

Article in the Roundabout

Those of you who have walked down Sherwood Drive recently will have noticed the building work that is going on around Lifespring Church. These building works are for a brand new, innovative community centre that will open at the beginning of 2012. The Connect Centre has been formed by an ambitious group of local people who are passionate about providing somewhere for members of Ollerton & Boughton to meet, socialise, discover new things and share their skills and interests.



The Connect Centre will allow for more community groups, more recreational activities, more parties and events and more variety and choice. At the heart of the centre will be a community café, a place that will offer fresh, healthy food at an affordable price and provide a welcoming, warm atmosphere to meet friends for lunch or coffee.

Lifespring Church is being extended to create a new hall, which will be finished to a high specification and use the latest in multimedia technology to provide an exciting, modern venue for parties, weddings and events. The existing hall will be revamped to host smaller meeting rooms, the café and a new commercial kitchen.

The decision to transform Lifespring Church into The Connect Centre came after consultation with members of the church and community in 2009, which asked questions about what people hoped the building would offer by way of community activity and the building's key features. The idea of creating a community hub that included a large hall, small meeting rooms and community café was the most favourable option. Global Community Connect Ltd (GCC) formed at this point as an independent charitable company, which has a committee of both church members and local residents. GCC are to govern the centre and work strategically on the vision, marketing and management of the venue.

Global Community Connect put together a business plan and used this as part of a successful bid to Community Builders for a grant/loan agreement for the building of the extension and changes to the existing hall. This, combined with smaller grants and the fundraising efforts of Lifespring Church, means The Connect Centre is well on its way to having the capital it needs for a successful opening. We are continuing to fundraise through a large community raffle that will offer up a £1000 cash prize and various other, significant prizes from local businesses. Alongside this are other sponsored events, such as a fashion show.

From its opening in January, the Centre will offer a number of activities and events that appeal to everyone. There will be regular film nights in the new hall – of both new releases and popular older films – using a high-quality projection screen. There will also be themed nights and activity days throughout the year. This is the ideal opportunity for if you wished to set up your own group – whether it be to share a hobby, a book club, or support group – and make the most of our new facilities.

The Connect Centre will be offering up special support to young families, the elderly and the youth of the community. The successful Parents & Toddler group will be continuing and expanding in the centre and we'll be looking to extend the offer of this group and provide additional services. The Ollerton Over 60s Friendship Group will continue once the centre has re-opened and there will be themed dinners and events for the older members of the community. The flourishing youth group that uses Lifespring Church on a Friday night will be continuing and there will be training opportunities for those young people who show an interest in the catering industry or music technology. There will be an initiative involving the members of Recycling Ollerton & Boughton who have learning difficulties, and volunteering opportunities for all those who wish to become involved in the community café.

The Connect Centre is an ambitious vision for Ollerton & Boughton, to provide something new and exciting, which will provide opportunities for all those who wish to get involved. We will be providing a steady stream of information about what the centre will offer in the upcoming months – so keep a look out and you may hear of something that's right up your street! (By *Laura Heathcote*).



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It's Time to Go Back!

As September approaches, parents and children think of going back to school. You're probably feeling excited and maybe a little sad that summer is almost over. You have to think about new books, new shoes, new uniform. It can be very expensive and there is a cost in returning to school.

Some children feel nervous or a little scared on the first day of school because of all the new things: new teachers, new friends, and maybe even a new school. However, these "new" worries only stick around for a little while.

September is often the time when many people begin

again to think seriously about their relationship with God. Many will be thinking "It's time to go back". Some have been away for a long time. While students go back to school because they have to, we come back to God because we want to. There is always an element of free will and choice in a genuine conversion. "No matter how long we have travelled on the wrong road, we can always turn around" (Unknown). God doesn't twist your arm up your back! God is looking for a Church that is full of willing and responsive people.

