

# Contact

## FEBRUARY 2025



Dear Friends,

'To God be the Glory' is a phrase which expresses praise and gratitude to God for all the good things that he does. It is also the name of a popular hymn that celebrates the greatness of God and calls upon people to rejoice in his works.

The hymn celebrates the greatness of God and calls upon an appreciation for the wondrous things 'he hath done.' It is a hymn of praise about God and his glory, majesty and power to be sung rejoicefully in the spirit of gratitude.

'To God Be the Glory' is a hymn with lyrics by Fanny Crosby and music by William Howard Doane, first printed in 1875. It appears to have been written around 1872 but was published in 1875 in Robert Lowry and Doane's hymn compilation, 'Brightest and Best.' It was already popular in Britain before publication since Ira Sankey had introduced it there during Moody's 1873-1874 evangelistic campaigns. Despite this, the song failed to achieve approval in the United States and was included in very few hymnals.

To God be the Glory gained popularity after Cliff Barrows, the song leader for Billy Graham, was given a copy with the suggestion that the hymn be included in the songbook for the London Crusade in 1954. It was so well-loved that he included it again later that year in the Crusade in Nashville, Tennessee. The audience responded enthusiastically and from then on, he used it frequently. With this exposure, the hymn quickly became well-known to Christians throughout the world and is printed in most modern hymn books.

But have you ever stopped and considered what the glory of God is?

The glory of God has multiple meanings in Scripture. It could refer to the display of his magnificence. It could also mean praise and honour being given to his great name. God's glory is seen throughout the whole Bible. In every book, in every chapter and in every verse, his glory is on display. But God's glory has depths and measures that go beyond our comprehension.

The word glory comes from the Latin word 'gloria' which means fame or renown. In a secular sense when people speak of glory, the term can have two meanings. In one instance, it is the bestowing or showering of high honour or praise on a person, usually for some achievement. And glory can also be used to signify magnificence or awesome splendour. This can be applied when something of value is restored, so we might say the ship has been restored to her former glory.

In a biblical context, the definitions don't change much and in the New Testament, the term 'glory' is defined as dignity, honour and worship. This means to glorify God is to recognise his greatness and offer him respect by praising and adoring him because he is worthy of such things.

But why is God's glory so important?

God is the source of all good things and shares his glory and greatness with us. Seeing God's glory in the heavens and the earth shows us how amazing and wonderful he is. We see his power and majestic beauty. And when we give God praise it reminds us of how loving and kind God really is. And it is out of his great love for us, that he allows us to experience and take part in his glory.

*'Oh, come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done.'*

In other news, we are very pleased to announce that Lisa Ewart has accepted the call to shared ministry at Springhead and Greenacres following a unanimous vote at the recent special church meeting. Many thanks to everyone who attended the meeting and for your contributions.

There are many details still to be organised between the two churches but we look forward to Lisa and her family joining us later in the Spring to begin another new exciting chapter here at Springhead.

With all good wishes – Liz

# DIARY – February 2025

Sunday 2nd February	10.30am	Family service led by John Pollitt Lunch
Monday 3rd February	7pm	Deacons Meeting
Friday 7th February	7pm – 9pm	Junior Disco
Sunday 9th February	10.30am	Family service led by Mary Jones
Wednesday 12th February	12 noon	Scoffs
Sunday 16th February	10.45am	Family service at Greenacres led by Peter Butler
Sunday 23rd February	10.30am	Family service led by John Pollitt Cake Sale

## Regular Activities

### Sunday

Toddler Sundays 10am – 11.30am

### Monday

Exercise Group 2pm

### Wednesday

Scoffs 12 noon (2nd Wednesday)

### Thursday

Rainbows Toddler Group 9.30am

### Friday

Badminton 6pm

## Offertories

5th January - No service

12th January - £79.51

19th January - £74.50

26th January - £77.20

Standing orders - £737.00

**Total            £968.21**

### Other Income

Tea/coffee - £19.20

Gift Aid - £3,327.56

Toddlers Donation - £100.00

## Flower Rota

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23rd February - Nan



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### FASHION SHOW

On Sunday afternoon, March 16th, we will be hosting a joint fashion show in conjunction with In My Shoes Theatre Group.

### LENT LUNCHES

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

The meetings will be held each Tuesday from 11th March to 8th April.

Look out for further details of both these events soon!

### SUNDAY 16TH FEBRUARY

Please note that there will be **NO** service at Springhead on Sunday 16th February.

Worship will take place at Greenacres at **10.45am** where the service will be led by Peter Butler. Everyone is welcome to join us.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Just a reminder about the AGM which will be held after morning service on Sunday 23rd February.

Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting whether or not they are church members so we hope to see you there!

## THEMED LUNCHES

The next themed lunch is following the service on Sunday 2nd February when pie and peas will be available for a small donation.

Everyone is very welcome to stay and join us.

## JUNIOR DISCO

Friday 7th February 7pm – 9pm

All additional volunteers would be very welcome.

## CAKE SALE

The next cake sale is following the service on

*Sunday 23rd February*

Any donations of cake would be gratefully received.

## FLOWER ROTA

There are still a lot of gaps on the flower rota, so if you wish to provide flowers during 2025, please add your name to the list.

## CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

We are always happy to welcome new church members into our fellowship.

If you are interested in finding out more about becoming a church member, please speak to either Justine or myself.

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