

# LAWN COMMUNITY CHURCH



## Monthly Update

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



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### February 2026

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 February?			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Sun	10.30am	Sunday Service, followed by B & S Lunch <i>Please bring a note of ingredients if you are being homemade food.</i>
		6.00pm	Swindon Webnet Churches – All Church Gathering <i>At Gorse Hill Baptist Church</i> <b>Worship – Prayer – Unity</b> <i>With a message from Andy Caldwell,</i> <i>Webnet Regional Team Leader</i>
8 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	10.30am	Sunday Service - A gathering to mark the start of our partnership with Stowe <i>to pray, worship, celebrate and share stories together.</i>
		7.30pm	Evening Prayer gathering, venue to be announced
12 <sup>th</sup>	Thurs	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting
15 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	10.30am	Sunday Service
16 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	9.30am – 11.30am	Pancakes at Monday coffee morning in the main hall, Lawn Community Centre
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Sun	10.30am	Sunday Service -----Closing date for MU & CFN -----
		7.30pm	Evening Prayer gathering, venue to be announced
26 <sup>th</sup>	Thurs	7.30pm	Church Members' Meeting

*A warm welcome to Owen Green*

Who started spending time with Lawn Community Church on Mondays at the beginning of January.  
Owen, we pray that God will bless your time here in Lawn, thank you for your willingness.

### Easter Breakfast

Join us for breakfast on Easter Sunday at Lawn Community Centre.  
Time to be confirmed.

## Lawn Community Church Rota

Date	Facilitator / Leading	Preach	Music	PA	Laptop	Set - Up	Refreshment
1 <sup>st</sup>	Susan	Keith S	Susan	Matthew	Howard	Keith S & Susan	Keith T & Sue
8 <sup>th</sup>	Stephen	<b>Stowe/Lawn Partnership</b>	Stephen	Keith T	Ruth	Keith T & Howard	Frank & Friends
15 <sup>th</sup>	Janet & John	John Roe	John & Janet	Crispian	Jenny	Crispian & Jenny	Crispian & Jenny
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Stephen & Christine	Stephen	Stephen	Matthew	Ruth	Stephen & Christine	Christine & Stephen

### Hello from Owen

It's been really enjoyable to begin joining in with the work and life of Lawn CC over the past month. It's early days, and I'm only around one day a week - usually Mondays to fit around my chaplaincy and Stowe responsibilities, but I have been able to join in at coffee morning listening to others. Interestingly today (Monday) I heard a woman say, 'we don't believe in anything anymore, not the hospitals, not the government, not the police.'

**This forms a prayer in me:**

Lord, where institutions fail, you never do, you are faithful and trustworthy,  
may those who feel let down and vulnerable find you to be a strong tower, an anchor, a light.  
May you form us to be your people helping others to find true hope in you.

I've also been able to attend prayer meetings and met with deacons and others, and it's been good to join the conversations on the WhatsApp group and to listen to the songs posted.

**Two events have emerged out of our conversations:**

Firstly, on Sunday the 8th February The Stowe Church and Lawn Community a church will join together to worship God and celebrate the start of our partnership, praying for one another. The Stowe will come on tour to Lawn, and we hope something of both churches patterns of worship might be reflected and maybe even something new created as we meet.

Secondly, on Monday February 16th at the weekly Monday coffee morning will become a coffee and pancake morning, with pancakes provided free of charge by Lawn CC. I'm really looking forward to this event which runs from 9:30 to 11:30am, and if you have time I'd encourage you to come down to be part of it, what's your favourite topping or filling?

Thank you for your welcome, I look forward to seeing you around, perhaps at one of these events or if you'd like to meet up either in person or on line feel free to get in touch, my number is: 07954386016.

Due to my congested diary, I might not be able to reply straight away.

**Lent starts on 18<sup>th</sup> February – source of all quotes unknown**

"Lent invites us to slow down, to listen, and to let our hearts be reshaped by love."

"Lent is not about giving up, but about making room — for grace, for peace, for God's quiet voice."

"Every small sacrifice in Lent is a seed; in time, it blossoms into deeper faith."

