

Lifespring

January 2020

Lifespring - Spreading the Spirit of Christ



On 2nd December 2019, you might have seen the guys from R.O.B (Recycling Ollerton and Boughton) lovingly “recycling” the Christmas spirit around Ollerton and Boughton. They delivered the majority of 140 Christmas Hampers which were gift wrapped at Lifespring Church that day.

A small army of volunteers had gathered in the morning, faced by a mountain of food which had been donated by shoppers at Tesco or bought using the donations from the Town Council, Centre Parcs, Lymns, the Lions and Lifespring Church as well as some individuals.



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Spreading the Spirit of Christ (Cont'd)



Councillor Ray Shilling and Clerk to the Council Karen Wakefield viewed the “military style” operation as the workers coordinated their efforts under the supervision of Beverley Whitworth and Rachael Evans.

The response from those who received a hamper was very warm:

One lady wrote in “Thank you very much for my awesome hamper. It made my heart swell. You are very caring people. Thank you”.



Prayer Initiatives in January

Prayer at Warsop

There will be a prayer breakfast at Warsop on Saturday 11th January from 8.00am to 10.00am. Then, we will be holding a half night of prayer on Friday 24th from 7.00 pm to 10.00 pm.

Morning Prayer (Ollerton)

Do you fancy meeting up for morning prayer with hot coffee by your side? Join us every weekday in January, starting on Monday 6 Jan at Ollerton at 6.30 am for one hour. This meeting is for everyone, especially those who are working.

The Graham Tour

This Tour will be coming to Sheffield on 6th June 2020 as part of a crusade spreading the message of Jesus Christ across the UK.

There will be a prayer meeting in Sheffield in preparation on 25th January (venue TBA).

THE ALPHA COURSE

explore the meaning of life!

Starting at Ollerton
Thursday 9th January
7.00pm



Most people come on Alpha because of a personal invitation. We'd love to encourage you to invite your friends to try Alpha. Our next Alpha course starts on Thursday 9th January here at Ollerton at 7.00 pm. The Alpha course is a series of interactive sessions that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith. People are encouraged to find meaning in life through a relationship with Jesus Christ. There is an atmosphere of acceptance, no "hard sell" and no pressure. Every opinion is valued and all questions are welcomed.

The format of the evening is very simple:

- There will be a meal which is free to guests.
- You will listen to a short talk or presentation.
- This is followed by cake and a discussion.

Thank you Coop Community Fund



Every time a Co-op member shops at the Co-op, 1% of what they spend on selected own-branded products and services goes to help fund community projects in the area.

This year, Lifespring Centre was blessed to benefit from that fund and was awarded £2,646.23 towards the purchase of a new coffee machine. Thank you to the Co-op.

Sunday Morning

At Ollerton, some changes will be happening around the organisation of our Sunday morning Service from January 2020

Beverley Whitworth will be taking charge of our Front Door Team and will work with Lesley Dannatt, Amanda Bratt, Nina Cecil and Elaine Bradford to create an accepting, friendly atmosphere where the love of God is demonstrated to all, but especially to guests. Remember that we never get a second chance to make a good first impression!

From the first Sunday in January, Sunday morning will look like this:

- Sound check at 9.00am as usual.
- Prayer will be at 9.30am. Anyone in the building from 9.30am will be there because they are praying or working.
- A pre-service meeting will be held at 9.45am. This meeting will be for the team on rota that morning and will involve, Welcome, Stewards, Refreshments, Music and Junior Church Teams as well as the Preacher.
- Doors will open at 9.55am when tea and coffee will be served until 10.20am. The cafe will close at 10.20am.
- The car park will be reserved for first time attendees, guests and the disabled. Please respect this policy. If you bring a guest or first time attendee, you may of course park in our car park.
- Double parking is not allowed in the car park at any time. If you double park, you will be asked by the Welcome Team to move your car.

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