

LIFESPRING NEWS



WEEK BEGINNING 10TH DECEMBER '18

*Happy
Christmas*

Christmas Nativity

Sunday 16th December at 10.30 am

At Ollerton

Sunday 16th December at 4:30 pm

At Church Warsop

Christmas Carol Services

Sunday 23rd December at 10.30 am

At Ollerton

Sunday 23rd December at 4.30 pm

at Church Warsop

Christmas Day Service

Sunday 25th December at 10.00 am

At Ollerton

Christmas Day Lunch

12.00 pm At Ollerton



Christmas is about Serving

In 1984, Bob Geldof of the Boomtown Rats, along with a whole host of other stars sang a song called "Do They Know it's Christmas" in an event known as Band Aid. The song was about hope and giving, "At Christmas time, we let in light and banish shade. And in our world of plenty, we can spread a smile of joy. Bring peace and joy this Christmas"

Christmas is a time of hope, giving and also serving. Jesus sets the real tone for Christmas by coming off His Throne and taking on human flesh in order to serve and save humanity from the one thing that brings darkness and despair into people's lives i.e. sin and sinfulness.

The word service today and indignity. It is seen as achieving their potential. is the way to greatness and to be. It's wasn't Jesus' gift of service; his willingness to Father. In that sense, our gifting.

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of service**

conjures up ideas of inconvenience something that stops people from However, in Jesus' mindset, service to becoming all that God intends you that saved the world, it was his spirit go to the cross in obedience to His attitude is more important than our

Here are four things to help us in our life of service this Christmas:

1. **Service is a Choice.** We can choose to serve or not to serve. We can make ourselves available or we can be resistant, inflexible and remote. However, the church that God is building is only created on the basis of willing service; it is built on people's "yes" and can never be built on the word "no".
2. **Ego has to come off the throne.** Ego is one great obstacle to serving. It is always interested in doing things for recognition, reward, self-importance, personal promotion, elevation or status. When it doesn't get its way it becomes moody, resentful and withdrawn. It gets hurt and takes offence easily. Ego serves only as long as it benefits. So what is the solution?
3. **Live out my Baptism.** As a Christian, I have a solution for ego: I must live out my Baptism. At Baptism, I identified myself with Christ's death on the cross. When he died, my old self also died. At Baptism, my old self (ego) went into the water and was buried with Christ as I identify myself with his death on the cross. I then came up out of the water in the power of Jesus's resurrection with His life inside me, to live a new life. I tell myself every day "For we know that our old self (i.e. my plans, ambitions, moods) was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin - because anyone who has died has been freed of sin" (Romans 6:6).
4. **I must nurture the life of God daily.** How do I do that? I do it through prayer, Bible reading and memorisation, and staying in fellowship with other Christians (especially on Sunday). Bring peace and joy this Christmas through giving and serving. Mike

The Week beginning 10th December

Monday:	Packing of Christmas Hampers 10.00 am Boys Brigade and Girls Association Cancelled	Ollerton Ollerton
Tuesday:	SOFA Support Group 2.00 pm	Ollerton
Wednesday:	Parent and Toddler Party 9.15 am	Ollerton
Thursday:	Prayer 9.30 am	Warsop
Friday:	Prayer 8.30 am Bible Study 9.30 am Ignition 6.30pm	Ollerton Ollerton Ollerton

Life Groups are happening as usual this week.

Lifespring Christmas Card 2018

God Loves you



Card designed by
Simone from Junior Church
at Lifespring

In Life Groups this week

Learn how to deal with Criticism.

Christmas Closing Dates

The Centre will be closed from Friday 21st December and will reopen on Thursday 3rd January. All staff will be on annual leave during that period. If there is any urgent matters, please contact Mike on 07736274347.

Tesco Blue Tokens



Please continue to use your blue tokens at Tesco for the benefit of Make Lunch.

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