

APRIL 2022

# Contact



## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

### Sunday

Family Worship  
10.30am

### Wednesday

Congregational Café  
11am – 1pm

Scoffs

12 noon  
(2nd Wednesday only)

### Thursday

Rainbows Baby & Toddler  
Group  
9.30am

### Friday

Badminton  
7.30pm

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Hello Friends,

### **'Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow'**

During Easter we turn our focus once more to the cross and resurrection, remembering how Jesus died and rose again for us. It is always a time of celebration and joy, but ultimately a time of hope. I trust you will be able to share with us in the services and events we have planned during the Easter period here at Springhead. Look out for further details soon.

The words at the top of this letter are from the final verse of one of the most popular hymns sung in church - *Great is thy Faithfulness* - and speak of the blessings we have in Christ.

Thomas Chisholm wrote the lyrics of this hymn in 1923 about God's faithfulness over his lifetime. The phrase 'great is thy faithfulness' comes from the Old Testament Book of Lamentations 3:v23. The hymn was slow to catch on in churches across the United States until Billy Graham began to include it in his international crusades. It was introduced to the people of Great Britain during Graham's crusade here in 1954 and has since become one of Britain's most popular hymns.

Although Thomas Chisholm had suffered poor health throughout his life, God's faithfulness was evident to him. God has been faithful in the past, is faithful in the present and will continue to be faithful until the end of the age.

The core of this hymn is simple and the overall message of the hymn points to the amazing faithfulness of God. He has been, is, and always will be compassionate and

unchanging. He is forgiving of his people; he is the supplier of peace and his presence in our daily lives provides guidance. But ultimately, God provides us with strength to get us through each day and gives us hope for a brighter tomorrow. This hope and strength are replenished continuously.

We live in a world where we are all crying out for 'strength for today' as we continue to contend with the repercussions of Covid and the devastating events in Ukraine, and where 'bright hope for tomorrow' seems to be otherwise in short or uncertain supply. We may not know what tomorrow will bring, but as Christians, we know that we will receive strength from God and have the bright hope of the resurrection, a hope that sustains us in the midst of our challenges and struggles.

And, of course, Easter means hope – bright hope for tomorrow.

Wishing you all a very happy Easter – Liz

### **Can it be Easter Already?**

Can it be Easter already?  
Can that be really so?  
The carols and the Christmas tree  
Don't seem that long ago!

Can it be Easter already?  
Do April showers splash?  
The weeks gone by since Christmas day  
Have gone in just a flash!

Can it be Easter already?  
The time of Lent has passed  
The forty days and forty nights  
Went by so very fast.

If it is Easter already,  
That time has sped away.  
Perhaps it's time to ponder, pause  
And savour every day!

*Nigel Beeton*

**Baptisms, weddings and funerals by arrangement with the Minister**

## OFFERTORIES

6th March - £22.50  
 13th March - £113.31  
 20th March - £127.22  
 27th March – No service  
 Standing orders - £612.00  
**Total            £875.03**

### Other Income

Donation from Pat Mills  
 Funeral - £20.00  
 Royton Trust - £431.53  
 Badminton - £45.00  
 Faith Lunch - £10.50

### DEACONS' MEETING

The next deacons' meeting will be on Monday 25th April at 7pm.

There will be no meeting on Bank Holiday Monday, 2nd May.

Please note - there will be NO house group on Monday 25th April.

### JUNIOR DISCO

**Friday 1st April  
 7pm to 9pm**

This is our first disco in over two years so we are hoping for a great turnout.

Just a reminder that we need a minimum number of helpers to ensure that the disco can legally go ahead, so if you are available to help out, it would be appreciated.



## Afternoon Tea

To be held following the service on Sunday 10th April 2022

A selection of sandwiches, scones and homemade cakes will be available for a small donation  
 Everyone is welcome to stay and join us

### CHURCH DIRECTORY

This is your last chance to let me know of any amendments before the new directory is printed.

Please get in touch asap if any of your details have changed!

## FAITH LUNCH

The next themed lunch is after the service on Sunday 3rd April, when bacon butties will be available for a small donation.

All welcome to stay and join us.



Thank you to everyone who contributed to the retiring collection in aid of the DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal.

### Flower Rota April 2022

3rd - Justine

10th -

17th - Sylvia

24th - Beryl

We raised a total of £267.00 and this will be sent, together with the £500.00 from church funds, to support the ongoing conflict in Ukraine.

## Upcoming Events – April 2022

Friday 1st April	7pm – 9pm	Junior Disco
Sunday 3rd April	10.30am	Family Service led by Liz Dean Themed Faith Lunch
Tuesday 5th April	12 noon	Lent Lunch at Zion
Wednesday 6th April	11am – 1pm	Congregational Café
Sunday 10th April	10.30am	Palm Sunday Service Afternoon Tea
Wednesday 13th April	12 noon	Scoffs
Thursday 14th April	7pm	Maundy Thursday Joint Service at Greenacres
Friday 15th April	12 noon 1pm	Good Friday Service United Service in Lees
Sunday 17th April	10.30am	Easter Sunday Service
Wednesday 20th April	11am – 1pm	Congregational Café
Sunday 24th April	10.30am	Family Service
Monday 25th April	7pm	Deacons Meeting <b>**change of date**</b>
Wednesday 27th April	11am – 1pm	Congregational Café

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# NEW TO YOU SALE

Thursday 5th May 2022

10am – 8pm

Springhead Congregational Church  
Radcliffe Street  
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Oldham  
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REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE ALL DAY  
FREE ADMISSION

Friday 6th May 2022

Jumble Sale at 7pm

For further information please phone  
0161 652 2043 or 07927 495583

Any new to you can be brought up to church and put on the stage from Sunday 17th April onwards.

Help is needed at 9.30am on Sunday 1st May to put tables up and bring bags down and also after the service to begin sorting.

Sorting will continue at 10am on Monday 2nd May.

Volunteers are needed from 10am - 8pm on Thursday 5th May to man the stalls and the café and again on Friday 6th May from 7pm.

Further help is required at 8.30pm on Friday 6th May to take tables down.

If anyone can display a poster or help to deliver flyers, please see Joan or Allan.

Thank you for your support.