

LIFESPRING NEWS



WEEK BEGINNING 29TH OCTOBER 2018

Remember Christmas is Coming



Make sure to book in for our Christmas Party on Saturday 1st December at 7.00pm, costing only £7.00. There will be a luxury buffet, disco and fellowship. It promises to be a great night. If you would like to help with Christmas hampers, please see Beverley

This Week

Monday:	Make Lunch 10.30am	Ollerton
Tuesday:	Make Lunch 10.30am	Warsop
	SOFA 2.00pm	Ollerton
Wednesday:	Make Lunch 10.30am	Ollerton
	Glow Party 6.00pm	Warsop
Thursday:	Prayer 9.30am	Warsop
Friday:	Prayer 9.00am	Ollerton
	Bible Study 10.00am	Ollerton
	Ignition 6.30pm	Ollerton
Sunday:	Worship and Word 10.30am	Ollerton
	Worship and Word 4.30pm	Warsop

Life Groups take place as usual this week in various locations.

Volunteering at Lifespring

You go to church nearly every Sunday. Perhaps you attend a midweek Life Group, pay your tithes, and give offerings. Why would you need to volunteer?

One of the reasons for volunteering at church is that it causes you to grow closer to others who are grounded in your church and helps you connect to the church body. When you join as a steward or greeter and meet people at the door, become a youth and



children's worker, assist with administration or spend part of your Monday cleaning, you begin to learn more about the people you're working alongside. After all, we should get to know and love those people. You also begin to care more about the things you're involved with and understand that the church is not perfect, but is definitely worth the effort.

As you begin to volunteer, you are not only taking in the preaching, teaching and wisdom being poured out, but you start giving back. Instead of just being a spectator at some kind of show, but start participating as well. It's an opportunity to go from wondering when the preacher is going to notice you to actually being a part of the lifeblood of the church. In a way, volunteering can keep you from feeling isolated and giving you the urge to church-hop, trying to find a church that will make you feel like you belong, important, and loved just like you felt as a new member a year ago. Believe it or not, this typically can be remedied by action on your part - deciding to grow with the church as a volunteer and helping it move forward instead of staying the same and feeling left behind.

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At Lifespring, we have a great ethos of volunteering . We have 46 unique volunteers serving in various positions.. That means that almost 50% of the adult population of the Church is volunteering. They serve in positions from youth and children, administration, health and safety, welcome, cleaning, stewarding, Church Council and Life Groups.

Mike and the leadership.

Coming up in Life Groups

If you are not in a small group called a **Life Group**, you will need to join one as you cannot afford to miss these three sessions that are coming up. These three sessions deal with “traps” that many Christians fall into and the result is their growth as disciples in stunted. These sessions will take place in all our **Life Groups** during the weeks outlined below:



Session 1:

How to Overcome Offence - Week commencing 5th November

Session 2:

How to Deal with Criticism - Week commencing 10th December

Session 3:

How to Defeat Rejection - Week commencing 14th January.

Financial Report

The fact that you donate some of your hard earned cash to Lifespring Church is very much appreciated. Thank you. You deserve to know what we are doing with it.

Running a modern church like ours is a pretty large task. Our church runs two congregations, two charity shops, supports a cafe and a room rental business. We run a Parent and Toddler, 2 youth groups, Make Lunch and ten Life Groups. Such a church needs administration, vision, recruitment, fundraising, advice and guidance, compliance with Health and Safety regulations, Safeguarding and a host of other skills that have little or nothing to do with preaching. In addition, we support four missionary initiatives (including Ian and Sarah) and some projects at home as well such as helping local people with bills and heating etc. All of this activity has to be supported and paid for.

Here is our income from donations for the last four months:

Ollerton: June £2723, July £3770, August £3668 and September £2638. Total: £12,700. The target was £16,752 (from previous year).

Warsop: June £368, July £537, August £1297 and September £358. Total: £2560. The target was £1548

As you can see, our income goes up and down and this makes it very difficult to budget. Please prayerfully consider giving by standing order. Many thanks. Mike

Glow Party



On the 31st October, we are holding an alternative to Halloween at Church Warsop. This event is open to families. It's called a "Glow Party" or a UV Glow Party. There will be glow sticks, glow crosses, UV lights, disco music and a Tuck Shop. Entrance is **FREE**. Wear bright clothing to see who can glow the most.

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