

LAWN COMMUNITY CHURCH



Monthly Update

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



www.lawncommunitychurch.org.uk

December 2025

Sunday Services are held weekly at 10.30am

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

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

What's on in November?			
7 th	Sun	10.30am	2 nd Advent, Communion Service, followed by B & S Lunch <i>Please bring a note of ingredients if you are being homemade food.</i>
11 th	Thurs	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting
13 th	Sat	5.00pm – 7.00pm	Community Christmas Carols
14 th	Sun	10.30am	3 rd Advent, Sunday Service
		7.30pm	Evening Prayer gathering, venue to be announced
21 st	Sun	10.30am	4 th Advent, Sunday Service
25 th	Thurs		<i>Happy Birthdays Jesus!</i>
28 th	Sun	10.30am	Sunday Service -----Closing date for MU & CFN -----
		7.30pm	Evening Prayer gathering, venue to be announced

Lawn Community Church Rota							
Dec	Facilitator	Preacher	Music	PA	Laptop	Set Up	Refreshments
7 th	Susan	Keith	Susan	Keith T	Howard	Keith S & Susan	Keith T & Sue
14 th	John	John	John	Crispian	Jenny	Jenny & Crispian	Jenny & Crispian
21 st	Christine Stephen	Stephen	Stephen	Matthew	Ruth	Christine & Stephen	Christine & Stephen
28 th	Susan	Susan	Susan	Keith T	Howard	Keith T & Howard	Keith T & Sue

Invitation to everyone to contribute your favourite bible verse for January 2026 Monthly Update

Please send your contributions to the editor at lcnewseditor@gmail.com by the 28th December.


Events at Lawn Community Centre

Every Week

Please note the centre will shut for Christmas from 22nd December until after New Year.

Monday	9.30 am – 11.30am	Coffee morning in main hall
Thursday	2.00pm – 4.30pm	Coffee shop in Room 1
Friday	9.45am – 11.15am	Toddler Play & Stay Adventure! for children and their carers in the main hall, term time only. <i>If you would like to help with this please speak to Susan</i>

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2 nd	Tues	2.00 pm	Folk Club
6 th	Sat	9.00 – 10.00 am	Ward Councillors Surgery
		10.00 – 12 noon	Coffee Shop
9 th	Tues	2.00 pm	Board Games
13 th	Sat	5.00pm to 7.00pm	Community Christmas Carols 

Help is required with setting up and refreshments, as well as lots of enthusiastic singing on the night. Please Susan know if you can offer help.

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10 th	Jan	Sat	2.00pm	Pantomime Tickets £10pp (£30 per family of 4) <i>from the community centre</i>
14 th	Feb	Sat	7.00pm	Valentine's Curry Night

Useful Information

Church Leadership Team	Safeguarding
<p>Lawn Community Church email: admin@lawncommunitychurch.org.uk</p> <p>Deacons: Keith Tredget, Howard Patterson & Crispian Garth</p> <p>Minutes Secretary: Jenny Garth</p> <p>Gift Aid Administrator: Garry Tang</p> <p>Church News Co-ordinator: Ruth French</p> <p>Email: lcnewseditor@gmail.com</p> <p>Church WhatsApp Group: Frank Hudd</p>	<p>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:</p> <p>Designated person for Safeguarding: Keith Tredget - Mobile No: 07810 860568</p> <p>Deputy designated person for Safeguarding: Rachel Hudd - Mobile No: 07740 190629</p> <p>Email: safeguarding@lawncommunitychurch.org.uk</p>

Quotes to ponder upon How do we live out our faith in a busy largely materialistic season of Christmas?

- “The kingdom of God is God’s people, in God’s place, under God’s rule”. *Stephen Brooke*
- “This is the great challenge of discipleship: to move from aspirational ideas to authentic transformation”.
Practicing The Way pg 169
- “Grace transforms us in the context of freedom and relationship rather than pressure and demand: Jesus burden is light his workload easy, his voice gentle and encouraging while challenging”.
From Rooted in God’s grace by Hannah Fytche

