



## Welcome to Locking Castle Church

*A loving community that is growing by sharing Jesus with everyone*

**April  
2024**

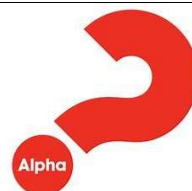
**W**elcome to our church family newsletter and an especially warm welcome to LCC if you are new. We hope you can find all you want but please ask for help, we hope you feel at home here.



**HOPE EXPLORED**

### What's the best future you could ever imagine?

Hope Explored – 16<sup>th</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> April,  
6:30pm at The Woolpack, St Georges



A 3-week course to explore how we might fulfil the longings of hope, peace and purpose in our lives. Followed by Alpha in May/June. See Emily

**The explosive power of the resurrection.** Military support to Ukraine looks uncertain, ceasefire in the Middle East seems improbable, the UK economy is putting many people under severe pressure; how do we navigate such circumstances with meaning and purpose? In 2Corinthians 4, Paul reminds us though we are surrounded by difficulties, we are not defeated; though we may be perplexed, we are not without hope. Our hope, like Paul's, lies in Christ and the victory He secured over sin, suffering, and death through His resurrection at Easter. This hope is a living reality, even amidst turmoil this hope remains steadfast and worthy of celebration. God says we are 'His beloved', we can believe and come to *know* His Sovereign presence in our lives. Therefore, let us indeed love Upwards, Inwards and Outwards with the explosive power of the resurrection, and continue to serve and pray for all who are in need.

**Please join us at our AGM  
12:30pm Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April.**

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If you have not yet received an email from **Churchsuite** please email Katherine Hollis in the church office at [office@lockingcastlechurch](mailto:office@lockingcastlechurch).

Blessings, Emily 😊



## April 24 reading plan

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Matthew 25	Matthew 26	Matthew 27	Matthew 28	Leviticus 1-2	Leviticus 3-4	Leviticus 5-6	Leviticus 7-8	Leviticus 9-10	Leviticus 11-12	Leviticus 13-14
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Leviticus 15-16	Leviticus 17-18	Leviticus 19-20	Leviticus 21-22	Leviticus 23-24	Leviticus 25-26	Leviticus 27	Romans 1	Romans 2	Romans 3	Romans 4
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30			
Romans 5	Romans 6	Romans 7	Romans 8	Romans 9	Romans 10	Romans 11	Romans 12			



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

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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)

**WEEKLY SERVICES:** 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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](mailto:treasurer@lockingcastlechurch.org)) or John Stanley, Gift Aid secretary.

**NEW?**

If you are new to LCC, or interested in **Baptism, Life Group or Membership**, please contact Andy Pearce or Emily Cumberbatch to find out more!

You are invite to join us for our

*Ladies Day*

**Saturday 18th May 2024, 10-3pm**

Tea, coffee & cakes will be provided -

Please Bring your own lunch

**£10 Per Person. Please Pay on Arrival**

To sign up please via our Facebook Page

or via our website at <http://lockingcastlechurch.org>

See Rosemary Burden for further details



Ascension Thursday 9th - Pentecost Sunday 19th May  
A season of prayer events and activities  
'Pray for 5'

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May – Ukraine Prayer Evening**  
with David Bute of Kreativity (see [novouk.org/Ukraine](http://novouk.org/Ukraine)). David will join us to share his plans and to pray with us for Ukraine. See Emily for details.



**Ukraine  
Prayer  
Vigil**

**MOVEMENT**  
5pm to 7pm Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May at Locking Castle Church

**LCY**  
THIS IS THE WAY  
**LOCKING CASTLE YOUTH**  
**April 24**

**Thursday night Youth**  
**7-8.30pm 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> (£1 subs per person)**  
**Sunday morning 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>th</sup>**  
**Discussion group in the Upper Room.**

**THIS  
IS  
THE  
WAY**

**Children and families** at LCC. Sunday Kids Church

**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.

**Wavemakers**  
**Kids Club**  
**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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For more information please contact  
Cathy Bond 07875 442139 or [cathy.bond@mail.com](mailto:cathy.bond@mail.com)






# 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/>

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 LOCKINGCASTLECHURCH

**GARDENING**  No expertise needed! Join the Garden Gang keeping our church garden beautiful, and enjoy a little fellowship over a cuppa at half time! Bring tools and gloves if you have them. 10am -12noon Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April. See Emily for further details.



## 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).



# Worship night

Every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month

For more info: contact Andy on 07956097310



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

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

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

Newsletter:	Submission deadlines	Latest Issue date
May	1pm Weds 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> April
June	1pm Weds 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> May

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