

LAWN COMMUNITY CHURCH



Monthly Update

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



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APRIL 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

LCC Dates			
5 th	Sun	9.30 - 10.15am	Easter Breakfast - in Main hall <i>Tea/Coffee, Bacon rolls, croissant & assorted jam, Hot Cross buns.</i>
		10.30am	Easter Celebration
		Please note <i>there is no Bring and Share Lunch today.</i>	
9 th	Thurs	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting in Room 1
12 th	Sun	10.30am	Sunday Service
		7.30pm	Evening Prayer gathering, <i>At Jenny & Crispian's</i>
14 th	Tues	◆◆ Closing Date for May Monthly Update ◆◆	
19 th	Sun	10.30am	Sunday Service
23 rd	Thurs	7.30pm	Church Members' Meeting in Room 1 Everyone welcome, only members can vote. If you would like your apology to be noted, please contact Jenny.
26 th	Sun	10.30am	Sunday Service
		7.30pm	Evening Prayer gathering, <i>At Susan & Keith S's</i>

Soaking in the Word

1 Corinthians 4:20

For the Kingdom of God is not just a lot of talk; it is living by God's power.

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.



Quote

During times of discouragement, remember and reflect on who God is and what he is able to do.

Jayne Banful

April		Lawn Community Church Rota					
Date	Facilitator / Leading	Preach	Music	PA	Laptop	Set - Up	Refreshments
5 th	Stephen & Christine	Stephen	Stephen	Keith T	Howard	Stephen & Christine	Christine & Stephen
12 th	Stephen	Rev. Patrick Quianoo from Rodbourne Cheney Baptist Church	Stephen	Crispian	Jenny	Keith T & Howard	Keith T & Sue
19 th	Simon	Rev. Malcolm McQueen King's Church in Old Town.	Rachel Hind & Simon	Matthew	Ruth	Crispian & Jenny	Crispian & Jenny
26 th	Susan	Keith S	Susan	Crispian	Jenny	Keith S & Susan	Frank & Friends

Events at Lawn Community Centre

organised by Lawn Community Association

Every Week

Mon	9.30 am – 11.30am	Coffee morning in main hall
Thurs	2.00pm – 4.30pm	Coffee shop in Room 1
Fri	9.45am – 11.15am	Toddler Play & Stay Adventure! for children and their carers in the main hall, term time only.

April

7 th	Tues	2.00 pm	Folk Club
3 rd	Fri	12.00 Mid-day	Charity Lunch and children's crafts <i>Donations to LCA Charities of the year</i>
4 th	Sat	9.00 – 10.00 am	Ward Councillors Surgery
		10.00 – 12 noon	Coffee Shop
11 th	Sat	2.00pm	Film Club
14 th	Tues	2.00pm	Board Games
18 th	Sat	12 noon	AGM followed by buffet lunch
24 th	Tues	2.00 pm	Board Games
28 th	Sat	10am	Short Mat Bowls

Future Events

16 th	Sat	May	2.00pm	Concert and Cream Tea Tickets: £7 per person
30 th	Sat	May	2.00pm	Social Dance Tickets: £5 per person

Tickets and more information available from the Centre Office,
Tel: 01793 651806, Email: secretarylawnca@gmail.com

Finances 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.

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.

Finance Report for February 2026

Gifts received in February 2026:
£1,200.00

Offering received: £ 1.10

Total: £1,201.10

Total Expenses & Payments:
£691.81

Safeguarding 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:

Designated person for Safeguarding:

Keith Tredget - Mobile No: 07810 860568

Deputy designated person for Safeguarding:

Rachel Hudd - Mobile No: 07740 190629

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Church Leadership Team

Lawn Community Church email:

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Deacons: Keith Tredget, Howard Patterson & Crispian Garth

Minutes Secretary: Jenny Garth

Gift Aid Administrator: Garry Tang

Church News Co-ordinator: Ruth French

Email: lccnewseditor@gmail.com

Church WhatsApp Group: Frank Hudd

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you.
1 Peter: 3 - 4

"I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. **John 11: 25**

He humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross.
Philippians 2:8

Lawn newsletter March 2026 – The first of a two-parter!

Snakey!