Prayer Gatherings	Finances												
<p>Sunday 10.15 – 10.25 am every week in Room 1, to ask God to draw close during the service</p> <p>Prayer evenings second and fourth Thursdays & Sundays in the month starting at 7.30pm. On Thursdays we met in Room 1 in Lawn Community centre and on Sundays in a home. We spend time in Worship and Prayer <i>listening to God</i>, sharing how he speaks to us.</p> <p>Members' Meetings: Our next members meeting is on Thursday 27th November. Please note only members are allowed to vote. If you would like your absence to be noted please give your apology to Jenny Garth.</p> <p>*****</p> <p>If you have anything you would like to discuss or ask about church life, please speak to one our deacons.</p> <p>*****</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>If you feel prompted to give regularly, please speak to our Treasurer, Howard Patterson, or to Gary tang for Gift Aid. Please use the offering box if you are unable to give regularly or prefer to a give cash offering.</p> <p>Finance Report for October 2025</p> <table> <tr> <td>Gifts received in August:</td> <td>£2,210</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Offering Box gifts:</td> <td>£360</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tax Refund from HMRC – Gift Aid</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>£4,678.44</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total:</td> <td>£7,248.44</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Payments / Expenses for:</td> <td>£ 910.75</td> </tr> </table>	Gifts received in August:	£2,210	Offering Box gifts:	£360	Tax Refund from HMRC – Gift Aid			£4,678.44	Total:	£7,248.44	Payments / Expenses for:	£ 910.75
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God's sorting office

There are an enormous number of Boxes and packages awaiting delivery.
Different sizes but all wrapped in brown paper or boxes.
Lines are already set for them to travel along
One arrived for me, I unpacked it.
I didn't recognise the form the item took but was told it was
DISCERNMENT.

I believe these parcels and boxes are Gifts of God awaiting delivery to the members of His body.
The lines are already in place.
Please place your request for more to God.

James chapter 1 verse 17.

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

Soaking in the Word – Matthew 1: 18 – 23 The message

¹⁸⁻¹⁹ **The birth of Jesus took place like this. His mother, Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. Before they enjoyed their wedding night, Joseph discovered she was pregnant. (It was by the Holy Spirit, but he didn't know that.) Joseph, chagrined but noble, determined to take care of things quietly so Mary would not be disgraced.**

²⁰⁻²³ **While he was trying to figure a way out, he had a dream. God's angel spoke in the dream: "Joseph, son of David, don't hesitate to get married. Mary's pregnancy is Spirit-conceived. God's Holy Spirit has made her pregnant. She will bring a son to birth, and when she does, you, Joseph, will name him Jesus—'God saves'—because he will save his people from their sins." This would bring the prophet's embryonic revelation to full term:**

Watch for this—a virgin will get pregnant and bear a son; They will name him Immanuel (Hebrew for "God is with us").



Listen for announcements for Lawn
Church Christmas project

Poems from website:

[Home - Godsverse](#)

Author Unknown

Emmanuel—God with us!
What comfort this name brings!
He walks beside us every day—
Through trials or joyful things.

He came to show us how to live—
To love with open hearts;
So let us share His love with all—
And play our humble parts.

Author Unknown

In night's quiet a star shone bright,
Guiding wise men with its holy light.
Echoes of Emmanuel's entrance pure
and grand,
In Bethlehem's manger—a
humble land.

Joy and peace filled every heart,
For God and man shall never part.
Each Christmas reminds us in silence
immense,
Of loving echoes from Emmanuel's
entrance.

Author Unknown

I was passing by one day at dusk when I
saw some shepherds near my way;
They were talking softly 'neath an
olive tree about this child from Galilee.

They said He came from Heaven
above—

To show us all how much God loves!
They spoke with joy about His grace—
I could see His light upon each face.

Author Unknown

Upon that starry night so bright—
A star shone forth with wondrous light;
It guided wise men from afar—
To find their King beneath that star.

With gifts of gold and frankincense—
They worshiped Him without pretense;
For in that humble place He lay—
The Savior born on Christmas Day.

led by musicians from our local
SALVATION ARMY,
followed by refreshments and
entertainment in the hall

5 pm at Lawn Community Centre
Saturday 13th December

Swindon Homeless Christmas Project

See their website or Facebook page for items required.

- Donation days planned for 2025:
 - Saturday, 13th December (10am-2pm) - Long life donations
 - Sunday, 21st December (10am-2pm) - Fresh donations
- Donations can be made at The Haven, Queens' Drive (next door to the ambulance station).
- We also are very grateful for [donations of money](#) to meet our various expenses.