



LOCKINGCASTLECHURCH

Welcome to Locking Castle Church

Growing a loving community by sharing Jesus with everyone

November 2021

Welcome to this month's newsletter! Whether you have picked this leaflet physically or downloaded the pdf from our website, thank you for connecting with us and we hope you can find all the information you need easily – please ask if you need any help. Hello to everyone in our local community and also to our friends and partners around the world!

Our recent sermon series 'Coming back to the heart' has led us through the Old Testament book of Zechariah. It's not a book many churches regularly preach on because some of the imagery and prophecy is tricky to understand. But I have been really struck by the majestic unveiling of God's bigger plan for humanity through the coming of the Kingdom of God – where truth and justice reign, and there is compassion, peace and security for *all* the nations. This was inaugurated at the coming of Jesus and will continue to be rolled out until that final day when Christ comes again. The Kingdom is not forced upon people but it grows where the work of the Holy Spirit is welcomed. Jesus came to bring peace and order out of chaos, whereas Satan seeks to steal, kill and destroy – in other words to bring dis-order. I believe we are witnessing a growing sense of global disunity, disorder and discontent that only the kindness of the just rule and reign of Jesus can answer. As COP21 begins and as we approach Advent, we are praying for the Kingdom of God to come again in all sorts of areas of our church, community and international life. It starts with us as we pray 'Your Kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven'. All of creation is waiting for the coming of the Kingdom, so send revival Lord: start with me!

With my love & prayers, Tom 😊



**24 Hour Advent
Prayer
Fri 26th – Sat 27th Nov**



HOPE FOR JUSTICE



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Coming back to the heart...



Autumn 2021
Sermon Series



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Sundays 9 & 10:30am. As we rebuild after a period of exile, God's people are called to keep focussed on His priorities, not just our own.

Zechariah: Blessing for all:

31/10	Justice for all	Zechariah 7 Justice and mercy not fasting
07/11	Prayer for all	Zechariah 8:9-23 Many will come to seek the Lord
14/11	Peace for all (Remembrance)	Zechariah 9:9-12 The King of peace enters the gates
21/11	Overcoming anxiety	Matthew 6:25-34 Do not worry about your life
28/11	Get ready for the Lord	Luke 21:25-36 Signs of the Kingdom

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OFFICE OPENING HOURS: 9:30-11:30am weekdays, except Wednesday 12:30-2pm

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For **Hall & Room Bookings** contact Teresa on 07727 067887 or lcchallbookings@gmail.com

For **Weddings, Baptisms and Thanksgivings** please email lccoccasions@gmail.com

SERVICES:



Booking is not required for services but we are still monitoring case numbers, encouraging hand sanitising, ventilation and masks for anyone that would like them. The 9am communion service will stay socially distanced with masks for singing.

For 10.30am services we are keeping the number of chairs set out in the main body of the church below max capacity to allow greater distancing in the back 2 rows by the windows.

Sunday 9am Socially distanced Communion with quieter worship and spoken prayers.

Sunday 10.30 am – Live every week at 10.30am with worship, kids activities and prayer ministry. Live streamed via [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/lockingcastlechurch) - or just click on the link from our website.

- **5pm Church@St. Anne's West-Wick:** Gather, learn & share together - all welcome! See Andy or <https://www.facebook.com/ChurchatStAnnes> for more information.
- **Haywood Village Church** Sun Nov 28th 3pm, Haywood Village Academy: Tea & Toast church. **'Rooted' group** meets on Wednesdays 7:30-9.30pm. All Haywoodies welcome! Also, **Take5** after-school community outreach will be starting back on Mondays 2.30-4pm in the HVA community room. Contact Fiona on 07788 418347 for more info.
- **Oasis Midweek Café Church with favourite hymns.** Tuesdays 2:30-3:15pm at LCC. Please Contact Emily on 07905 516624 or emily.pastoral@gmail.com for more details.



On your own? Sunday lunch at the Landing Light pub is back on Sunday 7th October at 1pm. Please call Sandra Blackwell on 07719 210623 for details.

Finance update: 2022 is looking challenging for LCC financially as a large drop in room hire bookings, cash collections and grant funding due to the pandemic has used up our reserves. We need to raise an additional £30K per year to maintain our current staffing and ministry provision. However we trust Jehovah Jireh, the Lord is our provider. He is always faithful. If you would like to start giving to LCC, or to review your giving, now is the time! Thank you.

££ Giving ££ - Regular giving. We are very thankful for the monthly 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 form which can be found on the website [forms page](#). If you're a tax payer please complete an [online Gift-Aid form](#) so that we can claim 25% extra from HMRC on your gifts. If you have any queries about giving please talk to our Treasurer Martin Purnell (treasurer@lockingcastlechurch.org) or Alison Castrey, Gift Aid secretary.

Online Giving: You can now donate online via **credit card** at lockingcastlechurch.org/giving, or by using the **GIVT** app, or by direct Bank Transfer to: **Sort code: 60-23-06 Account: 57525358** LCC can now also take card and contactless payments via the office – please ask for details.

Data Protection: If you haven't already done so, please complete our simple online contact and GDPR form at lockingcastlechurch.org/forms which will allow us to store and use your contact details so that staff and authorised leaders can stay in touch with you.

