

LAWN COMMUNITY CHURCH



Monthly Update

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



JANUARY 2024

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Sunday Services are held every week at 10.30am

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

Prayer gathering in Room 1 every Sunday before the service at 10.15am

January

- 4th Thurs 7.00pm Home Group
- 7th Sun 10.30am Communion Service - Bring and Share Lunch
- 11th Thurs 7.30pm Prayer Meeting
- 14th Sun 10.30am Sunday Service
- 18th Thurs 7.00pm Home Group
- 21st Sun 10.30am Sunday Service ----- Closing date for MU & CFN -----
- 25th Thurs 7.30pm Prayer Meeting
- 28th Sun 10.30am Sunday Service

February

- 1st Thurs 7.00pm Home Group
- 4th Sun 10.30am Communion Service - Bring and Share Lunch
- 8th Thurs 7.30pm Prayer Meeting
- 11th Sun 10.30am Sunday Service
- 15th Thurs 7.00pm Home Group
- 18th Sun 10.30am Sunday Service ----- Closing date for MU & CFN -----
- 22nd Thurs 7.30pm Prayer Meeting
- 25th Sun 10.30am Sunday Service
- 29th Thurs 7.30pm **LCC Members Meeting** - Everyone welcome, please note only members are allowed to vote. Please give your apology to Jenny Garth if you would like your absence to be noted.

Memory Verse:

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God." Matthew 5:8

Notice board

Bring 'n' share lunches Will be held after the morning service on the first Sunday of every month. Please bring some food to share. If bringing something that has been prepared at home, please include a note of ingredients, in case of others' allergies.

Thursday Evenings

Discipleship Group	When?	Join our church homegroup, on 1 st and 3 rd Thursday evenings
	Venue?	Jenny & Crispian's home email: crispien.garth@ntlworld.com
	Time?	7.00pm - refreshments and group session at 7.30pm.
	Purpose?	Opportunity to study & pray together and support each other.
Prayer Meetings	When?	2 nd and 4 th Thursday evenings of the month
	Venue?	Room 1, Lawn Community Centre
	Time?	7.30pm

Worship Group Can you play a musical instrument? Do you sing? If you are interested in using your talents, please see Stephen Brooke.

Food-parcels The church continues to deliver balanced healthy weekly food parcels to households referred by Lawn Primary School and continue to deliver one-off emergency food-parcels. This is helping these households get back on their feet. If you would like to support this initiative you can donate food or drink; make a financial donation, (please use the envelopes at the back of the church and mark it 'food-parcels'); like to help John and Fiona with the collation and delivery of food parcels?

Board games evening Do you enjoy board games? Would you be willing to lead others in playing them as community outreach towards those who enjoy them? We are considering a free **monthly**, organised, board games evening at the Community Centre, led by the church where anyone can attend and play; tea, coffee and other refreshments will be available, in a safe space. We hope to have our first evening in February. Thank you to those who have already agreed to bring a game and show others how to play it. If you can help, please see John and dig out your games at home!

Free cleaning Our new church member, Patricia, is a professional cleaner and looking to bless others by cleaning their home, from top-to-bottom. Would you, or someone you know (maybe a senior citizen), like to be blessed by her free offer of help?

Men's breakfasts We've had two tremendous men's breakfasts, which were enjoyed by all those present! Watch this space, for more. The ladies are welcome to do something similar, too...

Guest speakers Do you know someone who may be a worthwhile visiting preacher, whom we could invite to Lawn on a Sunday morning? If so, please see John or one of the Deacons

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Jan	Facilitator	Preach	Music	PA	Laptop	Set Up	Refreshments
7	John	John	Susan	Crispian	Jenny	Crispian Jenny	Jenny & Crispian
14	Christine Stephen	Stephen	Stephen	Matthew	Ruth	Stephen Christine	Christine & Stephen
21	John	John	Stephen	Keith T	Howard	Keith T Howard	Keith T & Sue
28	Susan Keith S	Keith S	Susan	Matthew	Ruth	Susan Keith S	Frank & Rachel

✠ BE INSPIRED ✠

with quotes

So, bring me all your pain
And every night that you weep
And I will bury them all
For the life of me

There's not a day I haven't loved you
Not a day I haven't loved you
Your name is written on my hands.

Disciple lyrics taken from – 'For the life of me'

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. (Ezekiel 36:26)

It can be hard thinking about giving thanks when you are in a middle of a dark situation.

