

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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November 2025

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 2nd November at Lace Hill Manor



Wednesday 5th November
The speaker this month is Margaret Smith
To book a place for a 2 course meal (£5) please contact Ros.



Friday 7th November
6.30-8.30pm Parish Church
Laser Tag and food and other games.

This is the link for booking:
<https://bpchurch.churchsuite.com/events/gv8rie79>



All are welcome to join us for
Prayer and Praise
(Taïze Style)

Led by Peter Butcher
On
Sunday 9th November 6.00pm
at Well Street United Church, MK18 1ET

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

CAMEO
12.30pm at Well Street United Church. Booking is required

For more information contact Church Administrator (details on back)

An Elder's Reflection

As you will now be aware, I am stepping down from my role as an Elder at the AGM this month. This is my second period of being an Elder at Well Street United Church – the first time our boys were very young and it was a juggling act on Sundays especially, as at that time we had three services to look after and be present at, as well as monthly evening meetings (which I took as an opportunity to get out of the bedtime routine!)

However I do look back on this period as a real blessing – needing to be at the then 11am service meant I got to know church members who I would not have necessarily come into contact with as a young mum, and was pushed out of my comfort zone with the need to pray with the minister and up front at the start of the service. During this time I felt my spiritual life developing as without God giving me the confidence I needed I would have been a very different Elder.

I have always felt that as a member of a church family it is important to give as well as receive, and to play a part in the life of the church. It is easy to sit on a Sunday and receive – from the music, prayers and preaching. At some point that receiving should turn to action – both within and outside the church – for us to be Jesus' hands and feet on earth.

It is only when one gets involved in the running of the church that one appreciates how much time is given up by church family members. As a church we regularly run First Steps, Explorers, Renew café, Cameo, a very committed Pastoral Team, Worship at Lace Hill residential home, monthly Prayer and Praise, along with our regular Sunday services and one off events throughout the year (and I am sorry if I have missed anything out from this list). None of these activities happen without individuals committing themselves to make them happen.

Behind all these activities is prayer – so even if you are unable to help physically with these groups you can support them in your prayers.

All these activities are witnessing in our local community. If we want to become a Missional Community as Rev Stuart Dyer spoke about on Sunday 26th October (and if you missed him speak, the audio recording is on the church website), we need to be looking at how we reach out to those who need to hear of the love of God for themselves as an individual. This will mean different things to different people, and we need to meet people where they are and with the needs they have. Surely the basis of all our lives should be John's words *"My command is this: love each other as I have loved you."* John 15v12.

Once I step down as an Elder, I hope that I will find ways to continue to serve you and the community as a member of this amazing church family.

Jane Butcher

December Dates

During December we will be meeting at Lace Hill Academy and also at our building in Well Street, so please check venue which is along side the time in the list below
There is no morning service on Sunday 21st December.



Saturday 6th December

Breakfast@Bethlehem

(Family event)

10.00am-12.00am Well Street Church

Monday 8th December

Christmas Unwrapped

(Schools event)

Wednesday 10th December

CAMEO Christmas Dinner

12.30pm Well Street Church

(booking required)

Sunday 14th December

Community Pop Up Nativity

10.30am Lace Hill Academy

Sunday 21st December

Community Carol Service

5.00pm Lace Hill Academy

Christmas Day Celebration

10.30am Well Street United Church

Sunday 28th December

Cafe Church

10.30am Well Street United Church

Church Maintenance

The rear slope of our church building needs clearing of built up vegetation before winter to help drainage. Can you spare some time to meet at WSUC from

09-00 on Saturday 1st November to do this?

It normally takes a couple of hours. Bring gloves, secateurs, spade, good shoes. Access is up through the next door neighbour's garden and over a low wall. If you can come for only part of the time that will also help.

Thank you
Peter Butcher

Breakfast at Bethlehem

Our annual Family Christmas Outreach event is on **Saturday 6th December**. We would love for you join us if you are able to help with craft, serving refreshments or welcoming.

If you can help with preparing crafts, setting up on the Friday 5th (morning) or with advertising the event - ie through a school, other public places or through social media please let us know.

Most importantly invite your family and friends to join us as we explore the Nativity story through craft. We will also be offering mince pies (notice will go out soon for donations). Thank you *Lorna, Wendy, and Yvonne*

Christmas Unwrapped

On **Monday 8th December** approx. 280 Year 4 Children will be visiting Well Street Church and BPC to learn about the Christmas Story through story and craft.