## Events at Lawn Community Centre

### Every Week

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

### February

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tues	2.00 pm	<b>Folk Club</b>
7 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	9.00 – 10.00 am	<b>Ward Councillors Surgery</b>
		10.00 – 12 noon	<b>Coffee Shop</b>
14 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	7.00pm	<b>Valentine's Curry Night</b>
13 <sup>th</sup>	Tues	2.00 pm	<b>Board Games</b>

### Soaking in the Word

Isaiah 61 v 1-3. The Year of the Lord's Favor

**61** The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me,  
because the Lord has anointed me  
to proclaim good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to bind up the broken  
hearted,  
to proclaim freedom for the captives  
and release from darkness for the  
prisoners,  
<sup>2</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour  
and the day of vengeance of our God,  
to comfort all who mourn,  
<sup>3</sup> and provide for those who grieve in  
Zion—  
to bestow on them a crown of beauty  
instead of ashes,  
the oil of joy  
instead of mourning,  
and a garment of praise  
instead of a spirit of despair.  
They will be called oaks of righteousness,  
a planting of the Lord  
for the display of his splendour.

Isaiah 40:28: The Lord is the everlasting  
God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.  
He will not grow tired or weary, and his  
understanding no one can fathom.

### Two quotes to ponder upon .....

#### Quotes1:

**Martin Smith - Garment of Praise song lyrics:**

The joy of the Lord is the strength of my heart  
And I'm singing my heart out again  
You make me glad in the house of the Lord  
And I'll praise You again and again

So take off your sackcloth, shake off the ashes  
Put on your garment of praise  
Here comes the oil, the oil of gladness  
Put on your garment of praise

#### Quote 2:

**Miki Hudd**

Wearing a Sackcloth is for a season not a destination.

God allows moments of grief, repentance and  
heaviness but he never intends us to stay there.

When we choose to put on the garment of praise we  
invite God into a Divine Exchange:

- Despair for Delight
- Fear for Faith
- Brokenness for Restoration

*Praise does not deny our pain, it declares that God is  
greater than it.*

**Scripture: Emphasis on v 3**

## Useful Information

<b>Church Leadership Team</b>	<b>Safeguarding</b>								
<p><b>Lawn Community Church email:</b>  <a href="mailto:admin@lawncommunitychurch.org.uk">admin@lawncommunitychurch.org.uk</a></p> <p><b>Deacons:</b> Keith Tredget, Howard Patterson &amp; Crispian Garth</p> <p><b>Minutes Secretary:</b> Jenny Garth</p> <p><b>Gift Aid Administrator:</b> Garry Tang</p> <p><b>Church News Co-ordinator:</b> Ruth French  <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:lcnewseditor@gmail.com">lcnewseditor@gmail.com</a></p> <p><b>Church WhatsApp Group:</b> 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 style="text-align: center;"><b>Designated person for Safeguarding:</b>  Keith Tredget - Mobile No: 07810 860568</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Deputy designated person for Safeguarding:</b>  Rachel Hudd - Mobile No: 07740 190629</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:safeguarding@lawncommunitychurch.org.uk">safeguarding@lawncommunitychurch.org.uk</a></p>								
<b>Prayer Gatherings</b>	<b>Finances</b>								
<p><b>Sunday 10.15 – 10.25 am every week</b> in Room 1, to ask God to draw close during the service</p> <p><b>Prayer evenings second and fourth Thursdays &amp; Sundays in the month starting at 7.30pm.</b> 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 style="text-align: center;"><b>Our next members meeting is on  Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February.</b></p> <p>Please note only members are allowed to vote. <b>If you would like your absence to be noted please give your apology to Jenny Garth.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">*****</p> <p>If you have anything you would like to discuss or ask about church life, please speak to one our deacons.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*****</p>	<p>We are reliant upon God and the giving of our members &amp; 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 style="text-align: center;"><b>Finance Report for December 2025</b></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;"><b>Gifts received in August:</b></td> <td style="text-align: right; padding: 2px;"><b>£1,220</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;"><b>Offering Box gifts:</b></td> <td style="text-align: right; padding: 2px;"><b>£380</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;"><b>Total:</b></td> <td style="text-align: right; padding: 2px;"><b>£1,600</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;"><b>Payments &amp; Expenses for:</b></td> <td style="text-align: right; padding: 2px;"><b>£ 1,280.71</b></td> </tr> </table>	<b>Gifts received in August:</b>	<b>£1,220</b>	<b>Offering Box gifts:</b>	<b>£380</b>	<b>Total:</b>	<b>£1,600</b>	<b>Payments &amp; Expenses for:</b>	<b>£ 1,280.71</b>
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