Thanksgiving enables us to face our present reality in light of a promise of a future breakthrough. (Kevin Dedmon)



God Is Always by Your Side.

"Lord, whether we're leaving behind a year of joy and blessing or trials and difficulties, we pause to give thanks. We thank you that you are always with us, every single day of every single year. Please remind us of your presence in the year ahead, even when life is busy. We are so thankful that we serve a God who makes things new and gives us the grace of fresh starts and new beginnings. Be glorified in our lives this year. In Jesus' name, Amen." — [Heather C. King](#)

Soaking in the Word

Philippians 4:6-7 NLT

Don't worry about anything; instead, **pray** about **everything**.

Tell God what you need, and **thank him** for all he has done.

Then you will experience **God's peace**, which **exceeds anything** we can understand.

His **peace** will guard your **hearts and minds** as you **live in Christ Jesus**.

Book Recommendation

Radical: 21 Days to Radically Follow Jesus.

By Reinhard Hirtler

Christianity is not just another religion, it is a call to follow Jesus, surrendering completely to Him.

There can be no true satisfaction unless we forsake our own ways and accept the ways of Jesus.

This book will challenge you to radically follow Jesus in 21 different areas of your life.

About the Author: Reinhard lived in Austria, England, the USA and currently he lives in Brazil, where he is training church planters and building orphanages. He has been used frequently in miracles and has seen thousands supernatural healings, including eye sights restored, deaf ears open, cripples walk, cancer healed.... He is a well sought after conference speaker and author of ten books. He travels extensively around the world, challenging and inspiring people to forsake all and follow Jesus.

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 paying for our Minister-In-Training, 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 whom gives regularly.

Gift received in November 2023.

- Regular Gifts Received: £1,235.00
- Offering Box Gifts: £242.65
- WEBA Home Mission Gift £333.33

Total: £1,810.98

Payments / Expenses for the Month: £3,835.35

The deficit payment is being met from our reserves.

A reflection

Let prayer penetrate deeply through our lives.

Let your love God pass from a perceiving state to reality and become deeply embedded in us.

Let your holy Spirit fill us a new each day.

Awaken us to your will, your path of exploration.

Strengthen us, guide us, as we seek to move forward.

Empower us with your Holy Spirit.

Let it impact our whole life, every part of our being,

Bringing unity, cascading from the depths of our souls.

To still our minds, resting in your love and peace.

Give us boldness to deal with conflict, division and change.

Creating united identity and purpose with those around us.

By Ruth

Lawn Community Church (LCC)

CURRENT LEADERSHIP TEAM

Minister: John Cheek

Tel: 01793 420507 **Day off:** Monday

Deacons: Keith Tredget

Howard Patterson

Crispian Garth

Pastoral Mentor: Dr Stephen Brooke

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

Minutes secretary, gift aid administrator, etc: Jenny Garth

Church news co-ordinator: Ruth French

BMS birthday scheme: Role vacant

Designated person for safeguarding: Keith Tredget

Deputy designated person for safeguarding: Rachel Hudd

LCC email: admin@lawncommunitychurch.org.uk

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 safeguarding@lawncommunitychurch.org.uk

Minister's Letter

At the beginning of a new year, it's amazing that, in 2024, we're now approaching the halfway point in this decade! Soon, we shall find that we're a quarter of the way through this 21st century. It seems hard to believe if, like me, you still clearly remember the turn of the new Millenium and all that went with it.

Perhaps, if you're like me, you get very reflective at the start of a new year. It's around now, that I become conscious, once again, that time - and life in general - seems to be flying past. I want to make the most of the remaining time; I want to make the most of every second of every minute; I want to make the most of every conversation; I want to make the most of every opportunity. I want to "take every thought captive to make it obedient to Christ", as it says in 2 Corinthians 10:5, "redeeming the time, because the days are evil", Ephesians 5:16.

How can we redeem our time? It's easier said than done. At the start of 2024, here's a few suggestions. Perhaps you can add one or two of your own?

I'm sure that scripture already features prominently in your daily life. How about adding the reading of an extra psalm, into your day? Or a couple of Proverbs? You'll be gaining vital spiritual wisdom that will only increase your personal maturity, on that level. How about adding an extra ten minutes of prayer, to your daily devotions? That may seem a little formulaic, but if practised daily, will eventually start to yield real power into your life.

God Bless, John Cheek