CHILDREN at LCC

Please contact Cathy on **07875 442139** for details...

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

Creche Room 2 is available with toys etc. during services for parents with young children.

Blessed Beginnings Mondays 1-2:30pm during term time for new parents and babies.

Kids Club! Mondays at 4:30-5:30pm during term-time (£1). Fun games, Bible stories, challenges, and prayers. Just email cathy.bond@mail.com for details.

TLC toddlers Free play, craft, refreshments and singing. See the 'Toddlers Locking Castle – TLC' Facebook group or call Jutta or Cathy Bond to join the waiting list.

Kids resources are available from the '**LCC Sunday Kids**' Facebook page, and check out the Kids page on the LCC website or [LCC KIDS ZONE](#) Youtube channel. Check it out!

Do you feel called to join the youth and children's or creche teams? Come and have a chat with Cathy or Andy and perhaps try an initial taster session. Call Cathy on **07875 442139** for more information. Thank you!

EXAMPLE
CENTRED
INFLUENCE
TOGETHER
EQUIP



LCY for Nov: Sunday Evenings

7th 6-8pm Movement at Christ Church, Clevedon

14th 7.00-8.30pm : YOUTH ALPHA

20th-21st Youth Alpha Holy Spirit Weekend away in Brecon Beacons, Wales

28th 7.00-8.30pm : YOUTH ALPHA

Thursday Evenings

Youth Band 5.30-7pm

(Practice for Youth events and live Church services)

Youth 7-8.30pm (sub's £1 per person)

(play games and reconnect with each other)

For more info please contact Andy on 07956097310

YOUTH: Please contact Andy Pearce on **07956 097310** or join the *LCYouth* or *LCC Parents* Facebook groups to check details of all Youth activities.

Sundays

7-8.30pm Youth Alpha

Thursdays

5.30-7pm Youth Band


7-8.30pm LCY Youth (£1 ea)

Don't forget the Neon Light Party event: Sunday 31st October from 5pm 😊

- **Ladies' Breakfast** is back! Saturday 13th Nov, 10.00am at Banwell Garden Centre, BS29 6NX. For info please join the [W@LCC Facebook group](#) or contact Lin Thomas on 07557 132680 or via email lin@clearly.me.uk to reserve your place.
- The next **Men's Breakfast** at the Landing Light will be 8am on Saturday 20th Nov. £7.50 pp for a full English (Veggie available) Pls text Pete on 07746 567236 to book.
- **Deeper Theology** Mondays fortnightly: 1st, 15th and 29th Nov at 7pm. This term we are looking at Prophecy but future course topics will include discipleship, leadership and worship. Text Jacqui Keir-Bucknall 07990 766647 or Tom on 07786 806640.
- **Kenya Hope Remembrance concert** by *Sing Out Loud*. Sat 13th Nov 7pm at St. Peter's.
- **Baptism and membership** –Do contact Tom if you are interested in getting baptised or becoming a church member at our next Baptism service coming up on Dec 5th.
- **24 Hour Advent prayer: 12pm Fri 26th – 12pm Sat 27th November onsite at LCC.** Book your slot to pray in the LCC prayer room as we prepare for Christmas and make room for Christ in our hearts this Advent. <https://pray.24-7prayer.com/signup/7745f7>
- **Christmas Wreathmaking** Saturday 4th December. 3 sessions: 12.30pm, 2.30pm and 6.30pm. Book places from Nov 1st at <https://lockingcastlechurch.org/wreathmaking/>. Tickets are £10 each – maximum of 3 per booking.

*** If you could help with Cutting greenery on 27th Nov, or could donate any spare Christmas baubles or suitable decorations, please txt Jutta on 07834 553487. Thx! ***

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

- **Life Groups** are where we grow caring supportive friendships and deepen our faith through prayer, study and discussion. Groups 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 call Jacqui Keir-Bucknall 07990 766647 or Emily for more info.
- **Wednesday 2pm – Community Prayer** a time to pray together online. Please contact Katherine on 07811 541184 for the Zoom meeting ID and password. 

**Pause Netflix.
Try Alpha**

*Alpha is a chance to explore life, faith and meaning with friendly presentations and discussion over food. Txt Tom on 07786 806640 to join the course on **Sundays at 5pm** at LCC.*



INTERCESSORY PRAYER - Prayer for Everyone *Pray without ceasing (1 Thess 5v16)*
International: Please pray for the **COP26** conference taking place in Glasgow in the first 2 weeks of Nov for unity, wisdom and courage for all those leaders taking part.
Mission partners: Our collections on Nov 28th will go to *Hope for Justice*, supporting their campaign to end modern slavery and trafficking. See <https://hopeforjustice.org/>
Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoeboxes. Every year thousands of children in need are blessed with special gifts at Christmas. If you would like to pack a shoebox and deliver it to LCC anytime up to Sunday 14th November, useful instructions can be found at <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/how-to-pack-a-shoebox/> Please speak to Emily for more information.

Please do put 'PP' (prayer please) in the Facebook service comments or contact Carolyn and Graham Campbell or one of the pastoral team if you would like prayer for anything.