



Welcome to Locking Castle Church

A loving community that is growing by sharing Jesus with everyone

**FEBRUARY
2024**

Welcome to our church family newsletter 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.

Last month many of us embarked on a daily journey through the Bible, immersing ourselves in the timeless wisdom of God's Word fresh each day. My prayer is that over these next 2 years each moment spent with Scripture, will offer a sanctuary for your soul, and an anchor for life's storms. Daily communion with the Word deepens our understanding, fortifies our faith, and transforms us, as we discover the unwavering love of our Creator and all He has done and continues to do in our lives. If you haven't yet made a start just see below for February's reading plan, and simply pick it up starting with today's reading. There's a wonderful sense of unity knowing that many others are reading that same passage today.

And to 'upgrade your reading experience', do pray asking God to speak to you through His Word, and join a Life Group to discuss others' response to the readings! Life Groups share a sense of belonging, where we grow and make connections that will shine light in new places of our understanding of all God has for us in His Word. And guess what? Easter's coming, and in the middle of February we'll kick off Lent with a few pancakes, some Ashes, and a warm 24-Hour bask in the Prayer Room to prepare our hearts for the sacred season of Lent.

Ever thought about baptism on Easter day? It's a public declaration of your faith, a plunge into a brand-new life, and immersion into a loving church family.

If you are interested in Baptism, Life Group or Membership, please join us for a Welcome Lunch after the 10:30 service on Sunday 4th Feb. Contact Andy Pearce or myself (Emily) to let us know you're coming, or to find out more! Blessings! 😊



February 24 reading plan

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
John 7	John 8	John 9	John 10	John 11	John 12	John 13	John 14	John 15	John 16	John 17
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
John 18	John 19	John 20	John 21	Exodus 1-2	Exodus 3-4	Exodus 5-6	Exodus 7-8	Exodus 9-10	Exodus 11-12	Exodus 13-14
23	24	25	26	27	28	29				
Exodus 15-16	Exodus 17-18	Exodus 19-20	Exodus 21-22	Exodus 23-24	Exodus 25	Exodus 26				



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

Revd Andy Pearce (Lead Minister) - 07956 097310 - andypearce71@gmail.com (Sat)

Emily Cumberbatch (Pastoral Asst) – **07393 816864** *NEW - emily.pastoral@gmail.com (Fri)

Cathy Bond (Children and Families Pastor) - 07875 442139 - cathy.bond@mail.com (Mon)

Fiona Mayne (Pastor Haywood Village Church) 07788 418347 fionamayne@yahoo.co.uk (Fri)

OFFICE OPENING HOURS: Monday-Friday 9:30-11:30am

Administrator: Katherine Hollis - 01934 519888 - office@lockingcastlechurch.org

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. Tuesday 2:30-3:30pm. See Emily on **07393 816864** *(NEW mobile number).
- **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.

Lenten events (Lent starts on Ash Wednesday 14th Feb)

- **Shrove Tuesday Oasis** – 13th Feb 2:30pm. Mark the start of Lent in Oasis with pancakes and Ashing. See Emily for details. **07393 816864** *(NEW mobile number).
- **24Hr Prayer for Lent** – prepare for the Holy season of Lent with 1-to-1 time with our Lord. 12Noon Friday 16th to 12Noon Sat 17th Feb. To Book <https://pray.24-7prayer.com/signup/db2eae> See Emily for details.
- **Maundy Supper** – 6:30pm Thursday 28th March. See Emily for details.

Easter Services (Easter Sunday is 31st March)

- **Good Friday Walk of Witness**, - In WsM Town centre, and in Worle. See Emily.
- **Good Friday Service**, LCC - Friday 29th March, see Andy P for details
- **Sunrise Service**, WsM Seafront, Sunday 31st March. See Emily for details.
- **Easter Celebration Services**, LCC - 9am and 10:30am Sunday 31st March

If you are new to LCC, or interested in **Baptism, Life Group or Membership**, please join us for a **Welcome Lunch** after the 10:30 service on **Sunday 4th Feb**. Contact Andy Pearce or Emily to let us know you're coming, or to find out more!

A banner for Repair Café featuring a background image of hands repairing a black electronic device. The text is overlaid in white and yellow.

REPAIR CAFE Every First Saturday in the Month 11-1pm

Locking Castle Church is part of the worldwide Repair Café movement. Find out more at <https://www.repaircafe.org/en/>

To find out more please visit: <https://lockingcastlechurch.org/repair-cafe/>

 **LOCKINGCASTLECHURCH**

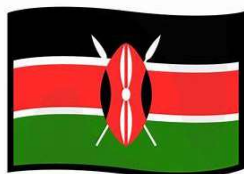
GARDENING 🌸 10am-12noon Saturday 10th & Wednesday 28th Feb. Details: Emily.

LIFE GROUPS – where Faith meets Fun, 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. **07393 816864** ***(NEW number)**.

24Hrs Prayer for LENT Pause ... re-centre our scattered senses upon the presence of God. Reflect, Ask, Yield. 12Noon Friday 16th to 12Noon Sat 17th Feb. To Book <https://pray.24-7prayer.com/signup/db2eae> See Emily for info.

24-7 Prayer Any-Day - February Create your own personal rhythm of prayer by booking slots in the Prayer Room any day the building is open for Office hours or Hirers. 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. **07393 816864** ***(NEW Mobile number)**
Book Any-Day in February: <https://pray.24-7prayer.com/signup/6c61c5>

- **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.



An evening with Marvin Muoneke
At LCC in aid of Kenya Hope Charity
Saturday 17th February 7pm - 10pm. Tickets £10 (u16 free)
See Kenya Brian (Brian Humphries) or Lorraine Dinsmore

A banner for Worship Night featuring a background image of people in a church setting, some with their arms raised in worship.

Worship night Every 4th Sunday in the month

For more info: contact Andy on 07956097310

 **LOCKINGCASTLECHURCH**



On your own? Join us for **Sunday lunch** at 1pm on Sunday 4th February at The Summerhouse. Call Sandra Blackwell 07719 210623 for details.

Ladies' Breakfast 9:30 Sat 10th Feb, 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.



Thursday night Youth
7-8.30pm 1st 22nd & 29th (£1 subs per person)

Pancake Party, Thursday 8th 5.30-7pm

Sunday morning 4th & 18st
Discussion group in the Upper Room.

**THIS
IS
THE
WAY**

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



LOCKINGCASTLECHURCH

For more information please contact

Cathy Bond 07875 442139 or cathy.bond@mail.com

Newsletter:	Submission deadlines	Issue date
March	1pm Weds 14 th February	Sunday 25 th February
April	1pm Weds 13 th March	Sunday 24 th March

Please email content to Emily at emily.pastoral@gmail.com