



# Contact

**JUNE 2022**

## 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,

Well here we are, part way through the year again, looking forward to some warmer weather and being able to spend more time outdoors and in our gardens!

Recently, gardens have enjoyed more of our attention than ever before and during lockdown, many people made their first attempt at planting and nurturing vegetables. Gardening has become a popular hobby and the demand for allotments has soared. The National Trust reports that more and more people are spending time in gardens and green spaces and will continue to do so in future. Not only does research show that nature is good for our wellbeing, but it is also beneficial for the planet as we are more likely to care for our local environment.

You may have heard the phrase 'Life began in the Garden,' but which garden and where? After God had finished creating the universe, the sky, the stars, the land and the sea, as well as all the creatures within it, he created man. And God placed man in the garden and asked him to look after it. The first garden, the first gardener, and the beginning of the first occupation of mankind – gardening! It is the first garden in the Bible and the one that we think of the most - The Garden of Eden. The Garden of Eden was known as a symbolic place of perfect beauty, tranquillity and harmony.

Gardens of the Bible were places of beauty, shelter and sustenance. The fruit trees and vines, fragrant herbs and other useful plants, as well as natural water supplies, were all key elements of the design. After God created Eden, the Bible mentions numerous other gardens and their attributes.

In the Song of Solomon and Luke, a garden is referred to as a place of shelter and shade, and also as a place of protection.

The garden mentioned in Esther becomes the setting for a glamorous social event and in Jeremiah and Amos, the garden is also recognised as a place of provision of food.

Gardens in the Bible are often seen as a place for quiet retreat and meditation as well as a place to meet with friends. As well as Eden, there are three other significant gardens mentioned in the Bible.

The Garden of Gethsemane was a peaceful place where Jesus liked to go to pray, but it became the gardening of suffering and betrayal after Jesus was betrayed by Judas. In the Garden of Golgotha, Jesus was placed in an empty tomb, which would have represented great sadness for his followers. However, it was here that the good news of the resurrection was announced by Mary Magdalene, who assumed that Jesus was the gardener.

Finally, a second Garden of Eden is foretold in Revelation, a 'heavenly' garden or the garden of eternal life. Here, Eden is restored along with the Tree of Life and its healing properties.

Every garden in the Bible represents a different stage of our lives and God is in every garden. For many, our gardens today are a place to meet with family and friends. But as we work in them and enjoy them, we can reflect on the gardens of the Bible and what took place in them. Even in times of uncertainty, things still grow and there is hope in every garden.

As Audrey Hepburn once said 'to plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow.'

With all good wishes - Liz

Please note that all services throughout June will be held in the church hall due to the sanctuary refurbishment.

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

## OFFERTORIES

1st May - £135.51  
 8th May - £121.16  
 15th May - £65.51  
 22nd May - £72.95 (to be  
 donated to Christian Aid)  
 Standing orders - £592.00

**Total            £987.13**

## Other Income

New to You - £595.97  
 Jumble Sale - £191.39  
 Cake Sale - £45.51  
 Donations in memory of  
 Margaret Slater - £225.22  
 Cong Café - £170.00  
 Disco - £550.90



Just a reminder that our next informal and relaxed café style service, including breakfast, will be on Sunday 26th June.

The café church service will be at the usual time of 10.30am and will be held in the church hall. Everyone is very welcome.

## Flower Rota June 2022

5th - Judith Smith  
 12th - Sue Teinert  
 19th - Nan Parkinson  
 26th - Mary Jones

 Find us on  
**Facebook**



We are collecting ANY type of bottles for the Bottle Tombola at our Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

Any donations of raffle prizes would also be appreciated and there is a list available if anyone can donate any food. Thank you.



**TICKETS NOW ON SALE FROM SUE OR SIMON. PLEASE COME ALONG AND SUPPORT THESE FUNDRAISING EVENTS – EVERYONE IS VERY WELCOME!**

### Summer **FASHION** Show by *Poppet's Place*

Ladies clothing & accessories for all ages, sizes, budgets & occasions  
Come along & grab a bargain! - All welcome  
Refreshments available - plus the chance to win a fantastic prize in the raffle!

**Friday 1st July 2022**  
**SPRINGHEAD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
 RADCLIFFE STREET SPRINGHEAD OLDHAM OL4 4QP  
 Doors open 7pm, show starts 7.30pm  
 Tickets £2.00 each available from Sue on 07817 683202



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## HARMONY VIBE

**SATURDAY 9TH JULY 2022**  
**AT 7.30PM**



Come and dance to live music from  
the 1960's to the present day!

Tickets £5.00 each (including  
a hot supper) are available  
from Simon on  
07855 093047

A great night out for all the family!

## Upcoming Events – June 2022

Wednesday 1st June	11.30am – 1pm	Congregational Café
Sunday 5th June	10.30am	Whit Sunday Service
	2pm	Jubilee Lunch and Street Party
Wednesday 8th June	12 noon	Scoffs
Sunday 12th June	10.30am	Family Service led by Frank Wroe
Wednesday 15th June	11.30am – 1pm	Congregational Café
Sunday 19th June	10.30am	Family Service led by Liz Dean Communion
Wednesday 22nd June	11.30am – 1pm	Congregational Café
Sunday 26th June	10.30am	Café Church
Monday 27th June	7pm	House Group at 17 Radcliffe Street
Wednesday 29th June	11.30am – 1pm	Congregational Café
Friday 1st July	7.30pm	Fashion Show by Poppets Place

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# WHIT SUNDAY/PLATINUM JUBILEE 5TH JUNE 2022

THERE WILL BE A SHORT SERVICE IN THE CHURCH HALL AT 10.30AM.

AT THE TIME OF PRESS, ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PROCESSION OF  
WITNESS DOWN TO LEES ARE STILL TO BE CONFIRMED.  
FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

WE WOULD LOVE YOU TO JOIN US FOR THE BUFFET LUNCH AND  
JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS AT 2PM.

EVERYONE IS VERY WELCOME. IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND, PLEASE  
LET US KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOR CATERING PURPOSES.

**CELEBRATE THE  
QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE  
WITH US ON  
SUNDAY 5TH JUNE 2022**

**THE QUEEN'S  
PLATINUM JUBILEE 2022**

Springhead Congregational Church, Radcliffe Street are having  
a buffet lunch and street party at 2pm on Sunday 5th June 2022

**Dress code – red, white and blue!**  
**Children's games and raffle**

Everyone is welcome and we would love you to join us –  
expressions of interest to help with catering to Jonathan on  
07927 495583 or Joan on 07505 968810

**LET'S CELEBRATE TOGETHER AND SHARE  
FRIENDSHIP, FOOD AND FUN!**