

Contact

MARCH 2025



Dear Friends,

When we think of technology, we often envisage smartphones, computers, and the internet and, without doubt, technological innovations brought on by the internet have touched virtually all aspects of human life, including religion.

However, the role of technology in religion goes beyond these devices. It encompasses a wide range of innovations, from ancient printing presses that made religious texts more accessible to the masses, to modern audio and visual equipment that enhances the worship experience.

Technological advancements continue to shape religious practices in modern times and many faith-based communities have embraced technology as a means to access religious resources and connect with others who share their beliefs.

Traditional religious practices have also evolved and adapted to the digital era. Innovations such as the internet and social media platforms have altered the way religious communities engage, allowing for immediate communication and the broadcasting of religious services. In the past, attending religious services required physical presence. However, with streaming services and live broadcasts becoming the norm, individuals can now participate in many religious services from the comfort of their own homes or while on the go.

This shift in the way religious services are conducted has opened up new possibilities for inclusivity and accessibility. People who may have been unable to attend in-person due to physical limitations or geographical constraints can now actively engage in worship and feel a sense of connection to their faith community.

During lockdown we were very much accelerated forwards into a digital age and without modern technology, many of us would have been isolated if inventions such as Skype, WhatsApp and even the plain old telephone did not exist.

In addition to letting people stream religious services, there are also many apps, websites and online resources which can help people to pray, read scripture, learn about religion, participate in online prayer groups, and join virtual communities of faith, amongst other things. Indeed, engaging with faith-related content online has become an integral part of many individuals' spiritual journeys.

Here at Springhead, we have our own website to share information about the church, including service times, location, church history, contact details and community updates, essentially acting as a central hub for potential visitors and current members to access details and engage with the church online. Why not check us out at www.springheadcongregationalchurch.com.

Social media can help churches build community by keeping followers informed, involved, and engaged with their content. It also is a great way to reach out to people who may not be able to make it to a physical church location (such as those who are sick or homebound).

Did you know that our church has two Facebook pages? We have a public page which allows us to have a presence in the local community (and beyond) and is primarily used to promote worship and advertise fundraising events. This page is open to any members of the general public. Find us at *'Springhead Congregational Church.'*

We also have a private Facebook group which is only open to members of our own congregation, their immediate family and anyone with close connections to the church. This group usually contains information which is only relevant to our own congregation. *Find us at 'Springhead Congregational (Private Group).'*

In modern society, we live in a world that's constantly on the go. Every day, it becomes harder to unplug, slow down and take a deep breath to appreciate all the incredible things life has to offer.

It is important to have the time to reconnect with the people we love, to feel grounded in a world that's constantly changing and to simply relax and appreciate what we have.

In times of adversity, we are reminded that we are part of a community and that our faith calls on us to support one another and it gives us hope. Technology provides us with a wonderful way to do this, even if we cannot meet in person. With all good wishes – Liz

Flower Rota

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2nd March - Liz
9th March - Val
16th March - Susan
23rd March - Jean

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.

DIARY – March 2025

Sunday 2nd March	10.30am	Family service led by Caroline Stott Lunch
Monday 3rd March	6pm 7pm	Social Committee Deacons Meeting
Wednesday 5th March	7pm	Ash Wednesday Service at Hope
Friday 7th March	2.30pm	World Day of Prayer at St John's Hey
Sunday 9th March	10.30am	Family service led by Frank Wroe Communion
Wednesday 12th March	12 noon	Scoffs
Sunday 16th March	10.30am 1.30pm/2pm	Family service led by Colin Carson Fashion Show
Sunday 23rd March	10.30am	Family service led by Ali O'Brien Cake Sale
Sunday 30th March	10.45am	Mothering Sunday Service at Greenacres

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

Offeratories

2nd February - £86.05

9th February - £93.36

16th February – No service

23rd February - £54.00

Standing orders - £737.00

Total £970.41

Other Income

Faith Lunch - £57.40

Cake Sale - £25.85

Tea & Coffee - £5.90

Room Hire - £60.00

CHURCH DIRECTORY

We will shortly be updating the directory so if any of your details have changed, please get in touch as soon as possible.

FASHION SHOW

On Sunday 16th March, we will be hosting a joint fashion show and raffle in conjunction with In My Shoes Theatre Group.
Doors open 1.30pm for 2pm start.

Tickets are now available from Gill Fletcher priced £5 including refreshments or upgrade to £8 to include a glass of prosecco!

LENT LUNCHES

Churches Together in Lees and District will once again meet during Lent to join in fellowship together.

The sessions will be held at 12.30pm at Zion Methodist Church each Wednesday from 12th March to 9th April and will be followed by coffee and biscuits.

Everyone is invited and your support would be appreciated.

MOTHERING SUNDAY 30TH MARCH

Please note that there will be **NO** service at Springhead on Sunday 30th March.

We have been invited to Greenacres where the service at **10.45am** will be led by Rev Barbara Bridges.

Coffee will be served afterwards and everyone is welcome to join us.

THEMED LUNCHES

The next themed lunch is following the service on **Sunday 2nd March** when Italian delicacies will be available for a small donation. Everyone is very welcome to stay and join us.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Social events are a really important part of our fellowship here at Springhead but the success of these events depends not only on people's support, but also on help to plan, organise and carry out the various events.

The Social Committee is open to anyone within our fellowship. Could you spare an hour to attend a meeting sometime? Or if you have any ideas for future events, please let us know. The next meeting is on **Monday 3rd March** at 6pm.

ASH WEDNESDAY

A service will be held at Hope Congregational Church at 7pm on **Wednesday 5th March**.
All welcome.

CAKE SALE

The next cake sale is following the service on **Sunday 23rd March**. Any donations of cake would be gratefully received.

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