

JULY 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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Dear Friends,

In Proverbs 29:18 we read 'Where there is no vision, the people perish.'

At Springhead Congregational Church, we have been blessed over the years by ministers who have painted a picture of a new vision for the church, and a people who have helped birth those visions and dreams into reality. Whether that be Donald and Pat Openshaw who, faced with a crumbling old church building had the vision to move to a new sanctuary which quickly doubled in size to accommodate what God was doing, to Liz Dean, who building on their legacy, had the boldness and freshness of vision to start new projects and initiatives, the legacy of which still continue today.

We as a congregation realise that God is never static, and a little like the character of Aslan in C S Lewis' The Narnia Chronicles 'is always on the move'. We see that in the story of The Israelites in the book of Exodus, God did not just lead them out of captivity, but over their epic journey through the desert he gave them fresh understanding, and led them on into the promised land. This notion of journey from the safe to the new, is further illustrated in the call, life and ministry of the disciples in The New Testament. Ordinary people who leave everything they knew behind to follow him and, within three short years, see their leader crucified and then resurrected, and who before being resurrected to heaven gives them a commission and a mission. So, what could God's plan for us as a people be?

Whilst lockdown posed many challenges for churches, a situation we were not immune from ourselves, we saw that God was blessing us with finances, thanks to

peoples' generous donations, government furlough support and additional government grants. When lockdowns eased and restrictions lifted, we were faced with the question with what does God want us to do with the blessings we have received. It would have been easy to say 'let's save it for a rainy day' or to see the reserves depleted over a number of years on covering the cost of the gas and electric bills. The more difficult thing, the more challenging thing, and the more faith filled thing to do would be to take another bold step into the unknown and dream a new vision of what God was doing for such a time as this.

In January, deacons approved the decision to set up a small future vision group to scope what might be possible and what might be able to be achieved. Once the group met, two priorities were quickly established - property and people. How do we make the church 2022+ fit for purpose? And what do we see as the mission of the church to reach outside the walls to the wider community? Early on, it was identified that we should work with a local interior designer Susie Bambridge (Uptopia Mix Interiors) and she quickly got onboard with the vision.

The plans were presented to the church and when endorsed, the work began in earnest in June. On July 3rd with the first phase of the work complete (the property), a service of rededication will take place, asking for God's blessing for future, and for him to inspire us together to work with him to see the life, ministry and mission of Springhead Congregational Church grow in the second phase 'the projects.' More of that to follow but for now, to God be the glory, great things he hath done, and may we have the sincerity of heart, and unity of purpose to imagine and birth the reality that greater things are yet to come in the life of the church.

Blessings – Jonathan and the deacons.

Baptisms, weddings and funerals by arrangement with the Minister

OFFERTORIES

29th May - £77.50

5th June - £64.20

12th June - £167.52

19th June - £96.00

26th June - £85.80

Standing orders - £580.00

Total £1071.02

Other Income

Christian Aid - £28.50

Jubilee Lunch - £106.32

Donation in memory of

Cynthia Dean - £200.00

Flower Rota July 2022

3rd -

10th - Celeste Collinge

17th - Sylvia Fellows

24th -

31st - Nan Parkinson

JUNIOR DISCO

Friday 15th July

7pm to 9pm

**Volunteers
needed to help
out as usual!**

Tickets are still
available from Simon
for the Harmony Vibe
Concert on Saturday
9th July at 7.30pm.

£5.00 each including
a hot supper.



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PLATINUM JUBILEE LUNCH

A HUGE THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO JOINED US FOR THE BUFFET LUNCH ON WHIT SUNDAY.

IT WAS WONDERFUL TO SEE OVER 100 PEOPLE ENJOYING THE DAY AND CELEBRATING WITH US.

MASSIVE THANKS TO JOAN, INGRID, VANDA AND THE REST OF THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE FOR ALL THEIR HARD WORK AND PREPARATION, FOR THE AMAZING BUFFET AND THE FANTASTIC CAKE!

SCOFFS

Just a reminder that the lunch club is taking a break over the summer and will be closed in July and August. It will be back on Wednesday 14th September.

The café will be open every Wednesday during July and August between 11.30am and 1pm.

FAITH LUNCHES

SUNDAY 3rd JULY - REDEDICATION SUNDAY

Traditional Faith Lunch

Please bring a dish for everyone to share and enjoy

SUNDAY 7th AUGUST

Themed Faith Lunch

Pizza and garlic bread will be available for a small donation

Everyone is welcome to stay and join us

Upcoming Events – July 2022

Friday 1st July	7.30pm	Fashion Show by Poppets Place
Sunday 3rd July	10.30am	Rededication Sunday Traditional Faith Lunch
Monday 4th July	7pm	Deacons Meeting
Wednesday 6th July	11.30am – 1pm	Congregational Café
Saturday 9th July	7.30pm	Harmony Vibe
Sunday 10th July	10.30am	Family Service Church Meeting
Wednesday 13th July	11.30am – 1pm	Congregational Café
Friday 15th July	7pm – 9pm	Junior Disco
Sunday 17th July	10.30am	Family Service Communion
Wednesday 20th July	11.30am – 1pm	Congregational Café
Sunday 24th July	10.30am	Family Service
Monday 25th July	7pm	House Group at 17 Radcliffe Street
Wednesday 27th July	11.30am – 1pm	Congregational Café
Sunday 31st July	10.30am	Family Service

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REDEDICATION SERVICE – SUNDAY 3RD JULY 2022

We would love you to join us for this special service of rededication now that the refurbishment of the sanctuary is complete. The service will be followed by a traditional faith lunch where everyone is invited to bring food to share and enjoy together

