



Welcome to Locking Castle Church

A loving community that is growing by sharing Jesus with everyone

**JANUARY
2024**

Welcome to our first newsletter of the year and an especially warm welcome to Locking Castle Church if you are new. We hope you can find all you are looking for but please ask for assistance if we can help you to feel at home here.

As we stand on the precipice of a New Year together, I am excited to announce a profound undertaking that will deepen our understanding of God's Word and foster unity within our community.

Over the next two years, we invite you to join us in reading the Bible together. This book of books holds the rich tapestry of God's covenant with His people, revealing His character, promises, timeless wisdom and the incarnation of Jesus. As we delve into its pages, we embark on a transformative journey that has the power to shape our faith, illuminate our paths, and draw us closer to the heart of the Father.

However, our journey doesn't stop at mere reading. It extends into the realm of community and fellowship. As we come together to explore the Bible, let us approach this endeavour with open hearts and minds. The diversity within our congregation is a testament to the multifaceted nature of God's creation and our ecumenical partnership. We are called to embrace our differences and, most importantly, to learn how to disagree well.

None of us holds a monopoly on interpreting the Bible. The richness of scripture allows for a spectrum of perspectives, and through healthy discourse, we can glean new insights and deepen our collective understanding. Let our discussions be marked by humility, respect, and a shared commitment to seeking God's truth. In this way, we can grow together in love, appreciating the beautiful mosaic of interpretations that reflect the depth and complexity of God's Word.

Remember, it's not about uniformity of thought, but unity in love and purpose. Our journey through the Bible is an opportunity for spiritual growth, personal reflection, and the strengthening of our bonds as a church family.

Blessings Andy





January 24 read plan

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Genesis 1-2	Genesis 3-4	Genesis 5-6	Genesis 7-8	Genesis 9-10	Genesis 11-12	Genesis 13-14	Genesis 15-16	Genesis 17-18	Genesis 19-20	Genesis 21-22
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Genesis 23-24	Genesis 25-26	Genesis 27-28	Genesis 29-30	Genesis 31-32	Genesis 33-34	Genesis 35-36	Genesis 37-38	Genesis 39-40	Genesis 41-42	Genesis 43-44
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31		
Genesis 45-46	Genesis 47-48	Genesis 49-50	John 1	John 2	John 3	John 4	John 5	John 6		

CONTACTS (please note staff members' personal family Sabbath day off in lieu of Sunday)

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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: Coffee and refreshments are available after both morning services.

- **Sunday 9am Holy Communion** with quieter worship and spoken prayers.
- **Sunday 10.30 am** – with worship, kids activities and prayer ministry. The talk is recorded, just click the link on our website.
- **Oasis Midweek Café Church Service** with favourite hymns, short sermon, fellowship, prayers and refreshments. **Holy Communion on 1st Tuesday each month.** All welcome. Every Tuesday 2:30-3:30pm. Contact Emily on 07905 516624 for details.
- **Haywood Village Church: Sundays 4-5:30pm** at Haywood Village Academy. See Fiona **HV 'Rooted' Group** meets Wednesdays 7pm-9pm. All 'Haywoodies' welcome!

Finance: We are very thankful for monthly gifts by standing order or direct transfer.

To give on a regular basis, create a S.O. or print and complete the form on the website [forms page](#). You can now donate by using the [GIVT](#) app or via **credit card** at lockingcastlechurch.org/giving, or by direct Bank Transfer 60-23-06 A/c 57525358. If you're a tax payer please complete an [online Gift-Aid form](#) so we can claim 25% extra from HMRC on your gifts. For queries please contact our Treasurer Martin Purnell (treasurer@lockingcastlechurch.org) or John Stanley, Gift Aid secretary.

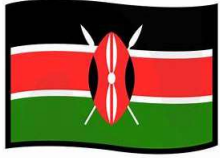
CONTACT DETAILS & GDPR: Please ensure you provide your contact details so we can update you about what's going on at LCC and in our church family. Online consent forms are on the LCC website, scroll to the bottom of the page, to the list of **Useful Links**, select **Forms** and complete the **LCC Contact and GDPR consent form**. Paper forms are in the church foyer, hand to a member of the welcome team, many thanks.

CAP MONEY COURSE

A free short course that makes managing your money simple. 10am Wednesdays 17th 24th & 31st January.

To Book: www.capmoney.org See Emily for details.

Shape up your finances into Godly order for 2024.



Kenya Hope Charity music quiz and curry night
at LCC on Saturday 20th January 7 -10pm.
See Brian Humphries or Lorraine Dinsmore for details.

➤ **LCC Community Prayer** Wednesday 2pm – *a time to pray together online.*

Please contact Katherine Hollis on 07811 541184 for the Zoom meeting ID and password.

24-7 Prayer Any-Day - January Now you can create your own personal rhythm of prayer by booking slots in the Prayer Room on any day of the week, whenever the building is open for Office hours or Hirers. Each month a new sign-up form is available showing times when the Prayer room can be accessed. Just book your slot and head on up to church for your deeper 1-to-1 time with God. Any queries please contact Emily C.

Book Any-Day in January: <https://pray.24-7prayer.com/signup/f5e5bc>

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

Please pray for peace in the wars in Ukraine, and between Israel and Palestine.

Local Ministry: Please pray daily for revival in Weston, and that we love one another in our LCC church family and grow in our discipleship; for the empowering of the Holy Spirit to show the love of God through our daily lives. Please pray comfort for those that mourn. Pray for healing in body mind and spirit, and for God's will to be done.



On your own? Join us for **Sunday lunch** at 1pm on Sunday 7th January at The Summerhouse. Call Sandra Blackwell 07719 210623 for details.

Ladies' Breakfast 9:30 Sat 13th Jan, Carriages Café, Garden Park Garden Centre, Hewish. See [W@LCC Facebook group](#) or Lin Thomas 07557 132680 lin@clearly.me.uk

Men's Breakfast – Contact Pete Burden on 07746 567236 to join.

GARDENING 🌸 10am-12noon Wednesday 17th & Saturday 27th Jan. Details: Emily.

Worship Night – 6:30pm Sunday 28th January 2024 (4th Sunday).

MEMBERSHIP or BAPTISM - Contact Andy Pearce or Emily to find out more!

LIFE GROUPS – fellowship, discipleship, and care – each group meets weekly in local homes, and all in the group look after one another. Make sure to join one! For further information see Emily.

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THIS IS THE WAY

LOCKING CASTLE YOUTH

JANUARY 24

Thursday night Youth
7-8.30pm 11th 18th & 25th (£1 subs per person)

Sunday morning 7th & 21st
Discussion group in the Upper Room.

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Children and families at LCC. Kids Church (Term time only)

Sunday weeks 1 to 4: Kids Church. (5th Sunday: Children Stay in)

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

Wonderfully Made Toddler group at St. Anne's Church Academy West Wick.
Wednesdays 9:30-11am during term time.



**Fun, Games, Crafts,
Bible Stories and More!**
Thursdays 5.30-6.30pm
£1 per child.

Key Stage 2, Sch yrs 3-6



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Newsletter:	Submission deadlines	Issue date
February	1pm Weds 10 th January	Sunday 21 st January
March	1pm Weds 14 th February	Sunday 25 th February

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