



# LOCKINGCASTLECHURCH

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

## April 2018

**W**elcome to the April Newsletter! If you are visiting us this month I do hope you feel very welcome and find all you are looking for. The Christian journey of faith began with a few women who were utterly confused by an empty tomb early on a Sunday morning 2000 years ago. Yet somehow their seemingly unbelievable story of Jesus' resurrection went viral and has transformed the hearts and lives of millions ever since. One of those affected was a young man named Saul who hated Jesus and tried to persecute and imprison the early Christians. But he encountered Christ on the road to Damascus in a vision which completely turned his world upside-down. Paul, as he was later called, experienced such grace, forgiveness and power in his own life that he was compelled to travel great distances and face grave dangers to share this life-changing message with as many people as he could reach. At Locking Castle we are the direct beneficiaries of his ministry, as he first brought the gospel to Europe and explained the wonders of salvation in his letters. So this term, after celebrating the joy of the Victory of Easter, we will begin a series called *The Adventure of Faith* looking at the life of Paul and how his experiences of Jesus still shape our lives today. I'm praying that we will encounter the risen Christ just as powerfully as Paul did. Remember, FAITH is a **Fantastic Adventure In Trusting Him!**

With my love and prayers, Tom ☺



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**Preaching Topics in April:** Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Luke 24:13-35 Meeting Jesus: The road to Emmaus  
Sun 15<sup>th</sup> The Adventure of Faith: Seeing the Light - Acts 9:1-9 (Saul's Conversion)  
Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> The Adventure of Faith: Courageous prayer – Acts 9:10-19a (Ananias' faith)  
Sun 29<sup>th</sup> The Adventure of Faith: Faithful encouragement -Acts 9:19b-31 (Barnabas)

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

Administrator: Katherine Hollis - 01934 519888 - [office@lockingcastlechurch.org](mailto: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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays)

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

**Soaking Prayer:** 6pm Sun 6<sup>th</sup> May - Come & rest in God's presence with gentle music.

**Prayer & Praise:** 6pm Sun 8<sup>th</sup> April - An hour of dynamic worship & Spirit-led prayer.

**Revolution Youth Worship: April 15<sup>th</sup>** - 5 pm at Holy Trinity on the Hill

**Tea & Toast Church at Haywood Village Academy** Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> April 3-4pm

**Church@St. Anne's: Easter Day Service** Sun 1<sup>st</sup> April 3:15pm Egg Trail, Crafts, Stories



**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:**

- 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 😊
- 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

## YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

**Sundays: Crèche:** Pre-school, **Stars:** EYFS-Y6, **Youth:** Y7+ (5<sup>th</sup> 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:** Kids activities begin again Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April (Leaders training 12<sup>th</sup>)

**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: From Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April.** All Y7+ invited – please call Andy on 07496 627246.



### Upcoming Events:

- **Women's morning: Beloved: New Dawn** - Sat 7<sup>th</sup> April 9.30-12.30 at Worle Baptist  
Guest speaker Jennifer Williams - register via Facebook or call 01934 521642.
- **Healing Café – Sundays 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> April from 7-8 pm at LCC.** Are you or is someone you know suffering from pain? Drop in to the Healing Cafe for free cake, coffee and healing prayer. Pls see Jacqui Keir-Bucknall for details or to help serve.
- **Locking Castle Church AGM: Annual General Meeting** (Also known as the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, or Annual Congregational Meeting) will be held at Locking Castle Church at 12:30pm on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April. Nominations for places on the Ecumenical Church Council must be submitted to the church office by the end of Sun 8<sup>th</sup> April. The 2017 Book of reports will be available for download from the website on Mon 9<sup>th</sup> April. Members may vote and all are welcome to attend.
- **Friday Night Live Worship 20<sup>th</sup> April@ 7.30 pm** – speaker Godfrey Birtill. For further details please contact Phil & April Brown at [philandaprilbrown@gmail.com](mailto:philandaprilbrown@gmail.com)
- **Parenting Course - Handling Anger in the Family.** Starts Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> April (4 sessions) 12:30-2:30pm at LCC. Crèche: TBC. Please contact Julie Lanham on 07929 796633
- **Rethink** – A workshop on developing a spiritually renewed mind led by Steve Howell. Sat 28<sup>th</sup> April 9:30am-4:30pm at LCC. Speak to Paul Gill on 07921268369.
- **In-2-biking/age-2-age** – fundraising skittles evening at the Borough Arms on Sat 28<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm. Entry £3 - for further details contact Louisa & Graham Thomas
- **Look out! Youth Alpha** starts 6pm Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May – a great chance to invite friends...
- **Kenya Hope Charity's annual sponsored walk/cycle** is on **Saturday 12th May**, 10am start from Strawberry Line Café, Yatton. Sponsor forms are in the foyer. Please ask Brian or Paul for details or check out the Kenya Hope website at [www.kenyahope.org](http://www.kenyahope.org)
- **Hill House Ladies Houseparty:** 9-11 November – Book soon to avoid disappointment!

**££ 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: 6-8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 book in via Katherine in the office by May 6<sup>th</sup> Thks.

**Upper room update:** The building work in the Upper Room has been completed! Thank you to everyone for your flexibility and patience during the works. There is just a bit more painting and varnishing to do before the carpets are fitted. If you haven't yet given financially to the project and are able to contribute towards the cost of carpets (over £2000), a screen (£400) or chairs please mark your gift 'Upper Room' 😊

### **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 **21<sup>st</sup> April from 8am** 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 21<sup>st</sup> April 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: Please pray for peace breakthroughs in Gaza, North Korea and Syria

Mission Partner this month: STG: Somewhere To Go – offering shelter, food and support to Weston's homeless. Our offerings on April 22<sup>nd</sup> will go to help this charity.

LCC: Please pray for the Healing Cafe, and for deep spiritual encounters this term.

*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.*