



# LOCKINGCASTLECHURCH

## Welcome to Locking Castle Church

*Growing a loving community by sharing Jesus with everyone*

### January 2022

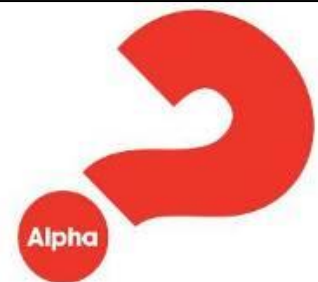
*Welcome to this month's newsletter! Whether you have picked this leaflet physically or downloaded the pdf from our website, thank you for connecting with us and we hope you can find all the information you need easily – please ask if you need any help. Hello to everyone in our local community and also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

According to *Awarenessdays.com*, as well as being a dry month to 'love your liver', January is also known as Veganuary, national Mentoring month, and international 'walk your dog month' (although, can any dog owner tell me which month *isn't* walk your dog month??). January also boasts 21 other awareness days including 'Kiss a ginger day' (Jan 12) and 'National hug day' (Jan 21) and a big energy savings week (Jan 17-22) but the one that stands out is Jan 17<sup>th</sup>, known as *Blue Monday* because it is cold, dark and it is the time most people tend to suffer from the winter blues. Thankfully someone at the Samaritans had a brilliant idea to create an alternative *Brew Monday* where everyone is encouraged to put the kettle on and make the time to invite someone for a cuppa and a chat. A kind word or thoughtful gesture can make all the difference to someone who is feeling low!

When the early Christians were feeling forgotten and downtrodden, the Apostle Peter wrote to them to remind them that they were special to God, chosen, not forgotten, with the living hope of Christ to motivate and encourage them. So during January we will be studying 1 Peter, soaking up this encouragement as we push through the winter months and emerge beyond the pandemic, hopefully with renewed resilience and joy for the year ahead. With my love & prayers, Tom ☺



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# Living Hope



## Spring 2022 Sermon Series



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Sundays 9 & 10:30am. We need faith, hope and love to navigate a New Year with renewed vigour. Thankfully Christ is our living hope who sustains and enables us to step forward with courage and resilience.

### 1 Peter 1-5: Jesus—Our Living Hope

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| 02/01 | Our living hope          | 1 Peter 1:1-12<br>Jesus Christ our living hope     |
| 09/01 | The hope of grace        | 1 Peter 1:13-25<br>The call to be holy             |
| 16/01 | Growing in the Lord      | 1 Peter 2:1-10<br>A living stone & a chosen people |
| 23/01 | Living counterculturally | 1 Peter 2:11-3:7<br>Living Godly submissive lives  |
| 30/01 | Sharing hope             | 1 Peter 3:8-22<br>Suffering for doing good         |
| 06/02 | Serving with love        | 1 Peter 4:1-11<br>Serving in God's strength        |
| 13/02 | Handling persecution     | 1 Peter 4:12-19<br>Coping with persecution         |
| 20/02 | Humble leadership        | 1 Peter 5:1-7<br>Humble leadership                 |
| 27/02 | Standing firm in faith   | 1 Peter 5:8-14<br>Staying Alert                    |

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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](mailto:lcchallbookings@gmail.com)

For **Weddings, Baptisms and Thanksgivings** please email [lccoccasions@gmail.com](mailto:lccoccasions@gmail.com)

### SERVICES:



*We are monitoring the Covid situation carefully and still encouraging hand sanitising, ventilation and consideration of those who are vulnerable. Please wear masks during services (available in the lobby). 9am communion services will stay socially distanced.*

**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/ChurchatStAnnes) - 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 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan 3pm Tea and Toast Church at Haywood Village Academy. HV 'Rooted' group meets on Wednesdays 7:30-9.30pm. All Haywoodies welcome! Also, *Take5* after-school community outreach continues on Mondays 2.30-4pm in the HVA community room during term time. Contact Fiona - 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](mailto:emily.pastoral@gmail.com) for more details.



On your own? Join us for Sunday lunch at the Landing Light pub on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January at 1pm. Please call Sandra Blackwell on 07719 210623 for details.

**Finance update:** Thank you for your kind responses to the call for generous giving as we face financial challenges in 2022. God is good - the Lord is our provider! He is always faithful and if you would like to start giving to LCC, or to review your giving, please contact our treasurer Martin Purnell or speak to one of the staff team or Ecumenical Church Council.

**££ 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](mailto:treasurer@lockingcastlechurch.org)) or Alison Castrey, Gift Aid secretary.

**Online Giving:** You can now donate online via **credit card** at [lockingcastlechurch.org/giving](https://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](https://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 (from Jan 10<sup>th</sup>) for new parents and babies.

**Kids Club!** Mondays from Jan 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:30-5:30pm during term-time (£1). Fun games, Bible stories, challenges, and prayers. Just email [cathy.bond@mail.com](mailto: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!



**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 Green Light

### **Thursdays**

5.30-7pm Youth Band

7-8.30pm LCY Youth (£1 ea)



- **Ladies' Breakfast** Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> Jan, 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](mailto:lin@clearly.me.uk) to reserve your place.
- The next **Men's Breakfast** at the Landing Light will be 8am on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> January. £7.50 pp for a full English (Veggie available) Pls text Pete on 07746 567236 to book.
- **Deeper Theology** – *Leadership for Everyone: 7pm Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> Jan*, then Tuesdays Jan 25, Feb 8 and Mar 1, 15, 29. Text Jacqui Keir-Bucknall 07990 766647 or Tom on 07786 806640 for more information. Helpful teaching and discussion for everyone – including anyone in any sort of leadership role, both in or outside the church, and for those considering leadership or just wanting to think through the various biblical models of leadership and how they should be applied appropriately.
- **Calling all cyclists!** Monthly bike ride starts Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting at LCC 9am. 15-25 miles or up to 2hrs on quieter roads at a leisurely pace. Text Steve Gurney: 07956 684639
- **Open Church Members Meeting:** Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 12:30pm at LCC. All are welcome to join us for vision, finances & updates from the Ecumenical Church Council
- **WellBeing Course** starts Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January for 10 weeks, 11:30-1pm, at LCC. Explore the key factors to wellbeing & how to implement them; strengthen resilience to the long-term effects of living alongside Covid. We'll look at self-esteem, low mood & get ourselves in shape in body mind and spirit, ready to take on the challenges & the joys of 2022. 1to1 support & prayer ministry available. For further details or to book a place, please contact Emily [emily.pastoral@gmail.com](mailto:emily.pastoral@gmail.com) 07905 516624.
- **Locking Deanery Service of Light:** 4pm Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January at Christchurch, WsM. All welcome to this annual celebration service for all churches in the Locking Deanery.
- **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 Jan course on **Sundays 5pm** at LCC.*



**INTERCESSORY PRAYER - Prayer for Everyone** *Pray without ceasing (1 Thess 5v16)*  
International: Please pray for everyone affected by new wave of Covid19 and that there would be global equity for the vaccine rollout. Also pray for a de-escalation of tensions in Ukraine. *Advance notice: 24Hr prayer for Lent will be Fri 25<sup>th</sup>-Sat 26<sup>th</sup> Feb.*  
Mission partners: Our Jan 19<sup>th</sup> collections will go to *Open Doors*, supporting persecuted Christians worldwide. Join their special *World Watch List* webinar at 8.15pm 19<sup>th</sup> Jan: See <https://www.opendoorsuk.org/resources/standing-strong-live/>  
*Please do put 'PP' (prayer please) in the Facebook service comments or contact Carolyn Campbell or one of the pastoral team if you would like prayer for anything.*