room 1**

GOOD MORNING, HOLY SPIRIT - BY BENNY HINN

One cold winter night in Toronto, the Holy Spirit entered Benny Hinn's life in such a dramatic way that he was changed forever. The same thing can happen to you. Join the millions of others who have read *Good Morning Holy Spirit* and discover if you are ready to meet the Holy Spirit intimately and personally, willing to listen to His voice, and prepared to know Him as a person.

Check out this book if you want to know more about the Power of the Holy spirit working in you, on you and through you.

MINISTERS LETTER

I hope that this communication finds you well!

Easter 2023 proved to be a bit different in the life of Lawn Community Church, after the previous - pandemic affected - few years. We had a service of Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday, in the kitchen of Sue and Keith Tredget, which saw 16 people cram in around the table! A further 12 others joined us, on the Sunday and after the service, many of those stayed for a bring 'n' share lunch. Following that, eight or nine went on a church walk, around The Lawn itself.

In between, a number of us also met during the afternoon of Good Friday. With Jesus' words, "could you not wait with me, one hour" in mind, between 3.00-4.00pm we met at 'the crossing', in Regents Street in the town-centre and, around the large wooden cross, stood in a circle, in silence. We joined by around 25 from other Swindon churches, who waited around the cross for one hour

We didn't preach. We didn't hand out tracts to passers-by. We didn't do much more than stand in silence, looking towards the cross.

At first, I stood in the middle of the circle, holding the cross in place. I didn't feel afraid, I didn't feel self-conscious. I felt content; I felt that, at that moment, I was exactly where I wanted to be, in my life. Silently, I was waiting with my Lord and witnessing to what He did on the cross, nearly 2,000 years ago.

Others were also waiting, in the circle. I was aware that a number of them didn't feel as comfortable as I did, but they were there, in faith, all the same. If anything, this was more of a commitment, on their part. I'd done this sort of thing before, on many occasions - they hadn't and they had my utmost respect, during that hour. What I didn't know, was that there had been a major police incident involving a knifeman at Metro Bank, a few yards away, less than an hour before we started.

Christians from other churches slowly added themselves to our circle; some of them praying silently, but openly. Almost from the start, I could hear shouts of opposition and abuse from a tiny minority of passers-by, but we ignored them. Around 3.15pm, a man came and almost attached himself to the circle and began an on-going verbal assault of questions, accusations and abuse. The Christians weren't phased by this and engaged with him in patience, love and respect. Some tried to reason with him, others prayed for him, silently. One particular Asian Christian asked him, "Do you honestly think that you could go to India and openly criticise Hinduism, like you're openly criticising Christianity and get away with it, over there?"

An hour can be a long time, but at the end, we finished by singing part of the hymn 'Thine Be The Glory'. Our standing in silence, around a wooden cross, had been a powerful spectacle. Yet it was nowhere near as powerful as the events of that first Good Friday.

After all that Jesus did for us that day, waiting with Him for one hour, in the way that we did, was the least that we could do.

God Bless

John Cheek

NOTICE BOARD

Bring 'n' share lunch

Following the morning service on the first Sunday in May, on the 7th, you're welcome to stay for a bring 'n' share lunch. Please bring some lunch for you and some lunch to share! Depending on the weather, we may then go for another church walk, with one or two people from outside the church, but who live in the area.

Money raising venture for Safe Families

Becky ran in the London Marathon on Sunday, 23rd April in wellies for Safe Families. There is still opportunity to sponsor her if you wish, this is the link to her giving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/wellymarathon> There is also information about Safe Families.

Prophetic Weekend

Lawn Community Church will play host to this event, taking place over 23rd - 25th June. This will be led by the SOAR Watchman prophetic team. There will be teaching, ministry and worship and also, on the Saturday morning, there will be announcements and proclamation at strategic spots in Lawn and around Swindon. Can YOU help with offering meals to the team, whilst they are staying for the weekend? Please see John if you can

Finance: Offering Box.

