

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 by the hall door. If you are visiting please feel under no obligation to give.

If you are a regular worshipper please speak to James Knapton or Wendy Collins 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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June/July 2024

Welcome to Well Street United Church

Welcome to Well Street United Church especially if it is your first time.

If you would like to receive electronic weekly updates please speak with a Welcomer.



Sunday 2nd June and 7th July

3.00pm at Lace Hill Manor.

Pray for the Well Street Team, the residents and staff as they gather for worship



Tuesday 18th June

7.30pm at Well Street United

All are welcome to join us as we reflect on the life of our church



The next meeting is on

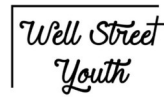
Wednesday 5th June

Speaker: Sue Ambrose

Wednesday 3rd July.

Sally and Lisa of NHS Bucks Clinical Support for Seniors (Swan Practice)

If you would like to join us please
Contact Ros and book a 2 course meal—
cost £5



Sunday 23rd June

Breakfast at McDonalds

Meet at 9.30am—for more information
please speak with Jane or Andrew

Weekly Activities

Sunday

10.30am Morning Worship

Tuesday 10.00am

First Steps (Toddler Group)

Contact Church Office to Register

Tuesday, Wednesday and

Thursday - Life Groups—contact
Church Office for details

Thursday 5.00pm

Explorers (5-11year olds)

Saturday 10.00am-12 noon

Renew Café

Monthly Activities

First Sunday

10.30am Café Church at

Lace Hill Academy

3.00pm service at

Lace Hill Manor (Care Home)

First Wednesday

CAMEO

12.30pm at Well Street United

Church. Booking is required

For more information contact
Church Administrator
(details on back)

Minister's Message

Now is a significant time in the life of the British nation. As we know, there is to be a General Election on 4th July in which all of us who are registered to vote will have the opportunity to do so.

We will have different ideas and political opinions, so how can we approach the election as a church of God's people?

1. We can be thankful that we live in a democracy and have the opportunity to choose. That means we can hold current and future governments to account every five years if not before. Think of any totalitarian regime and ask yourself what it would be like to live there!
2. We can remember that government is established by God. It may not be formed by the party for which we voted, but God has allowed it to be there. This does not mean we should never oppose it or challenge it, but it does mean that certain things are required of us for an ordered society e.g. paying taxes (see Romans 13:1-7).
3. We can pray for our government, the opposition, our Member of Parliament, and all in positions of responsibility, national, regional and local. In 1 Timothy 2v1-3, Paul urges us to pray 'for all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness'.
4. We can vote. Even if you can't make the polling station in person, you can apply for a postal vote. As I'm out of the country on 4th July, I shall be doing that this year for the first time.



It's not for me to tell you how to vote, but how might you pray? The Joint Public Issues Team, representing our three denominations, Baptist, Methodist and United Reformed, has issued some ideas:

Lace Hill Community Fun Day

We have booked the Coconut Shy again plus a few giant sized traditional games for the Lace Hill Community Fun Day. We will also be hosting Cafe Kindness offering teas/coffees/squash at no charge.



Paul Gateley will be our co-ordinator and he would appreciate some help.

We need help with setting up tables, putting up the event shelter, a gazebo and coconut shy before the event starts, and then overseeing the traditional games and coconut shy as well as refreshments. You do not have to stay the whole afternoon we have time slots (see sign up sheet or online) book here <https://forms.gle/zELfs9DiTrZxr99WA> or scan QR code.

Alternatively there is a sign up sheet at church.

If you are able to help with taking equipment from the church to the Community Centre please do contact Paul



The Community Fun Day is a great way for us a church family to work together and serve our community—so come and join us for a fun afternoon!



STEEPLE CLAYDON METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday 9th June CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

Cream Teas 4.30 - 5.30pm

Service 6.00pm

Guest Preacher:

Rev. Pat Olivent - Hayes.

Please contact Doreen (0783 3697 947)
with numbers attending the Tea.

ALL WELCOME

STEEPLE CLAYDON METHODIST CHURCH

Beetle Drive



Saturday
22nd June
7.00pm-9.00pm

Tickets £8.00, under 11s £4.00

Includes Ploughman's Supper

Book with Laura 07495 619342

Fun for all the Family

Proceeds for Church Funds and
Thames Valley Air Ambulance

Church weekend Away—4th-6th October

If you have booked to attend the Church Weekend then you should have received an invoice for the final payment.

Just a reminder that payment is due by 31st July. If you have any questions please contact Jane or Wendy

Buckingham Churches Holiday Club 2024



Registration : 80 children have signed up for Holiday Club. If you have not yet registered then please do so asap. The maximum number for Holiday Club is 100 children so they are nearly full!

Also young people if you have not yet signed up to be a Young Leader, then now is the time to do. What is a young leader? To be a young leader you must be in year 7 plus and keen to help out. Speak with Lorna or Augustina for more information

Also don't forget to sign up for Youth Nights for lots of fun activities! If you any questions please speak with Jane or Sam.

