

OCTOBER 2021

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 – 11.30am

Friday

Badminton
7.30pm

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COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS

When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed,
When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,
Count your many blessings, name them one by one,
And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.

*Count your blessings, name them one by one;
Count your blessings, see what God hath done;
Count your blessings, name them one by one;
Count your many blessings, see what God hath done.*

Are you ever burdened with a load of care?
Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear?
Count your many blessings, ev'ry doubt will fly,
And you will be singing as the days go by.

When you look at others with their lands and gold,
Think that Christ has promised you His wealth untold;
Count your many blessings, money cannot buy
Your reward in heaven, nor your home on high.

So, amid the conflict, whether great or small,
Do not be discouraged, God is over all;
Count your many blessings, angels will attend,
Help and comfort give you to your journey's end.

And this is especially true during harvest, when we are grateful for all that we have and it is a time when we should count our blessings and remind ourselves of the goodness of God in providing these. It is a time to celebrate all the good things we have and consider how we can share these with others and remember those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

Harvest is just one moment, a time, a Sunday within the Christian year when we can say thank you, and it is a wonderful opportunity to give thanks for the many things we frequently take for granted. Yet, each new day is an opportunity to be thankful and grateful and there are always blessings to be found; although as we look to the world around us, choosing to feel blessed and thankful may not always be our first thought.

We don't have to go far to find blessings or to see something for which we can be thankful. Blessings can be found in a smile, in a kind word, in a thoughtful deed, in a moment shared, in encouraging one another or in saying thank you. By looking for blessings and choosing to be thankful, our day becomes brighter and it helps us to focus on the good things and put the bad things into perspective.

This harvest, let us consider all the good gifts we have and take time to count our blessings, one by one, and to thank God for them, and also commit ourselves to pray and support people at home and abroad who are not as fortunate as we are.

Dear Friends,

'Count your blessings, name them one by one ...' These words are part of an old hymn written by Johnson Oatman Jr that Christians have sung for more than 100 years, and the message is still important today.

There is some evidence to suggest that the phrase 'count your blessings' is Jewish in origin. There was an ancient Jewish tradition where people would try to get 100 blessings by the end of the day. Counting your blessings would help you stay on track throughout the day. These blessings might be a prayer at a meal or something as simple as paying someone a compliment. Beyond that though, the origins of the phrase are somewhat unclear.

God gives us so many blessings each and every single day. Some may even be so small that we might overlook them, so this classic hymn really reminds us to be grateful and give thanks for everything that God has done in our lives. We are thankful for food, friends, family and God's love.

With all good wishes - Liz

Baptisms, weddings and funerals by arrangement with the Minister

OFFERTORIES

22nd August - £98.26
29th August - £182.06
5th September - £91.00
12th September - £81.50
19th September - £107.00
26th September - £40.20
Standing Orders - £662.00

Total £1,262.02

Other Income

Solar panels - £702.24
Ice Cream Sunday - £12.60
Toddlers - £150.00
Donation - £200.00



CONGREGATIONAL CAFE

Thank you to everyone who has supported the café following the reopening last month.

It has been lovely to welcome back old faces and meet new friends.

LIVE STREAMING

Just a reminder that the Harvest service on Sunday 3rd October will be the final live stream on Facebook.

We have made amazing online connections during the last eighteen months, both in the local community and beyond, so huge thanks to everyone who has joined with us and special thanks to Jonathan for all his efforts in keeping us connected as a fellowship.

Please feel free to join us back in church at 10.30am every Sunday morning.

We hope that you are looking forward to the coming months and all the activities that will be going on at church in the lead up to Christmas - please do come along and support and share in them.



JUMBLE SALE

Ingrid has once again volunteered to bake Christmas cakes in aid of church funds.

The cost of the cakes are:

4" £6.00

6" £10.00

7" £12.00

8" £17.00



If you would like to order a cake, please contact Ingrid on 0161 626 0854 as soon as possible.

Cakes are available with or without icing. Please state your preference when ordering. Many thanks.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE TO PRE ORDER AGAIN THIS YEAR. LOOK OUT FOR FURTHER DETAILS SOON!

Friday 15th October at 7pm

Help is needed to set up at 10am and clear up at 8pm.
Any jumble can now be brought up to church and left on the stage.

If you can distribute any posters or flyers, please see Joan.

Springhead Congregational Church Harvest Sunday & Faith Lunch - 3rd October 2021



This year the harvest service will be supporting a new initiative we are running alongside the Rainbows Baby & Toddler Group.

Items we are collecting:

- Formula Milk
- Jars of Baby Food
- Clothes for newborns
- Blankets for newborns



Why not join us after the service for soup and rolls (available for a small donation to church funds).

Christmas Fayre - Saturday 4th December

We are still collecting items for the Christmas Fayre, including: *raffle and tombola prizes, new toys (or in excellent condition), men's toiletries, candles, chocolate for the chocolate tombola, wines and spirits, baskets for hampers and any festive items for the Christmas stall.*

Any donations can be left at the back of church or given to Gill or Cath.

Upcoming Events – October 2021

Sunday 3rd October	10.30am	Harvest Service Themed Faith Lunch
Monday 4th October	7pm	Deacons
Wednesday 6th October	11am – 1pm	Congregational Café
Sunday 10th October	10.30am	Family Worship
Wednesday 13th October	11am – 1pm	Congregational Café
Friday 15th October	7pm	Jumble Sale
Sunday 17th October	10.30am	Family Worship Communion
Wednesday 20th October	11am – 1pm	Congregational Café
Sunday 24th September	10.30am	Family Worship
Monday 25th October	7pm	House Group at 17 Radcliffe Street
Wednesday 27th October	11am – 1pm	Congregational Café
Sunday 31st October	10.30am	Family Worship

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