Most of the churches offering comes in through monthly standing orders from church members/ congregation.

For those who are unable to tithe and give regularly, a reminder that the offering box is on the table at the back of the church, for anyone wishing to make a cash / cheque donation.

This reminder will be mentioned in the announcements on occasions in church.

BMS Birthday Scheme.

The BMS birthday scheme is run by the Baptist Mission Society, a card is presented on your birthday if you opt into the scheme to invite you to make a donation to BMS. Lillieth has been our Birthday scheme secretary for a number of years but there has been a decline in the number of people participating within our church and Lillieth would like to stand down at the AGM. Due to Lillieth's work, please speak to Jenny Garth if anyone is interested in taking on this role.

There is hope to put together an information pack for anyone who is interested.

Litter Picking

We hope to soon commence two forms of litter-picking, as an activity, to bless the Lawn community. If you're interested in taking part in an organised litter-pick, led by the church and joined by other members of the community, please see John. If you're interested in spontaneous litter-picks, please see Crispian.

Nurture Hub Breakfast Service

Lawn Primary School have begun a 'breakfast club', from Monday - Friday, to help with a small number of pupils who have been largely absent, since the pandemic finished. The staff were going to pay for this initiative, to help ease them back into their classes, out of their own pockets - that was until Lawn Community Church stepped in.

The church is now supporting the initiative by donating breakfast food. If you too would like to donate, the school is asking particularly for cereal bars, fruit, jam and breakfast cereal. Please see John, or Sue Tredget, with your kind offerings. Thank you.

NOTICE BOARD Continued

Emergency Food-Parcels

During the Easter holidays, Lawn Primary School may contact our church, asking that we help one or two needy households known to them, with a food-parcel. If anyone would like to help with, please let John, Fiona or Sue Tredget know.

If anyone wishes to donate two or three items of food, please see select dried items from the suggested in the list. Thanks.

Suggested foodbag content

40 teabags

Small jar coffee

Bottle of Squash

Box of cereal

Bag of pasta

Bag of microwaveable rice

Tin chilli con carni

Tin mince or chicken

Tin hot dogs

Tin potatoes

Tin sweetcorn

Tin peas

Tin carrots

Tin baked beans

Tins spaghetti

Tin Tuna

Packet of sauce for tuna

Ketchup

Mayo

Packet cakes/biscuits

Tin Fruit

Tin/packet custard



† BE INSPIRED WITH QUOTES †

“To pray in the Holy Spirit simply means to lean upon His divine help as we pray”. **William Thrasher**

“The Spirit-filled life is not a special, deluxe edition of Christianity. It is part and parcel of the total plan of God for His people”. **A. W Tozer**

Jesus said: “But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you” **John 14 v 26**

We have been given the privilege to host this presence. The Holy Spirit is in me for my sake but he is upon me for yours. **Bill Johnson**

"I surrendered unto Him all there was of me; everything! Then for the first time I realized what it meant to have real power." **Kathryn Kuhlman**



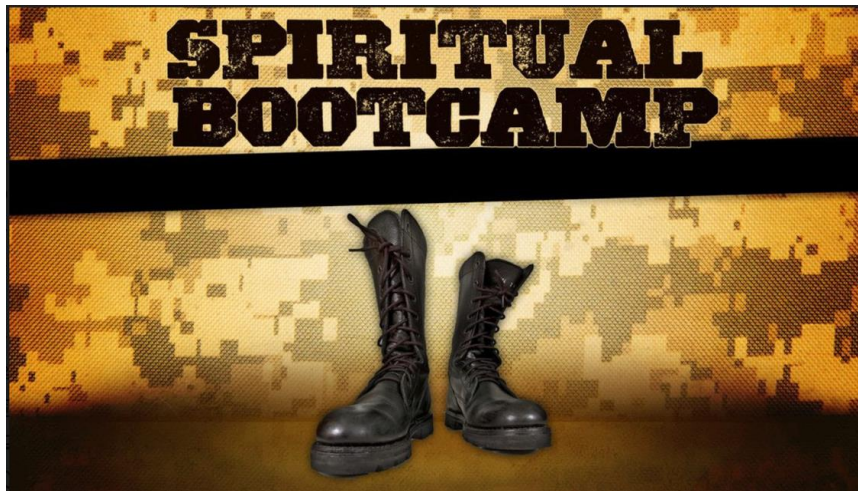
'My life you hold within your hands, I walk by faith, not by sight, for you alone are my source!'

