

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.



Giving

As part of our worship we have an offertory box and also a card machine is available at Lace Hill Academy (by the school 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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united church
putting the King at the heart of Buckingham

**July/August
2026**

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.



Pray for the Well Street Team as they lead the service at 3.00pm on **Sunday 5th July** at Lace Hill Manor



Renew Café will be open as usual during July and August
Saturdays 10 am –12 noon



Well Street Book Club

The book for July is Touching Cloth by The Reverend Fergus Butler-Gallie

Time 6.00pm at Well Street United Church on Friday 24th July

To book a place please contact Suzy sooziepeace@btinternet.com

A simple supper will be served

The group will then meet again on August 28th—book to be decided

Weekly Activities

Sunday

10.30am Morning Worship
Lace Hill Academy MK18 7RR

Tuesday 10.00am

First Steps (Toddler Group)
(Term Time only)

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:

Lace Hill Manor Service
1st Sunday

Sunday Prayer and Praise
2nd Sunday

CAMEO

Contact Ros to book a place
1st Wednesday .

The Next CAMEO meeting will be on September 2nd 2026

Farewell Service for Tim and Wendy 11th July at 2.30pm at Lace Hill Academy

Tim and Wendy have been with us at Well Street for 12 years! It has been great to have the stability which a lengthy ministry amongst us has brought. Tim has been an encouragement to us, as well as a gifted preacher and a sensitive leader. Having Wendy as our Administrator too has brought a joined-up dimension: they make a very good team! It will be all the harder to see them go!

When Tim decided to retire this summer, he was unaware of the health challenges ahead. This has made their departure from Buckingham and their move to pastures new more complex. This year's highlighted verse for Well Street is Matthew 4.19: "Come follow me, Jesus said". This verse seems very pertinent to their current situation, as it is to us with the changes ahead. As Tim recently said, "we don't know what the future holds, but we know who holds the future".

Please join us at Lace Hill Academy on July 11th, as we celebrate not only Tim and Wendy's 12 years with us, but also his 30 years of ministry in the Baptist Church.

Margaret Gateley

**Celebration
of
30 years of Ministry**

**Saturday 11th July 2026
2.30pm**

**Lace Hill Academy,
Buckingham MK18 7RR**

Preacher: Revd Lisa Kerry

*This year, Tim and Wendy will be retiring!
Well Street United Church invite you to share in a service of
worship as we say farewell to Tim and Wendy after 12 years in
Buckingham, and also as they celebrate 30 years of ministry.*

Light refreshments will follow the service

RSVP: wellstreetoffice@gmail.com

New Appointment

A new Methodist Minister for the Buckingham Section has been appointed. The Revd Malcolm Oliver will be joining us from September 2026. More details to follow.

August Events



Buckingham Churches Holiday Club August 11th-14th

If you would like to be part of the team please do register asap. Registration is available at www.bcholidayclub.org.uk

NB Once registered as a helper at Holiday Club please could you contact

Yvonne Tideswell our Safeguarding Officer
(wellstreetsafeguarding@gmail.com)

Youth Nights is back! Thursday 13th August

All year 6 (going into year 7 Sept 2026) - year 13 are invited!

To book a place go to

<https://bpchurch.churchsuite.com/events/sdwfihkr>

Come and enjoy sandwiches,
cakes or a delicious cream tea



Saturday 22nd August

2.30pm-5.00pm

The Centre, Verney Close,
Buckingham

All proceeds to Project Street Life

Family News

We continue to pray this month for our friends and family who are undergoing medical procedures, treatment and awaiting test results. We pray too for those who are in care homes or being cared for at home.

As another school year comes to a close we pray for school staff that they may have a good break and for families that they too may have a rest from the school run and homework!

We give thanks to God for the safe arrival of a son, Chirag to Punam and Charan. We pray for them as they adjust to family life and also for their move in August (still in Buckingham)



Well Street United Church Weekend 2nd –4th October 2026 Highgate Conference Centre, Northamptonshire

Thank you to Jane for organizing the weekend and making all the bookings etc. Paul G has now taken on the role from Jane and will be contacting you shortly with reminders regarding final payment which is due at the end of August.

Lace Hill Community Fun Day Sunday 26th July—Lace Hill Community Centre

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 coconut shy and craft as well as refreshments.

You do not have to stay the whole afternoon we have time slots. Alternatively there is a sign up sheet at church.



Methodist Bible Month: Philippians.

On 26th July we will be starting a 4 week Bible course and the book for 2026 is Philippians. Written by Paul from prison, this short epistle overflows with warmth, hope, and practical wisdom for living a Christ-shaped life.

Daily bible reading notes are available here:

[media.methodist.org.uk/media/documents/
Bible_Month_2026_Reading_Guide_web.pdf](https://media.methodist.org.uk/media/documents/Bible_Month_2026_Reading_Guide_web.pdf)

July and August Service Dates

Date	Place	Time	Theme	Leader
5th July	LHA	10.30am	Café Church	Tim Edworthy
12th July	LHA	10.30am	Life after Failure 2 Samuel 12:1-25, Psalm 51 Including The Lord's Supper	John Boxwell
12th July	WSUC	6.00pm	Praise and Prayer	Andrew Brazell
19th July	LHA	10.30am	Learning from Experience Psalm 37, 2 Samuel 21:23-27	Margaret Smith Katy Morris
26th July	LHA	10.30am	A Harvest of Joy Philippians 1	Tim Edworthy
2nd August	LHA	10.30am	Café Church	Andrew Brazell
9th August	LHA	10.30am	Shine Humbly Philippians 2 Including The Lord's Supper	Sara Cliff
9th August	WSUC	6.00pm	Praise and Prayer	Geoff Morris
16th August	LHA	10.30am	Press on Philippians 3	
23rd August	LHA	10.30am	Grace be with you Philippians 4	Jenny Boxwell
30th August	LHA	10.30am	Preacher's choice	

LHA Lace Hill Academy WSUC Well Street United Church

Prayer time: we will meet each week for a time of informal prayer before the Sunday service from 9.45- 10.15am in the school library. Please come if you are able.
Margaret Gateley

Message from Wendy and Tim



The apostle Paul writes to the church at Philippi:

'I thank my God every time I remember you. I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on until the day of Christ Jesus.' (Philippians 1:3-6)

As we prepare to lay down our roles as church administrator and minister, these words echo what we feel about you, the fellowship in Buckingham known as Well Street United Church! No doubt, we will both feel a little bit emotional at our farewell on 11 July, and we may all feel a little sad. That is natural at a parting of the ways. However, we want to dwell on the joy we have shared over 12 years partnership with you all. We rejoice in those who have come to Christ, and those who have been baptised. We rejoice in those, young, old and in between, who have grown in faith. We rejoice in those who have been called into various kinds of ministry. We rejoice in community carols services and fun days, Café Church at Esquires and at Lace Hill Academy, Renew Café and services at Lace Hill Manor and elsewhere, new gifts discovered and shared during lockdowns, Church Week-ends and Sunday worship. We rejoice in all the youth and children's work, and much more besides. We rejoice in the friendship we have shared with you and with the wider community in our town. We rejoice because of our partnership in the gospel.

This is our way of saying that we love you! That will continue when we leave Buckingham and move to wherever it is that the Lord wants us to be. We will go on praying for you with joy, and know that you will do the same for us.

With our love in the Lord

Tim & Wendy