Having decided to come freely, there is then the element of fear to (Continued inside)

September Rota

	04 September		11 September	
	AM	PM	AM	PM
Theme	Breaking of Bread	No Service	Worship	HotHouse
Speaker	Robert		Mike	Derek
Music	Sarah		Liz	Liz
PA Desk	Keith		Derek	Derek
Projector	Daniel E		Kirsty	Daniel E
Trail-blazers	Gail Tracy B Ruth B		Kimberley Wendy Lorraine	N/A
Ignition	Rob Daniel P		Ian Scott	N/A
Welcome	Amanda Christine M		Beryl Kimberley	Ian & youth
Stewards	John		Terry	Richard
Tea Rota	Melissa Sharon		Elaine Nina	N/A
Lunch	Shirley E Kevin Amanda Brough		Beryl Terry Denise M	N/A
Chairs	Bernard		Mark	Ian
Floor	Tracy		Daniel E	Scott
Bus	Paul		Gail	N/A
Key Holder	Daniel P		Beverley	Derek

Church Information Evening Thursday 15th September 7.30pm

This will be a time for a brief review of the past. We will receive the Church accounts for 2010. However, most of the evening will be looking forward. We want to know how you feel you can be involved in the activities that will be happening in the new building. We have a great opportunity and we must make the most of it.

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(Continued from front page) overcome. You have a genuine desire for God and you know the right thing to do, but then fear kicks in. Perhaps, you have been away for a long time! What will people think of you? Perhaps you are thinking of the possibility of failing again at some point in the future. These are some of the biggest obstacles for those who want to come back to Church.

Susan Jeffers once wrote an excellent book called "Feel the Fear and Do it Anyway". Jeffers

answer is simple, but the action is difficult, simply because it demands courage. Jeffers makes the point that choices are not opportunities to make mistakes, but valid paths to growth. You need to see this challenge to return to God, not in terms of fear, but in terms of an

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opportunity to grow. In fact, without returning, you will not grow and you will continue to remain in a wilderness experience. God is opening a way for you to get out of the desert place that you are in. You have been there for far too long. "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the

wilderness and streams in the wasteland." (Isaiah 43:18-20).

God wants you enfolded within his arms and within the arms of the Church.

Someone once wrote, "There is nowhere else I would rather be than in your House". How true are these words. When you come to Church, you find welcome, warmth, comfort and encouragement.

Above everything else, you find God!

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	18 September		25 September	
	AM	PM	AM	PM
Theme	Breakfast Service	Service at St Paulinus	Worship	HotHouse
Speaker	Mike		Liz	Ian
Music	Sarah		Sarah	
PA Desk	Keith		Derek	Daniel P
Projector	Rob W		Kirsty	Daniel E
Trail-blazers	Vicky Scott Elaine		Beverely Wendy Elizabeth	N/A
Ignition	Derek Sarah		Kirsty Mark	N/A
Welcome	Shirley C Christine L		Amanda Sue	Jan Lena
Stewards	Alan		John	Richard
Tea Rota	Team		Catherine Barbara	Lena Jan
Lunch	Liz Vicky & Team		Christine L Lynette Nina	N/A
Chairs	Paul P		Bernard	Richard
Floor	Bernard		Rob W	Lena
Bus	Paul		Paul	N/A
Key Holder	Liz		Christine	Mike

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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4 10.00am Prayer 10.30am Worship and Breaking of Bread	5 7.00pm Audio Team Meeting 7.30pm Music Practice	6 7.30pm Destiny Groups	7 7.30pm Destiny Groups	8 10.30am Evergreens at Ambleside	9 6.30pm Training for Youth and Children's Workers (No Ignition)	10 8.30am Churches Together Prayer Breakfast at Lifespring.
11 10.00am Prayer 10.30am Worship 6.00pm HotHouse	12 4.30pm Performing Arts Group 6.00pm Pastoral Team Meeting 7.30pm Church Council Meeting	13	14 3.30pm Kool Kids Club (Town Hall)	15 7.30pm Church Information Evening and Social (Bring and Share)	16 6.30pm Ignition	17
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