From song Greater than it all by New Day Feat Jake Isaac



BE INSPIRED

ONLINE COURSE RECOMMENDATION BY FRANK H



This 12 week course is an opportunity to grow in relationship with God, spiritual understanding, giftings, and maturity. These workshops include inspiring testimonials, discussions, homework & teaching on key spiritual topics that have been hand-picked by Lori Arnott Lawlor.

I have just completed this online course and it was fantastic. HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

It was run by Harvest Ministries in Birmingham.

The sessions were 1 hour a week on a Wednesday evening via Zoom and they consisted of teaching, prayer, discussions and testimonies.

The course sessions included topics like:

- Jesus and his Miracles. – What his Miracles reveal
- God's Grace - Receive the gift
- Holy Spirit - Power and presence changes everything
- Introducing Father
- The Power of your story
- Getting our hearts healed
- and much more!

They will be running another course soon (possibly starting in May).

If you would like more details, please see Frank H.

Lori Arnott is an anointed leader and through the course you get to go deeper in your relationship with God.

If you are interested in taking your relationship with God to the next level, then I highly recommend that you take this course.

SOAKING IN THE WORD Ephesians 3 v 16-20 NLT

¹⁶ I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit. ¹⁷ Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong. ¹⁸ And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. ¹⁹ May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.

²⁰ Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.

STREET PASTOR COMMISSIONING

Some of you will know Stephen felt prompted by God to become a Street Pastor when we had a visit from Street Pastors at LCC in the autumn. He is now in the final stages of preparation for going on the street as a volunteer, this has involved a series of training sessions. He will be commissioned as a Street Pastor with three others on the 20th of May at Bath Road. Street Pastors are still looking to expand their team of volunteers both as street pastors and prayer pastors. Ruth has been their administrator since July 2021, she processes applications, organise cloud storage among other tasks as required. Speak to Stephen to find out how he is getting on.



ARTICLE ON BAPTIST WEBSITE

John Cheek has written an article about domestic violence, that has been published on the Baptists Together website. If you are interested to read it. Here is the web link:

[The Baptist Union of Great Britain : Break the silence - you are not alone](#)

CHURCHES' PETITION OPPOSING ILLEGAL MIGRATION

Bill submitted to 10 Downing Street

A statement signed by over 1450 church leaders opposing the government's Illegal Migration has been handed to 10 Downing Street [on 4 April], saying that the government's proposals are 'incompatible with our Christian conviction that all human beings are made in the image of God'.

Revd Steve Tinning, Public Issues Enabler for the Baptist Union of Great Britain, said: ...

"over 1450 Christian leaders are saying that the Illegal Migration Bill represents nothing of our Christian values of compassion, hospitality and mercy. It threatens the detention of innocent children, it offers no obligation to provide safe routes for those fleeing war and persecution, and it criminalises and punishes innocent victims. We implore the government to stop stoking fear and cease their jeers of rejection and hostility. Instead, we ask and pray that our nation might set a table and sacrificially make space for the other."

Two in three people who cross the channel to seek sanctuary in the UK are granted asylum following rigorous checks, it seems unthinkable to reject them before they have even had a chance to have their claim for asylum heard.

The full statement can be read at <https://jpit.uk/response-to-illegal-migration-bill>

NEXT BAPTIST UNION PRESIDENT

Steve Finamore to be BU President in 2004-2005

Steve is currently principal of Bristol Baptist College attended by John Cheek.

