

Where we meet and who we are



The office and mid week activities are based at our building in: Well Street. MK18 1ET



On a Sunday morning we meet for worship at : Lace Hill Academy, Catchpin Street, MK18 7RR

Well Street United Church is an LEP (local ecumenical partnership) of Baptist, Methodist and United Reformed churches. In reality, many of us come from other churches or no church background, but we have felt at home in this church.



As part of our worship we have an offertory box available on the front table . If you are visiting please feel under no obligation to give.

If you are a regular worshipper please speak to Geoff Morris as to how you can give by Standing Order or online and also about Gift Aid if you are a tax payer.

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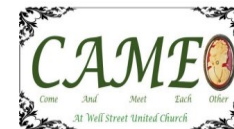
Welcome to Well Street United Church

..and welcome to the first monthly news sheet. This will be available at the start of each month to advise you of upcoming events. A weekly mail chimp will still be sent out (electronically) as a reminder of what is happening in the coming week. If you do not currently receive news by email please speak with a Welcomer or myself for a GDPR form

Events this Month

Network Lunch has a new name—

(Come And Meet Each Other).



The first lunch for CAMEO will take place on **Wednesday 3rd February**. To book a place contact Ros tel: 01280 816570

Gift Day

Sunday 16th January has been set aside as a Gift Day. See enclosed letter for more information

Churches Together in Buckingham United Service on **Sunday 30th January at 3pm** at St Bernardines.

Bev Hamilton—Bev is now on Maternity leave . Pray for Bev and the family as they await the arrival of Baby H. Also for our youth as they continue to meet with different leaders. May they be an encouragement and blessing to each other.

Weekly Activities

Sunday

10.30am Morning Worship
7.30pm Chill 'n ' Chat (Young people)

Tuesday 10.00am

First Steps (Toddler Group)

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday - Life Groups

Thursday 5.00pm

Explorers (5-11year olds)

Friday 7.00pm (fortnightly)

Just Be! (16-18 year olds)

Saturday 10.00am-12 noon

Renew Cafe

Monthly Activities

First Wednesday
CAMEO

Third Thursday

Thursday Thoughts (Service)

Fourth Saturday

Prayer Breakfast (via zoom)

For more information contact Church Administrator (details on back)

How do you start the New Year?

It's been my custom over the years to review my bible reading pattern and consider if a change would be good. Two years ago, I decided to join some of our 16+ group in a commitment to read through the Bible in a year. I found it very rewarding, and in a year greatly affected by lockdown, I finished it by mid-November. During 2021, my main devotional was using Lectio 365, a great app from the 24/7 Prayer Movement.

This year, I have once again decided to work through the Bible in a year, but to keep it fresh I am not reading it but listening to it. You can access many versions of the Bible at www.biblegateway.com including the NIV read by actor, David Suchet. My aim is to walk as I listen, thereby building both spiritual and physical fitness. Each day, I try to identify maybe one or two verses to meditate on and write down in a journal. It's only Day 5 as I write, but it's going OK so far. By all means, ask me how it's going; it will encourage me and help me to persevere!

Perhaps now would be a good time for you to review your spiritual practices, and to consider what will help you to draw close to the Lord?

Another custom of mine has been to choose a short scripture text for us as a church. I aim that it's something to encourage and motivate us as we seek to reach out to those around us with the good news of Jesus. I was praying about this on one of my daily walks and I felt that the Lord gave me the words '**Faith, Hope and Love**'. With this in mind, I have chosen this text from Colossians 1v4-5:

'...we have heard of your **faith** in Christ Jesus and of the **love** you have for all God's people – the **faith** and **love** that spring from the **hope** stored up for you in heaven...'

I'll say more about this at our Covenant Service and Gift Day on 16th January. For now, I invite you to meditate on this text and the three words, faith, hope and love. How do your faith and love spring from the hope stored for you in heaven?

Tim

Preaching for January:

Date	Place	Time	Theme	Preacher/ Worship lead
9th January	LHA	10.30am	<i>Jesus brings Freedom</i> Luke 4:14-21	Jenny Boxwell Rosy Fenwick
16th January	LHA	10.30am	<i>Faith, Hope, Love</i> Colossians 1:1-14 Covenant Service and Communion	Tim Edworthy
23rd January	LHA	10.30am	Talking Jesus Series begins <i>Who do people say I am?</i> Matt 28:18-20	Geoff Morris Lynn Billingham
30th January	LHA	10.30am	<i>Go and make disciples?</i> Matt 28: 18-20	Tim Edworthy Rosy Fenwick
6th February	LHA	10.30am	<i>Let your light shine</i> Matt 5:13-16	Tim Edworthy

On **23rd January** we will start our new Series **Talking Jesus**. Unfortunately the study books are no longer so we will put together our own study guides and distribute. If you are not part of our Life Group now may be a good time to join one—start of the new year and Talking Jesus series. Contact Tim or Wendy for more information.

Safeguarding

Creating Safer Space Foundation Safeguarding Training to be held at WSUC on Friday February 11th at 10.00 am to 12.45. This course is designed for those who have not attended safeguarding training for 4 years and would prefer to attend face to face training than undertake the Online training which is now also offered.

If you are interested in attending please book a place by emailing wellstreetsafeguarding@gmail.com.