



LOCKINGCASTLECHURCH

*Welcome to Locking Castle Church
Following the way of Jesus, serving the community*

March 2018

Welcome to the March Newsletter! If you are visiting us this month I do hope you feel very welcome and find all you are looking for. Billy Graham's death on Feb 21st felt like the end of an era. His stadium-filling evangelistic events were life-changing for many thousands of people who responded to his simple message of forgiveness and eternal salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. As 'Pastor to the presidents' he was no stranger to controversy, but over the years his reputation for integrity won him global respect. Like the Apostle Paul, he had made it his ambition to preach the gospel where Christ was not known – even in the tougher countries such as North Korea and China. He was convinced that 'Christ not only died for all: He died for each.' Whilst Billy's passing might seem to some to signal the end of 'Evangelicalism', the power of the Gospel lives on. We just have to learn to communicate the same eternal truths in new and creative ways. So this Easter, as well as our special services at LCC and on the New Estates, we are organising an Art Exhibition on the theme of Easter Hope; hosting a family fun day, and inviting people to our next Healing Cafe on 15th April. Easter is all about the victory of Jesus over darkness and evil, so that we, like Billy Graham, can look forward to the future with all hope and confidence. Let's make the most of this opportunity and invite people to come along and hear the good news!

With my love and prayers, Tom ☺



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March Preaching Series: 1-2-1 with God

04/03	Putting God to the test – Water from the rock	Exodus 17:1-7/20
11/03	Sustaining growth – Jethro's Godly advice	Exodus 18:13-27
18/03	The Ten Commandments	Exodus 20:1-21
25/03	<i>The Victory: Palm Sunday</i>	Luke 19:28-44

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A full contact list is available in the lobby or on the church website.

OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Friday 9:30-11:30am. (Office is at the back of the church)

Administrator: Katherine Hollis - 01934 519888 - office@lockingcastlechurch.org

For **Hall & Room Bookings** please contact Teresa Britton on 07886 100469

For **Weddings, Baptisms and Thanksgivings** please contact Debbie on 07787 153068

SERVICES:

Sunday 9.15 am - Communion Service – a quieter service with spoken liturgy.

Sunday 10.30 am - Informal Morning Worship with refreshments, dynamic band-led praise plus youth and children's activities. (Communion is usually on 3rd Sundays)

Wednesday 2-3pm – Oasis Cafe Church with favourite traditional hymns. Contact Emily on 07905 516624 for details.

Soaking Prayer: 6pm Sun 4th – Come & rest in God's presence with gentle music.

Prayer & Praise: 6pm Sun 11th - An hour of dynamic worship & Spirit-led prayer.

Revolution Youth Worship: March 18th 5 pm

Tea & Toast Church at Haywood Village Academy Sun March 25th 3-4pm

Church@St. Anne's Easter Day Service Sun 1st April 3:30pm

YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Sundays: Crèche: Pre-school, **Stars:** EYFS-Y6, **Youth:** Y7+ (5th Sun: Creative altogether)

If you are new or visiting your children are welcome to join in with special kids Sunday activities. Please follow the crowd to registration when the Youth and Children go out and please accompany your child until they are signed in. Thank you! ☺

Thursday Kids:

LCC Kids Club: Crafts, Activities, Games, Fun, Snacks for children school years 3, 4, 5&6 Thursdays from 4.30-5.45 pm. *Parent & toddler room + coffee & refreshments!*

LCC Little Crackers Club: Foundation, year 1 and year 2 children are the focus of this group which runs alongside the current kids club from 4.30 to 5.45 pm.

LCC Kids Band: For all Kids who want to sing, play an instrument or dance! 6pm

Youth: Mon & Thurs 7-9 pm All Y7+ invited – please call Andy on 07496 627246.



Take5 is a term-time afterschool gathering for the community, families and churches to meet up over coffee, cake, craft activities and games. Do come along or join the teams

- **St. Anne's West Wick** – Mondays 2.45-4pm
- **Haywood Village Academy** – Tuesdays 2.30-4pm

Serving opportunities:

- **F@CT (Families @ Church Together)** – Sunday 4th March, 4.30pm-6pm. Sharing food, craft time, a talk, worship time & prayer... If you would like to help or for more details please contact Cathy Bond on 07875 442139.
- Could you spare some time to help on a Thursday? We need **help for the walking bus and on the desk** during Kids Club 4-6pm, and **more youth team** members. It's great fun and very rewarding. All volunteers need DBS checking but do come for an initial taster session. Call Cathy - 07875 442139 or Andy - 07496 627246
- We urgently need volunteers for the **Tea & coffee team** once a month at the 10:30am. It's a great way to meet people & make friends! Pls see Katherine Hollis
- Could you support the Sunday morning **crèche** team? Please contact Mims 😊

