



LOCKINGCASTLECHURCH

Welcome to Locking Castle Church

Growing a loving community by sharing Jesus with everyone

September 2020

Welcome to the September newsletter! Whether you have picked this up in leaflet form or downloaded it from our website, thank you for connecting with us and I hope you find all the information you need easily. Hello to everyone in our local community and also to our friends and partners connecting with us from other places around the world.

During the summer break I found myself reading a particularly poetic verse in the Bible - Song of songs 2v11 which says: 'See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come...' I found myself praying that singing could soon return to the silenced congregations, churches and even the football stadiums of our land. It was lovely to then discover that worship teams and small choirs are permitted to sing again but now we need to pray for an even bigger breakthrough: The defeat of Covid19 such that we will be able to worship freely and once again welcome newcomers to come and experience the love of Christ in this community for themselves. The apostles Paul and Silas managed to worship in their prison cell and experience the power of God in a miraculous way (Acts 16) but I'm sure their preference would have been to gather freely with a group of Christians to sing, pray and share communion together. God is gracious and it is possible to live out our faith whilst socially distanced, but let's be honest, we need each other close to encourage us in our faith and to 'spur us on towards love and good deeds'. Our new series *get your gifts growing* is all about using our gifts to encourage others but it's all about God's kingdom growing through personal interaction. So let's keep praying – we need this new season of freedom and singing in our nation! With my Love & prayers, Tom ☺



transforming
lives for good

Education Sunday: 13th Sept



@lccwsm



Locking Castle Church



01934 519888

Locking Castle Church, Jasmine Way, Weston-super-Mare, BS24 7JW
office@lockingcastlechurch.org www.lockingcastlechurch.org

New! Wellbeing Workshops - Thursdays 2-3pm starting 24th Sept at LCC. Explore the key factors to Wellbeing and how to implement them, including resilience to the effects of long-term social distancing. We'll look at self-esteem, low-mood and other areas of mental health and get ourselves in shape in body mind and spirit. 1to1 support and prayer ministry available. For details or to book in contact Emily: emily.pastoral@gmail.com 07905 516624.

££ Giving ££

Regular giving. Since the church has experienced a reduction in plate collections & hall hire income, we are very grateful for the continued provision of gifts by standing order or direct transfer. If you would like to give financially on a regular basis, please complete a regular giving and gift aid form which can be found on the website documents page. If you're a **tax payer** please speak to Martin Purnell on 516185 or Alison Castrey about **Gift-Aid**: We can claim 25% extra from HMRC on your gifts.

LCC can now also take card and contactless donations - Please speak to the staff for details.



Online Giving: You can now donate online or contactlessly using the [GIVT](#) app or you can give to LCC or our Mission partners by Bank Transfer 😊 **Sort code: 60-23-06 Account: 57525358**

Hardship Fund. Several people have already kindly given money towards a hardship fund for those struggling as a result of the corona virus pandemic. If you would like to give towards this, please make a payment preferably by direct transfer to Locking Castle Church with the reference 'Hardship Fund'. **Sort code: 60-23-06 Account: 57525358**

YOUTH and CHILDREN at LCC

Children: Please contact Cathy on 07875 442139 for details of all Children's activities at LCC **TLC toddlers** will resume on 15th Sept with fortnightly groups. Please join the 'Toddlers Locking Castle – TLC' Facebook group or call Mims or Jutta on 07834553487 for details.

Parenting for faith: Thursday 17th Sept 8:30pm. We held a *Parenting for faith* course during lockdown and it's brilliant for parents and families. We will be starting another course in Sept so please do phone, text or email cathy.bond@mail.com to register your interest.

Check out a video all about the course at <https://youtu.be/VTkLxGNm8>

Resources are available from the '**LCC Sunday Kids**' Facebook page, and check out the new *Kids* page on the LCC website for videos and bible stories from Kids Church leaders.

Look out for **Mountain Rangers nature walks** for small groups of children and families.

EYFS-Key stage 1 Story and prayer videos are available on our YouTube Channel

LCC Kids Zone: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCViHVMCCHlryPxayJG3Fp9A>

Key stage 2- Weekly Zoom Kids Club Mondays at 5pm. The children enjoy exploring the bible together through fun games, Bible stories, questions, challenges, and prayer.

Youth: Please contact Andy Pearce on **07956 097310** for details of all Youth Activities:

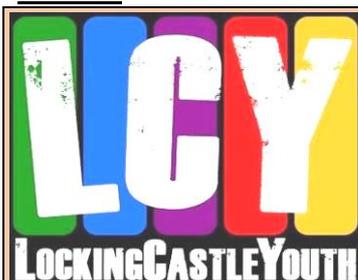
Find us on Facebook @LCYOUTH

Mondays from 7th Sept: 6.30-7.10pm: Online Bible Group

Thursdays from 10th Sept: 7-8.30pm: Youth Band/Social @ LCC

Sundays: Sept 13th 7-8pm: Lord of the Rings Quiz (YouTube)

Sept 27th 7-8pm: Youth Interview (YouTube)



Note: All volunteers for youth & children's work need a DBS check but do try an initial taster session! Call Cathy on 07875 442139 or Andy on 07956 097310 for details.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

- **LCC Art group** - Friday afternoons. If you are interested in joining in, please Contact Debbie: 07787153068 or Jean 07818218457
- **Life Groups** are where we grow caring supportive friendships and deepen our faith through prayer, study and discussion. Groups eat together, do mission or serve the church as a team, and they meet at various times and places throughout the week. If you're not yet part of a Life Group we can help find the right group for you. Please take a life group leaflet or contact Jacqui Keir-Bucknall on 07990 766647 or Emily to find out more.
- ❖ The **Haywood Village 'Rooted' group** meets on Wednesdays 7:30-9.30pm for discipleship, prayer and social time. All Haywoodies Welcome!



Welcome to Katherine 'George' Best!

So great to be able to welcome Katherine Best back to LCC and Haywood Village... she writes: 'Hi everyone. I'm Katherine Best, but everyone knows me as George (a nickname I have had for many years!) I moved here a month ago and I am the new youth worker at Haywood Village, which will be funded by Locking Castle Church and HALE. I will be looking at doing youth work in the local parks in line with Government guidance on detached youth work. I am excited to start this new role and be part of the community here in Haywood Village. I look forward to meeting you!'

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Men's Prayer breakfast BBQ:** Sat 12th Sept 11am with social distancing and good hygiene in the LCC Car park. Book your place by calling Pete Burden 07746 567236.
- **Alpha!** If you are interested in joining Alpha either online or in person, see Tom
- **LCC AGM Meeting:** Our Annual general meeting will be held on Zoom at **12.30pm on Sunday 4th October**. We will be reviewing our progress as a church, electing ECC & church officers and sharing plans and financial forecasts for 2020. Members will be notified of the joining details during September. Non-members are also welcome to attend— please ask Katherine in the office for the joining details. Do have a look at the '2019 book of reports' now published on our website. If you feel called to stand as an ECC member please contact Tom for a nomination form.

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

International: Please pray for all countries affected by Covid-19 and particularly for Lebanon, coping with the aftermath of the Beirut port explosion in August.

Mission partner: This month all our plate collections on 27th Sept will go to **Kreativity Ukraine**, supporting their work and the opening of the new Start Academy School.

Local: Please pray for our government & leaders as we try to avoid a second wave.

Please also pray for those LCC members moving this month or going off to Uni and for the ECC as they navigate reopening safely. *Please do speak to Carolyn and Graham Campbell or one of the pastoral team if you would like prayer for anything.*