Find out more about Steve from John.



ORGANISATION OF FOCUS FOR THE MONTH

Baptist Mission Society



Please join us this week as we lift up the nation of Guinea in prayer. 🙏

1. BMS worker Caroline*’s health education programme teaches young girls to understand their menstrual cycle. Pray that the children, from kindergarten to 6th grade, will benefit from these sessions as well as sessions on dental hygiene and hand washing, and learn how to take care of themselves.
2. Please pray for Caroline’s preparation of teaching material which focuses on informing boys on topics such as puberty, relationships, violence, migration, and suicide. Pray that the boys she teaches will find the materials helpful and engaging.
3. Leena* is the latest addition to the BMS team in Guinea. Ask God to give her a deep understanding of the context in which she works and a clear strategy for supporting micro-enterprise initiatives.
4. Shérif* works alongside BMS worker Victor* in the BMS-supported ministry centre and has taken on the administration role. Pray that he will adapt well and boost the numbers reached through word of mouth and advertising.
5. Pray that the BMS-supported literacy programme in the city’s prison will help prisoners learn to read, write and come to know the Lord.
6. BMS worker Holly* soon completes her first year in Guinea. Please pray for her continued knowledge and understanding of the culture, and how people use and value communities, communal spaces and the environment.
7. As Holly seeks to begin new projects in community development, please pray that God shows which community groups or specific neighbourhoods to focus on.

**Names changed for security purposes.*

Information from Facebook posted on BMS World Mission page on 16th April

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SAFE GUARDING

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 Keith Tredget: Mobile: 07810 860568 Email

keith@tredget.com

A SHORT METHOD OF PRAYER

BY J. M. B. DE LA MOTHE GUYON

Translated from the Paris Edition of 1790 BY A. W. MARSTON.

CHAPTER XIV THE FAULTS COMMITTED IN THIS DEGREE--DISTRACTIONS, TEMPTATIONS--THE COURSE TO BE PURSUED RESPECTING THEM.

As soon as we fall into a fault, or have wandered, we must turn again within ourselves; because this fault having turned us from God, we should as soon as possible turn towards Him, and suffer the penitence which He Himself will give.

It is of great importance that we should not be anxious about these faults, because the anxiety only springs from a secret pride and a love of our own excellence. We are troubled at feeling what we are.

If we become discouraged, we shall grow weaker yet; and reflection upon our faults produces a vexation which is worse than the sin itself.

A truly humble soul does not marvel at its weakness, and the more it perceives its wretchedness, the more it abandons itself to God, and seeks to remain near to Him, knowing how deeply it needs His help. God's own word to us is, "I will instruct thee, and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye" (Ps. xxxii.8).

In distractions or temptations, instead of combating them directly, which would only serve to augment them, and to wean us from God, with whom alone we ought to be occupied, we should simply turn away from them, and draw nearer to God; as a little child, seeing a fierce animal approaching it, would not stay to fight it, nor even to look at it, but would run for shelter to its mother's arms, where it would be safe. "God is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early" (Ps. 46: 5).

If we adopt any other course of action, if we attempt to attack our enemies in our weakness, we shall be wounded, even if we are not entirely defeated; but remaining in the simple presence of God, we find ourselves immediately fortified.

This was what David did: he says, "I have set the Lord always before me; because He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Therefore, my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth; my flesh also shall rest in hope." It is also said by Moses, "The Lord shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace" (Exod. 14: 14).

Thank to Christine for this contribution.

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CURRENT LEADERSHIP TEAM

Minister: John Cheek

Tel: 01793 420507 **Day off:** Friday

Pastoral worker: Dr Stephen Brooke

Deacons: Keith Tredget

Howard Patterson

Crispian Garth

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

Minutes secretary, gift aid administrator, etc: Jenny Garth

Church news co-ordinator: Ruth French

BMS birthday scheme: Lillieth Patterson

Designated person for safeguarding: Keith Tredget

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