Upcoming Events:

- **Women's World Day of Prayer 10:30am Fri 2nd March, 2018**, written this year by the women of Suriname, South America. The Service will be at Milton Methodist church at 10.30am. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- **Watoto Choir: Thursday 8th March at 7:30pm at the Winter Gardens.** Comes highly recommended and should be a good event to invite friends to. **Free** tickets available online through Eventbrite – All donations on the evening and proceeds from merchandise go towards the ongoing work of the choir.
- **RESTORE Women's Conference Sat 10th March 10am-4pm** with Sue Eldridge at Milton Baptist Church – Reviving and empowering women for their calling – please book online via their website. Cost is £10
- **Curry and fun quiz night at LCC Sat 10th March 7-9.30pm** in sponsorship of in-2-biking and Age-2-Age – to book call 07557-132680 or email lin@age2age.org
- **Friday Night Live Worship – 16th Mar 7.30 pm** – speaker: Bob Hartmann – Author and Storyteller. For further information please talk to Phil and April Brown.
- **Art exhibition - Easter Hope from 26-31st March:** Open Mon-Fri 10am-12pm, 2-4pm (not Wed), 6-9pm and Sat 31st 10am-12pm. Live Art, Refreshments provided.
- **Big Bouncy BBQ Bash! Easter Fun day: Saturday 24th March 2-4pm** Easter trail, bouncy castle, face painting, crafts, drinks and BBQ. See Cathy Bond for details.
- **Parenting Course - Handling Anger in the Family.** Starts Mon 23rd April (4 sessions) 12:30-2:30pm at LCC. Crèche: TBC. Please contact Julie Lanham on 0792 9796633

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Mission North Somerset - 13th to 22nd September. A chance to work with other local churches taking the message of the gospel out onto the streets. Please pray for this initiative! For info see Emily or email emily.pastoral@gmail.com

➤ **New Wine:** A group from LCC will be going to Week B: 5-11 Aug. Do join us!

££ Giving ££– If you would like to give financially on a regular basis, please complete a regular giving and gift aid form which can be found in the foyer or on the website noticeboard. For help please call Martin Purnell on 516185 or speak to Susan Brooks.

Locking Castle Church Weekend Away: 6-8th July 2018 at Hebron Hall, Dinas Powys



Places are starting to fill up for our weekend away at Hebron Hall with guest speakers Tim and Hils Grew from Trinity Cheltenham. For more information about Hebron hall and the great facilities on offer please see www.hebronhall.org.

The cost of the weekend is £75 for adults, £40 for children 5-11 years, £50 for 12-17s. (£25 deposit pp please) Duvets and Pillows are provided but you will need to bring your own linen and towels. Please contact Katherine in the office ASAP to book in!

Upper Room: Thank you to everyone for your support and patience during the building works. The project is going well and is expected to be completed before Easter. PTL! Thank you to all those who have contributed financially - If you haven't yet given towards the project there is still time! We still need to raise another £5K to complete the work and furnish the rooms. Please see the notice board for project updates and photos of progress. For any queries or safety concerns about the project, please talk to Tom, Dave Manuel on 07967 575493 or Luke Lyons on 07870 729679.

REGULAR GROUPS/MEETINGS

- **Life Groups** – these are midweek small groups offering friendship, support, study and prayers. Please speak to Emily to join one or pick up the leaflet for more info.
- **M@LC** – (Men at Locking Castle) Men's breakfast with Clive Colledge: **8am Sat 17th March** at the Landing Light. Cost £7.50 Please text Paul on 07921 268369 to book.
- **W@LC** (Women at Locking Castle) –Ladies' Brunch at the Weston Gateway Harvester on **Sat 17th March at 10.00 am**. Please contact Naomi on 07788 417315
- **Outreach to local residential homes.** Monthly Visiting: **Do you have a heart to serve older people in the community?** Please see Emily, Peter Richardson, Susan Brooks or Suzanne Pearse if you would like to join the team.

Intercessory Prayer - Prayer for Everyone *Pray without ceasing (1 Thess 5v16)*

International: Pls pray for a ceasefire in Syria and for the ceasefire in Ukraine to hold.

Mission Partner this month: Kreativitiy Ukraine. Pls pray for David Bute and his family.

LCC: Please pray for the Alpha day on March 4th, the Art exhibition and Easter events.

Please speak to Julie Lanham or the Prayer Ministry Team to share how you have been blessed following prayer, or if you feel called to serve on the team.