

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. We are also a member of Inclusive Church.



The church office will be closed from Monday 16th June - Wednesday 2nd July.

Wendy will be back at work on Thursday 3rd July.

As part of our worship we have an offertory box and also a card machine 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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More information about us can be found on our web site: wellstreetchurch.org.uk

June/July 2025

Welcome to Well Street United

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

The newsheet is a double issue for June and July.

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



Sunday 1st June and 7th July

Pray for the Well Street Team and residents of Lace Hill Manor as they gather for worship at 3.00pm



Sunday 1st June and Sunday 6th July

6.00pm—7.00pm
at Well Street United Church



Wednesday 4th June

Speaker: Tim Edworthy—Renew

Wednesday 2nd July

Speaker: Lara Burt - Project Street Life

To book a 2 course meal (cost £5)
please contact Ros 01280 816570



Wednesday 11th June

At Well Street United Church, Well Street
7.30pm
All are welcome to join us

Weekly Activities

Sunday

10.30am Morning Worship
Lace Hill Academy MK18 7RR

Tuesday 10.00am

First Steps (Toddler Group)

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday - Life Groups

contact Church Office for details

Thursday 5.00pm

Explorers (5-11year olds)
(Term time only)

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

12.30pm CAMEO

For more information contact
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Minister's Message

As I write, it is Ascension Day, a reminder of the time when Jesus returned to the Father in heaven. As he met in person with his disciples one last time, he said to them, 'you will receive power when my Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth' (Acts 1:8).

Today, Jesus still says to his followers, 'You will be my witnesses'! For one or two of us, that may mean going to faraway places with the good news of God's love for all. For all of us, I suggest, it does mean sharing that love in our local communities: our workplaces, our friendship networks, our homes.

During 'Thy Kingdom Come' (Ascension to Pentecost), we are called to pray for '5' whom we know to come closer to Christ. The problem for many – perhaps, all – of us is that we doubt that our prayers will make any difference. We look at those for whom we pray, and they seem as far away from God as ever. Is there any point?

I'm reminded of the boy who brought his '5' to Jesus (John 6:1-13). For him, it was five loaves (and two fish). But what difference would they make to the crowd of



5000 that was hungry and had no food? Then Jesus did much with the little that the boy brought. All were fed and satisfied! We may have little faith, and struggle to believe that our family, friends and colleagues could ever come to know Christ. God wants us to bring our little faith and seemingly inadequate prayers to him. And he is able to do immeasurably more than all we can ask and imagine (Ephesians 3:20-21).

I encourage us all to pray for our '5', not just for 10 days but for as long as it takes. May God increase our expectation and answer our prayers – 'to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.'

Tim

'Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.'

Matthew 7:7



There are 2 opportunities for you to take part in a **Beetle Drive** this Summer!



Saturday 21st June

7.00pm-9.00pm at Steeple Claydon Methodist Church

Adults: £8 Children (5-12 years): £4

(including a Ploughman's Supper)

Seating is limited—please book by Thursday 19th June by contacting

Laura: 0749 5619342

Proceeds for Steeple Claydon Church Funds and Thames Valley Air Ambulance



The annual Fundraiser raising money for **Lyrics and Lunch**
(the Christian charity for people living at home with dementia and their carers)

Friday 25th July

7.00pm-9.30pm at Thornborough Methodist Church

Tickets will cost £10 (includes a Ploughman's supper)

To book a place contact Katy 07904 958033



Buckingham Churches Holiday Club 2025

12th—15th August

Ages 5-11

More information and to book a place or volunteer is available at
bcholidayclub.org.uk

Attention all youth!

The next Youth Nights event will be held at Buckingham Parish Church on Friday 27th June. Come and celebrate the end of exams (for those of you who are currently taking them) or that the end of term is in sight.

More details and booking form to follow in the next few weeks but make a note in your diaries now!

The next youth nights event will be on Thursday 14th August at Coffee 1 in town.

More details from Jane Butcher

Lace Hill Community Fun Day Sunday 27th July 2025

We have booked the Coconut Shy again plus a few giant sized traditional games for the Lace Hill Community Fun Day. We have also hired a Badge Making Machine as we have materials for this craft sitting in the church loft. If you have used before please could you contact Wendy Edworthy.