We would appreciate extra hands with simple craft, storytelling/drama, or accompanying a class as they journey through the story.

If you would like to help out with this event please contact Wendy

Lace Hill Winter Fair, Lace Hill Community Centre, Sunday 16th November 2.00pm –4.00pm

Well Street United Church will be represented again at the Winter Fair by providing refreshments organized by Margaret Gateley.

If you would like to support the event entrance is :
£1 for adults and free for children.

Elders Nominations: Elders Elections 2025

The Procedure for Election of Elders has been sent out via email or post. A reminder that an Elder, must be a Member, and be proposed and seconded by two other church members.

We encourage you to consider prayerfully whether there is a member whom you might nominate. Have a conversation with them and share why you wonder if the Lord is calling them.

Jane Butcher will complete two terms as an elder and will take a well-earned break. Princess Owusu has served as a Co-operated Elder for the past year and is moving on to pastures new! We pray for Princess as she starts University. We therefore have 2 vacancies.

Closing Date for nomination is Sunday 9th November.

If you would like a postal vote for the AGM please contact Wendy Edworthy

ASK AND IT SHALL BE GIVEN TO YOU
SEEK AND YOU WILL FIND
KNOCK AND THE DOOR WILL BE OPEN TO YOU
MATTHEW 7:7

Church AGM and QCM (including the Election of Elders) Tuesday 18th November 7.30pm at Well Street United Church

A reminder to Stewards and Group Leaders that all reports for the AGM to be with Wendy by Monday 10th November

Family News

Sylvia D our much-loved friend and church member, on 8th October was called home by her Lord Jesus. Please pray for her step-son, Shaun, in his loss and for others who knew her.

The funeral service will be at Well Street on Friday 7th November at 1.30pm. This will be followed by a private burial. We invite you to remain at Well Street United Church for refreshments.

Sylvia knew that she had months, if not weeks, to live. She was not afraid of death, and felt that she had had a good innings. She did say to me in August, with some humour, 'I'd better wait until you get back from sabbatical!' She didn't quite make that, but I will be there on 7th November to take the service. Sylvia was a very chatty person who enjoyed company, and I'm sure we will all miss her. We rejoice that she is now free from any suffering and safe in the arms of the Saviour.

Tim

Tim's Sabbatical will end during November—back at work on 17th November. Continue to pray for Tim that he comes back refreshed and re-energized.

We pray

... for our family members who are housebound and those in care homes.

We also remember those who care and support them at this time.

... for our young adults as they continue to adjust to life at University/college/or the world of work!

Thank you to the Mission Team for organising the Harvest Quiz night and also for the Quiz Master Brian.

A big thank you too for your donations for Christian Aid. The amount raised was £424

Church Weekend October 2026

The church weekend has now been confirmed/booked with Highgate House for October 2026. If you have booked and paid a deposit we will be sending an email out to you next week (week commencing 3rd November) so please check your inbox. If you have any questions please contact Jane.

Service Dates for November

Date	Place	Time	Theme	Leader
2nd November	LHA	10.30am	Café Church	Trevor Ray
9th November	LHA	10.30am	Remembrance Micah 4:1-8	Geoff Morris Katy Morris
9th November	WSUC	6.00pm	<i>Praise and Prayer—Taize Style</i>	Peter Butcher
16th November	WSUC	10.30am	An Inclusive Community	Andrew Brazell Cathy Read
23rd November	WSUC	10.30am	Service will include The Lord's Supper	Tim Edworthy Katy Morris
30th November	WSUC	10.30am		Tim Edworthy
7th December	WSUC	10.30am	Service will include The Lord's Supper	Tim Edworthy

Mission of the Month

The **United Reformed Church** have produced Table Talk Coasters to help break the ice with strangers, go deeper in conversations with friends and family and create space for conversations about life, hope and faith.



They contain prompts about the big questions of life. They also have a QR code on them which take you to a different question every day. They could be used on the coffee table at home, cafe church and anywhere where people gather and are appropriate.

I did use some with a Sunday Morning Youth group as an experiment. They went down well.

I can obtain them through East Midlands Area URC office, or Google Table Talk.

Graham Kentish