Praying During the Election Period

(<https://jpit.uk/general-election-praying-and-preaching>)

As we prayerfully engage with the upcoming election, it's essential to ground our actions in the certainty of God's care and loving action towards and through us. Here are some themes you might reflect in your prayers:

1. That political debates will be characterised by listening, kindness and truthfulness: Pray that voters will listen actively and demonstrate love-filled curiosity towards those they may disagree with or do not understand.
2. Integrity of leaders and candidates: Pray for those standing in the elections and supporting the democratic process to act with integrity and honesty, prioritising the common good over personal or party interests.
3. Peace-fostering Campaigning: Pray for a peaceful and respectful campaigning period, free from violence and divisiveness. It would be worth focusing prayers for the vulnerable, that policies that impact them the most are not used for political expediency.
4. Just policies: Pray for policies that promote justice, equity, and care for the marginalised, reflecting Christ's love and compassion.

Tim

Christian Aid Soup Lunch

Many thanks to everyone who came along and supported this event on Saturday 18th May.

There seemed to be a really good atmosphere; it is always good when people from different churches come together and enjoy fellowship. We raised the magnificent sum of £589.30 for Christian Aid. *Margaret Gateley*

Praying for our Church Family

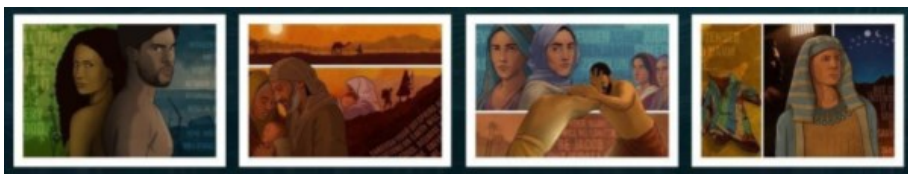
Continue to pray for those within our fellowship who are in hospital and those at home with health issues.

Pray for those who are in Care Homes and we especially remember Jean as she celebrates her 99th Birthday on Monday 3rd June!

Also our Young People as they now in exam season. Pray for those who it will be there last term at school or college., that they will know the Lord's guidance for the future.

We give thanks for Graham K and Mark B as they celebrate their 80th Birthdays Graham on 2nd July and Mark on the 29th July.

Bible Month 2024 - Genesis: God's invitation to partnership



During June we will be following the Methodist Bible Book Study on Genesis.

Genesis is the starting point for all Christian theology and explores many of the foundational questions of life and faith:

Who is God? What is God like? How does God interact with the world? How is that world meant to be? What does it mean to be human? What does it look like to be God's people?

(Through the book, we get to journey with many different characters as they wrestle (sometimes literally!) with finding answers to these questions in the midst of the messiness and uncertainty of life.

There will be an opportunity to discuss sermons at Life Groups, and there is also a daily handbook available. There are a few printed copies available via the church office or you can download via the Well Street Website (<https://www.wellstreetchurch.org.uk/church-life/life-groups/>)

Life Groups

We would like to encourage all who worship at Well Street to be part of a Life Group. In these groups we study the bible, pray and share together. This coming month we will follow the Bible Month plan for Genesis.

If you would like to join a Life Group please speak with Tim or Wendy (contact details on the back page). Life Groups meet on :

- Tuesday 7.00pm (Lace Hill)
- Wednesday 7.30pm (Badgers)
- Wednesday 7.30pm (Zoom)
- Thursday 7.30pm (Brackley Road)

Preaching for June & July

Date	Place	Time	Theme	Preacher/Worship lead
2nd June	LHA	10.30am	Café Church	Tim Edworthy
9th June	LHA	10.30am	<i>Genesis: The Sovereign God who Creates Genesis 1:1-2:3 Including The Lord's Supper</i>	John Boxwell
16th June	LHA	10.30am	<i>Genesis: The God who Calls and Blesses Genesis 12:1-9</i>	Tim Edworthy
23rd June	LHA	10.30am	<i>Genesis: The God who Comes to People in their struggles Genesis 32:22-32</i>	Tim Edworthy
30th June	LHA	10.30am	<i>Genesis: The God who Confirms and Safeguards Divine Promises Genesis 37:1-11 & 50:15-20</i>	Andrew Brazell Lynn Billingham
7th July	LHA	10.30am	Preacher's choice	John Boxwell Cathy Read
14th July	LHA	10.30am	Café Church	Young People
21st July	LHA	10.30am	Service will include The Lord's Supper	Tim Edworthy
28th July	LHA	10.30am		Tim Edworthy

We are thankful to all of you who volunteer to help not just on a Sunday but also at Well Street during the week. We always though could do we extra help. On a Sunday morning if you are able to help in anyway please do sign up on the rota (please note that 2 people are required for Drinks service.) We would in particular appreciate help in transporting boxes from Well Street—with out the boxes we cannot service refreshments. Please do speak with Wendy or an Elder if you can help. Thank you