

# Contact

## JANUARY 2025



Dear Friends,

You've probably heard of the phrase 'Teamwork makes the dream work' or seen it printed on office mugs and motivational posters. But what exactly does it mean and what does good teamwork look like?

The phrase 'Teamwork makes the dream work' essentially means that dividing tasks and responsibilities among a team can lead to better outcomes than a single person doing the same task. The saying was initially created by American clergyman John Maxwell in his 2002 book 'Teamwork Makes the Dream Work.' The phrase caught on and has become more and more popular over the years.

Teamwork often occurs in school, work, and daily life but the phrase 'teamwork makes the dream work' can also be interpreted in a religious context in several ways. The concept of unity and working together towards a common goal is prevalent throughout scriptures. From the creation of the world to Moses and Aaron leading the Israelites out of Egypt and to Jesus and his disciples spreading the gospel, the Bible provides numerous examples of the importance of teamwork and working together to achieve our goals.

Overall, the Bible provides a strong foundation for the importance of teamwork which can be traced back to the creation story in Genesis. In Genesis 2:18, God declares, 'It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.' This verse shows that God created humans to be in relationships with one another and to work together to accomplish his purposes. The creation story also teaches us that God created humans to have different roles and responsibilities. For example, Adam was given the task of naming the animals, while Eve was created to be a helper to Adam. This teaches us that teamwork involves using each other's unique strengths and abilities to achieve a common goal.

Jesus and the Apostles perhaps provide us with greatest example of the importance of teamwork. Jesus chose twelve disciples to be his closest companions and to help him carry out his mission. Each of the disciples had different strengths and weaknesses, but they worked together to spread the Gospel message and build the Kingdom of God.

And in the book of Acts, we see the early church working together as a team to spread the gospel. They shared everything in common, and people were willing to sell their possessions and give to those in need. This selflessness and cooperation allowed the church to grow and thrive.

The Bible teaches us that we are all part of the body of Christ, and each member of the body has a unique role to play. In 1 Corinthians 12, Paul compares the church to a human body, stating that each part is necessary for the body to function properly. This passage emphasises the importance of teamwork and unity in the church, as well as recognising and valuing the unique gifts and talents of each member.

As a church today we always face challenges. There are a lot of responsibilities and duties that go into running a church, particularly a church without a leader. Who's in charge of the church? Who takes care of what? Who runs the various committees and community groups? Who counts the money? What do we do with the money? What do we do when we need something in our church? How about when we see needs in our community? Or in the wider world?

It can all become overwhelming and stressful as we do too much or the wrong things. Right now, our whole normal way of doing church has changed due to our ongoing interregnum. Many people are stepping up to fill gaps we never knew we had, and many people are still stepping out of their comfort zone. How can we handle all God is calling us to? Teamwork makes the dream work. God gifts each of us with a way we can help build up our church fellowship, not just run the church, but really take care of each other and love each other during this time.

As Congregationalists, we accept the unity of all who believe in Jesus Christ whilst also regarding the Congregational tradition as a unique and vital part of the church. We believe in the 'priesthood of all believers' meaning that no-one in the church is more important than anyone else and that there is no hierarchy in the church meeting – we all have an equal say and every church member can play their own part.

In any voluntary organisation there is always something that needs to be done. Officers and leaders are needed, as is help for the many activities. We depend very much on the willingness of members and friends in so many of our activities. The more help that is available, the lighter the burden is for others.

At Springhead, we have been blessed with a wonderful spirit of community and fellowship over the years where we have built strong relationships of trust, encouragement and commitment. Everyone is a valued member of our church family and works together towards a common goal.

We're very much a team here at Springhead and we each have our own contribution to make, be it in a supporting role or in a more prominent role. Or even in the background, where countless tasks and an awful lot of hard work goes into ensuring that our church is well maintained and runs smoothly and efficiently. So, thank you to everyone who has once again held positions of office and served our fellowship during this last year and particular thanks to all those who support our church by helping out behind the scenes and doing the jobs that we all take for granted!

Teamwork and unity are an essential part of accomplishing God's purposes and by working together as a team, we can overcome obstacles, make a difference and achieve great things for his kingdom. Teamwork really does make the dream work!

With all good wishes for a happy and peaceful new year - Liz

# DIARY – January 2025

Sunday 5th January	10.30am	Christingle Lunch
Monday 6th January	7pm	Deacons Meeting
Wednesday 8th January	12 noon	Scoffs
Sunday 12th January	10.30am	Family service led by Colin Carson Church Meeting
Sunday 19th January	10am	Family service led by Lisa Ewart Special Church Meeting
Sunday 26th January	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

1st December - £107.00

8th December - £60.06

15th December - £90.80

22nd December - £134.62

29th December – No service

Standing orders - £757.00

**Total            £1,149.48**

### Other Income

Christmas Day Offertory - £66.96

Christmas Eve Social - £168.26

Raffle - £18.40

Toddlers Donation - £70.00

Scoffs Donation - £500.00

## Flower Rota

### JANUARY 2025

5th January - Jean

19th January - Susan

## AGM

This year's church members' AGM will be held after morning service on Sunday 23rd February.

We currently have two members of the Diaconate who are willing to be considered for re-election, as well as the current Church Secretary. If any church member wishes to propose or second them, please pop your name on the nomination form on the church noticeboard in the hall.

We also have two vacancies on the Diaconate, so if anyone is interested, please contact either myself or Justine for further information. Anyone who has been a church member for at least a year is eligible to be nominated for election to the Diaconate.

Your support at this meeting would be appreciated.

### SUNDAY 19TH JANUARY

**Our worship at 10am will be led by Lisa Ewart who has been invited back to 'preach with a view'.**

**The preach with a view is the time for the entire church to prayerfully consider whether the candidate is the right person for the job.**

**Following the service, there will be a special church meeting to decide if we should call Lisa to shared ministry with Greenacres.**

**It is vital that as many people as possible attend both the service and the meeting.**

## CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

Sunday 5th January at 10.30am  
Following the service, lunch will be available for a small donation.  
Please stay and join us.

## CHURCH MEETING

The next church meeting is after the service on Sunday 12th January.  
Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting.

## CAKE SALES

Cake sales will continue to be held on a monthly basis during 2025 so any donations of cake would be gratefully received.

## THEMED LUNCHES

During 2025 we will also be continuing with our lunches after the service on the first Sunday of each month.  
Please add your name to the list on the noticeboard in the hall if you are able to provide food for any of the themed lunches.

## FLOWER LIST

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

## CHRISTMAS FAIR

Huge thanks to Gill and Cath and everyone who supported and helped out. It was a great day and we raised £2,611.61 for church funds.

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