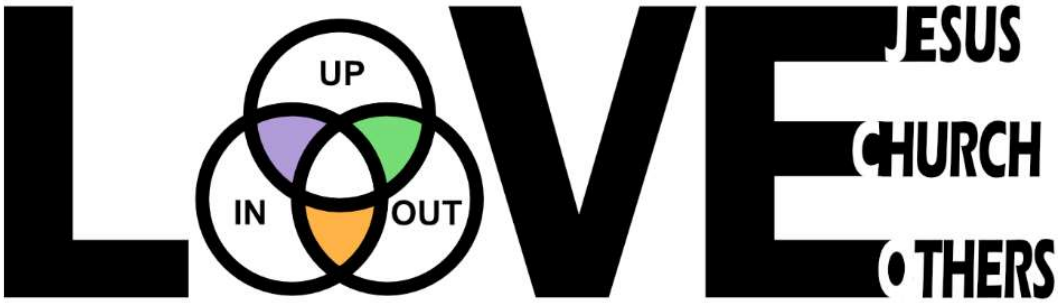
LOCKINGCASTLECHURCH

DECEMBER 2026 NEWSLETTER

Our Vision: We aspire to a loving community that grows through sharing Jesus with everyone.



Loving is what we aspire to do as followers of Jesus. Loving God (UP), Loving each other (IN), and Loving others (OUT). Here at Locking Castle Church, we endeavour to Love; everyone is welcomed, accepted, and celebrated for who they are. A place of safety and well-being where people can find their identity and purpose in Jesus. (Romans 12:10-13)

Healthy churches grow. We believe that growth is a (super)natural outcome of people following Jesus (being a disciple/apprentice). Jesus assures us that he is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. (John 14:6)

Sharing is what we desire to do as disciples, it means to put love (God's love) into practice. Love in action, love in our community, love on our front lines, wherever that might be. Love is to shape all we do and hope to do in this world through the power of the Holy Spirit. (1 Corinthians 13:4-8)

Here at Locking Castle Church, we have committed to reading the New Testament over the next year (2026). Here are the resources to help you engage with the New Testament; please go to https://lockingcastlechurch.org

As December arrives and the days grow darker, we are reminded that even the smallest light can shine brightly. In this season of Advent, may we make space to wait, to wonder, and to welcome Jesus afresh, the one who brings peace to our world. May we stay close to him, make room for one another, and carry his hope into the places we find ourselves — loving God, loving each other, and loving others this Christmas season.

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Ways to Join In: November at Locking Castle Church…

UP — Loving God

Sunday Worship
Every Sunday at 9:00am and 10:30am

Our Sunday gatherings are the heart of our shared life together. We worship, pray, hear Scripture, share communion, and centre ourselves again on Jesus.

Each service has its own flavour.
The 9:00am service is usually more reflective and traditional, with Holy Communion.
The 10:30am service is more contemporary, with children's groups available, and Holy Communion usually on the third Sunday of the month.

Talks from the 10:30am service are recorded and can be found on our YouTube page:
https://www.youtube.com/@lockingcastlechurch8055

Oasis
Tuesdays, 2:30–3:30pm, at LCC.
A midweek space to pause, worship, sing favourite hymns, hear a short reflection, pray and enjoy refreshments together.
Dementia friendly and open to all. Please see Helen for more details



Summer Lane Nursing Home Service
First Wednesday of each month at 2:30pm

We hold a short monthly service with hymns, prayer, a Bible reading and time with the residents. It has already been a real blessing.

If you would like to be part of this important ministry, please speak to Lisa.
Please also pray for this work.



IN — Loving Each Other

Sunday Lunch
First Sunday of the month, 1pm, at The Summerhouse.
A simple way to share food, friendship and good company.
Especially helpful if you are on your own or would value time with others.
Contact Sandra Blackwell - 07719 210623

Life Groups
Weekly in local homes.
Life Groups are one of the ways we grow in faith, friendship, discipleship and care.
Speak to Andy to find out more on 07956097310

OUT — Loving Others



Repair Café
First Saturday of the month, 11am–1pm, at LCC.
A practical way of loving our community by helping people repair rather than throw away.
Bring items that need fixing, or come along to serve and connect.
See Andy Watts for details

These regular groups are part of how we welcome and support children, parents and carers in our wider community.
TLC Toddlers: Tuesday 10 -11.30am / Wonderfully Made: Wednesday 9.30-11am
During term time only at LCC.
These groups help us welcome children, parents and carers, creating safe spaces for friendship, support and encouragement.
https://lockingcastlechurch.org/tlc-toddlers-at-locking-castle/



Christmas Services

You are invited to join us this Christmas

**Luke 2:14 Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on
whom his favour rests**

Special Services

Sunday 13th December **3.00pm**: Christingle
Sunday 20th December **6pm**: Carol Service
Tuesday 15th December **2.30pm**: Oasis Carol Service
Christmas Eve (24th) **11pm**: Midnight Service
Christmas Day (25th) **10am**: Morning Service

Sunday Mornings
9am Holy Communion
10.30am Morning Worship (3rd Sunday Holy Communion) *
NB No 10.30 service only 9am Service 27th December



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December Dates to Notice





January New Reading Plan: Bible in 2 Years (B2Y

Bible in Two Years: 2027-2028

Starting 1 January 2027, join us as we read the Bible together as a community.

Manageable daily readings and Sunday sermons linked to the plan will help us explore Scripture and grow in loving God and one another.

Pick up a reading plan and join in.
Miss a day? Simply pick it up again.

Contacts

Please note: staff take a personal/family Sabbath day in lieu of Sunday.



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To connect with the Pastoral Team, please contact Andy.

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