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 coconut shy and craft 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/zg4p7jqmckCtogTX8> or scan the QR code. Alternatively there is a sign up sheet at church.



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!



Mission of the Month: BMS World Mission



BMS (Baptist Missionary Society) is working in over 30 countries on four continents to help people experience fullness of life in Jesus Christ.

Although less involved now, it's been my privilege to work with BMS since about 1999, as a member of the Candidate Board and as a Trustee. I was also able to visit BMS projects in Nepal and DR Congo in 2003 & 2009.

As a church, we give towards the work of BMS World Mission. It's important that we also pray.

BMS World Mission supporters deliver practical help to people in desperate circumstances in some of the world's most materially deprived places. By providing pathways to education, flourishing livelihoods and good healthcare for those with the fewest opportunities, you tackle injustice and suffering, and bring hope to the world.

Through partnerships with established and trusted local agencies, we can do more together than we ever could alone. Pray for our partner in Nepal, the Multipurpose Community Development Service, which comes alongside villages to improve all aspects of life.

We also work with local churches who are best placed to bring long-term community transformation. Pray for Louise and Peter Lynch in Bangladesh and their work with the Bangladesh Baptist Church Sangha, responding in communities where the need is greatest.

One of the ways we tackle injustice and suffering is by sending skilled mission workers to the world's poorest countries. Pray for the work of Andrea and Mark Hotchkin at an understaffed, underfunded hospital in Bardai, northern Chad.

There are many more inspiring examples of the vital work of BMS on their website: www.bmsworldmission.org

Tim
BMS Champion

Christian Aid Week: many thanks to everyone who contributed to our soup lunch and Church collection. We raised £317 at the soup lunch and £270.22 in the envelopes given at our services. The overall total in Buckingham was £994.22, a good result. *Margaret G.*

Methodist Bible Month: Gospel of John

During June/July we will be following the Methodist Bible Book Study on the Gospel of John.

The Gospel of John invites you to journey through the superabundant life Jesus offers.

John's Gospel opens by presenting Jesus as the Word of God – the source of life and light for all people (John 1:1-18). In Jesus, we encounter God's boundless, gracious love, which brings us into a relationship with him as his children. Through Jesus, the fullness of grace and truth is offered to everyone willing to receive it.

There will be an opportunity to discuss sermons at Life Groups, and study books be available from Sunday 8th June.

Life Groups

Life Groups are an important part of Church Life. These are small groups of 5-12 or so, where we do life together. We meet to share friendship, to encourage one another in the Christian faith, to learn from the Bible and to pray. Life Groups will usually have periodic social activities. We encourage you to join one.

Life Groups meet on a Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evening. In addition there is a Zoom only Life group on a Wednesday evening. Contact Wendy or Tim for further details:

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Well Street United Church Weekend 2nd –4th October 2026

Highgate Conference Centre, Northamptonshire

Details have been circulated regarding our church weekend away in 2026!

If you have not received details of the weekend and would be interested in attending or have any questions please contact Jane (janebutcher@hotmail.co.uk)

Service Dates for June and July

Date	Venue	Time	Theme	Leader
1st June	LHA	10.30am	Café Church Thy Kingdom Come	Tim Edworthy
	WSUC	6.00pm	Praise and Prayer	Tim Edworthy
8th June	LHA	10.30am	I will pour out my Spirit on all people <i>Joel 2:28-32 Acts 2:1-13</i> Including The Lord's Supper	Jenny Boxwell
15th June	LHA	10.30am	Guided into Truth: Embracing God and all reality <i>John 1</i>	Tim
22nd June	LHA	10.30am	Abundant Life: Signs, Conversations, Controversy <i>John 2.1-12 (and John 3-12)</i>	Sally Wood
29th June	LHA	10.30am	Open to Learning: Jesus' Discipleship Course <i>John 13:1-20 (and John 14-17)</i>	John Boxwell
6th July	LHA		Café Church	Tim
	WSUC		Praise and Prayer	Tim
13th July	LHA		Open to where the Spirit leads: 'The hour' and the resurrection and our drama <i>John 17:1-19 & John 20:19-23</i> Including The Lord's Supper	Tim
20th July	LHA			Geoff
27th July	LHA			Tim

Venue LHA– Lace Hill Academy, MK18 7RR WSUC Well Street United Church MK18 1ET