



LIFESPRING NEWS

WEEK BEGINNING 17TH DECEMBER '18

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

(Sign up form available)

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.

A Special Message from Santa

Boys and Girls! Santa Claus here! I will be coming to Lifespring on 23rd December at 10.30am. I would love to meet you there. If I know you are coming, I will have a gift in my bag for you. Please write me a letter letting me know you will be there with your name and age. You might also like to give me a reason why you should get a gift.

I look forward very much to meeting you.

Example of a Letter to Santa

Dear Santa,

Thank you for coming to Lifespring on 23rd December. I will be there and I would very much like you to bring me a gift. I am ____ years old. I feel I should receive a gift because (give Santa a good reason).

I look forward very much to meeting you.

with love

Sign and print your name.

A special post box for Santa will be available on the stage at Church on Sunday.



Looking forward to 2019

You may be surprised to note that Lifespring Church has gone through several transformations in its two decades of existence. There have been defining moments and there have been times to be forgotten; however, as we move forward into a new era, it is important that we keep in mind what Lifespring Church is all about today – sharing Jesus and saving lives. What do we do well? What sets us apart? What are some areas of improvement? As we answer these questions, we will start to understand more clearly how we can help shape our community as followers of Christ.

What is going well at Lifespring Church?

- We are a welcoming church
- We serve our community
- We have a widespread youth and children's work
- We have a very good small group network
- We have some great preachers and good Bible teaching
- We have a good music program
- We have diverse leadership
- We have a fantastic number of volunteers
- We sometimes invite our friends to church

What are areas of growth for Lifespring Church?

- We need to get better at inviting people to church
- We need to see more of the supernatural power of God released in healing and breakthroughs
- We need to preach the whole counsel of God
- We need to encourage members with close-minded attitudes and hearts to seek the Spirit for personal growth
- We need more mature leaders who can be flexible in ministry
- We need to help and develop our young adult ministry
- We need to get more people connected with a ministry that fits their strengths
- We need to deliver more discipleship teaching to our members

A Personal Thank you

This year is drawing to an end, and I am very grateful to God and will not forget all his benefits (Psalm 103:2). This is a personal note to those great people who have influenced the last twelve months of my life.

First of all, thank you to my family for supporting me and always being there; you make me feel like I am not alone! Thank you to the Church Council and the Board of Directors who stood shoulder to shoulder, especially in times when you were needed most; your resilience and steadfast loyalty kept us on track in the face of a difficult trial. Thank you to the Staff of Lifespring Church and Centre; you have all worked tirelessly to support the vision and serve the community. Thank you to the more than 60 volunteers and ministry leaders who give their time freely to the Church, Centre and Turnaround shops. We could never achieve anything without you; you are an inspiration and powerhouse behind all that we do. Thank you to our congregations: I don't know if I can say that enough. You probably don't realise how much you mean to a Pastor. My faith would not be nearly as strong as it is now without you. You have seen me at my worst and you have seen me at my best. Yet, somehow, I never felt unloved or unwanted no matter what was going on. Last but not least, I am grateful to those who opposed me and stood against me this year; your resistance makes me stronger and hopefully a better person. I am grateful to you also. Mike Phillips

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