

FEBRUARY 2023

Contact

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday

Toddler Sundays
10am – 11.30am

Family Worship
10.30am

Wednesday

Warm Spaces
10am – 12 noon

Scoffs
12 noon
(2nd Wednesday only)

Thursday

Rainbows Baby & Toddler
Group
9.30am

Friday

Badminton 7pm

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Dear Friends,

Welcome to February!

February is a month full of surprises. It is the shortest month of the year, the last winter month in the Northern Hemisphere, but it also remains one of the coldest.

It's also unique in the modern calendar, as no other month of the year has fewer than 30 days. It also hosts one extra day every so often – making it a real oddity! Apparently, February is one of the most misspelled words in the English language. And, of course, it is the month when we celebrate St Valentine's Day.

At church, February is the month when we traditionally hold our Annual General Meeting, which this year is on Sunday 12th February. During the meeting, we shall be discussing the business of our church during the last twelve months and electing deacons and representatives to oversee the affairs of the church and serve our fellowship.

We look forward to welcoming Yvonne Campbell, who is a good friend of our church, to lead our worship that morning, so it would be lovely if everyone could join us and show their support.

Our AGM is an important time in our church calendar to meet, support and encourage one another, and work together to determine our church's direction in the future. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting whether they are church members or not.

Although the AGM is a legal device primarily to ensure that the church is being run properly, it also gives us an opportunity to reflect on the past year and to look forward to the year ahead as we think about new plans and activities

for the future, and hopefully the calling of a new minister.

Likewise, it gives us the chance to reflect on the great things that we are doing here at Springhead, to look at the people responsible and to be thankful for all that they do.

And finally, this month also sees the beginning of Lent. This year, Lent starts on Ash Wednesday, 22nd February and ends on Saturday 8th April, which is the day before Easter Sunday.

Lent is traditionally a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time for renewal and reflection but also an opportunity to look towards the future. Christians focus on their relationship with God, often choosing to give something up or to volunteer and give of themselves for others.

During Jesus's ministry, he often recalled the past, but he gave us reassurance and hope to help us look forward into the future - whatever challenges we are facing - and imagine the sort of church we want to build for ourselves and for generations to come.

With all good wishes - Liz

FLOWER ROTA 2023

There are still a few gaps on the flower rota for this year.

If you wish to provide flowers, please add your name against a suitable date as soon as possible.

Many thanks.

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO
DONATED USED POSTAGE STAMPS IN
AID OF THE LEPROSY MISSION AND TO
JANET ATKINS FOR CO-ORDINATING**

Baptisms, weddings and funerals by arrangement

OFFERTORIES

8th January - £151.00

15th January - £224.60

22nd January - £70.66

29th January - £80.47

Standing orders - £595.00

Total **£1,121.73**

Other Income

Gift Aid - £3,511.94

JUNIOR DISCO

Friday 12th February

7pm to 9pm

**Any additional
volunteers would be
very welcome!**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Just a reminder
about the AGM
which will be held
after morning
service on Sunday
12th February 2023.

We hope to see you
there!

CAKE SALE & RAFFLE

After the service
on Sunday 26th
February



Our Warm Spaces initiative is now up and running! Church will be open every Wednesday morning between 10am and 12 noon providing a warm, welcoming and safe space for the community to meet and enjoy free hot drinks and snacks.

Everyone is very welcome to join us.

Churches Together in Lees and District will once again meet each Tuesday during Lent to join in fellowship together and share a lunch of soup and rolls.

The meetings will be held at Zion Methodist from 28th February to 28th March and your support would be much appreciated if possible.

Further details to follow shortly.

FAITH LUNCH

The next themed lunch is after the service on Sunday 5th February, when soup and rolls will be available for a small donation.

All welcome to stay and join us.



Upcoming Events – February 2023

Wednesday 1st February	10am – 12 noon	Warm Spaces
Sunday 5th February	10am – 11.30am 10.30am	Toddler Sundays Family Service led by Graham Radcliffe Themed Faith Lunch
Monday 6th February	7pm	Deacons Meeting
Wednesday 8th February	10am – 12 noon 12 noon	Warm Spaces Scoffs
Friday 10th February	7pm – 9pm	Junior Disco
Sunday 12th February	10am – 11.30am 10.30am	Toddler Sundays Family Service led by Yvonne Campbell AGM
Wednesday 15th February	10am – 12 noon	Warm Spaces
Sunday 19th February	10am – 11.30am 10.30am	Toddler Sundays Family Service led by Frank Wroe Communion
Wednesday 22nd February	10am – 12 noon	Warm Spaces
Sunday 26th February	10am – 11.30am 10.30am	Toddler Sundays Family Service led by David Morgan Cake Sale and Raffle
Tuesday 28th February	12 noon	Lent Lunch at Zion Methodist

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