As I went to visit a couple well known by Lawn church this afternoon, I noticed on the wall a whole host of butterflies brightening up the room. Not real ones, but assorted sizes and colourings, they made me smile and gave me pause to remember the word I brought at the recent Lawn, Stowe Sunday Gathering.

It was there that I contrasted the one-off change in life of a caterpillar to butterfly, to that of a snake, constantly shedding skin as it grows. It seems to me, that though more attractive, the image of the butterfly's transformation is less compelling in the Christian life of faith than that of the snakes' skin shedding. I wonder how you would describe your Christian faith? Butterfly like – single transformation, or snakey – an ongoing process? Is God calling you to shed skin now? How is that process for you? Can a church be called to shed skin?

Whilst many may be able to look back to a single moment of transformation, of being, 'born again,' and indeed this is my own experience at the 1984 or was it 5 Mission England campaign at Ashton Gate, if this is our only moment of formation – of becoming like Jesus, it's likely we still look quite like our former selves than the cross-shaped Christ.

Maybe you can look back over life, even the recent past and see the hand of God, the gardener in John 15:1-4, pruning – or cleaning you as you abide in him so that you might become more and more and more fruitful. May you be known by your fruit! But don't chase it, chase abiding and letting God the Gardener have full access to prune and fruit will naturally follow.

Paul writes, 'Be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is, his good pleasing and perfect will.' (Rom 12:2) Perhaps we can learn about this transformation from the experience of the snake shedding skin which happens in several stages. I wonder as I describe these stages what might spark in your imagination, in your soul about what God is doing in your life, in the life of Lawn Community Church? So, this month we consider the first two stages of that process:

Resting stage:

The snake looks and behaves normally, but internally a new skin is already forming. The snake is unaware of what is beginning, it sees and eats and does the things it normally does. This speaks to me of hidden renewal, of God beginning with inner transformation before any outward change takes place. Perhaps this is something like Paul writing, 'we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.' (2 Cor 4:16)

Is something forming beneath the surface, barely discernible at the moment?

Cloudy stage:

Change is noticeable, the snakes vision worsens as its eyes go milky, the skin dulls and it appears washed out! The snake feels vulnerable, and stressed, acts defensive, and may lash out! Perhaps you've seen this in others or noticed it in yourself. Here we need to take on board the tough call of Peter; 'Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.' (1Pet4:8)

Is this a season where deep transformation is underway, where God may feel less clear, calling feels uncertain, direction is blurred? Is that you, are there places you see that at Lawn? This is not the time to turn away and rest in the old skin, but in what can be called a wilderness season, trust in the steadfast love of The Lord which never ceases. Be gentle with one another, we bruise easily.

I hope these thoughts are helpful for you in your own walk of discipleship and can be of use to us at Lawn as we lean into asking God what he is leading us into. Perhaps that will be revealed as we allow him to prepare us by transforming us into his likeness.

Rev. Owen Green

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Hustings Event organised by Gorse Baptist Hill Church

Thursday 23rd April – Save the date

Details to be confirmed by GBHC

In May this year, the whole Borough goes to the Polls to elect a new Council for a full four-year term; with the potential to greatly impact local services that we all interact with as individuals, families and as Church Communities. To enable Christians across the borough to be more informed to prayerfully engage with all the various issues and vote from an informed perspective.

GHBC hopes to gather together Christians from across the Borough and representatives from all of the parties standing in Swindon, to hold a Question-And-Answer event, on subjects submitted by local Christians. To enable Christians to engage with local politicians on issues that we care about locally.

There will also be an opportunity for fellowship before the event for Christians from across the Borough.

More details will follow in our weekly notices, emails & WhatsApp group.

Thank you to Frank

Who has been regularly contributing to the Monthly Update with quotes, book reviews, bible readings and other articles; also, been contributing prayer requests monthly. After several years consistently doing this, he has decided to resign from this task.

Church Family News

Since the Church Family News started in 2021, we now have a LCC WhatsApp group an option to share a prayer request in between meeting and regular one minute stories during the service on Sunday mornings; which both provide alternative opportunities to share prayer requests. What's your views about Church Family News?

If you would like to see this continue then someone/some people need to step into the role of regular contributor(s).

Please let the editor or deacons know your views.