

# LIFESPRING NEWS

## AUGUST 2019



### Vision Offering

In October this year, we will launch our first Lifespring Vision offering in order to reach “the last, the lost and the least”. We are calling it our “**24toDouble Vision Offering**” and the money will only be spent on achieving the vision that comes out of that project especially evangelism of all kinds. We will give you regular updates on how you can raise money over the next couple of months as well as give from your own resources.

*No one has ever become poor by giving.* – Anne Frank

Our first event in support of our vision will be a sponsored walk on 25<sup>th</sup> August immediately after Church. John Doyle has pledged £20, as a starting point, to every participant who completes the course (about 5k).

This year, our **24toDouble Offering** will challenge us to rise again to give generously and sacrificially to build a platform to reach “the last, the lost and the least”. We are investing into a future that will reach people who are far from God now, but whom He has destined to be part of the Lifespring family. We want to hand over a church to the next generation that is so vibrant, so faith-filled and so impacting, that they will reach so many more people for Christ.

We are confident that Lifespring will give beyond expectations yet again and create a **legacy** that will continue to be felt in many more years to come. We don't just want to carry the baton – we want to pass it on - because that is when we truly win!

### Sunday Lunch 4<sup>th</sup> August!

So far our Sunday lunches have been a great success. Thank you to Toni who put in a lot of hard work. We are running it again on the first Sunday in August with a Chicken roast dinner costing £4.95. Please sign up.



## Half Night of Prayer - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August

As I have recently reminded the Church, insight into the amazing spiritual blessings that God has given us in Christ can only be gained through prayer. Insight comes through revelation as we pray. St. Paul says in Ephesians that we gain four things through this kind of revelation:

- We come to know Jesus better;
- We have hope;
- We get insight into the riches God has given us through our brothers and sisters in the Church;
- Our eyes are opened to behold his amazing power.

*"I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe." (Ephesians 1:17-19)*

Most Christians will not come to an extended time of prayer. But in the midst of our busy lives, it is essential to spend extended times with God. God has called us into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 1:9). Like many personal relationships, this fellowship is nurtured by seeking revelation.

An extended time in prayer also gives increased opportunity to see our lives, the church and the world from God's point of view, especially when going through some difficulty or making big decisions. We need God's perspective to sharpen our vision of the unseen, and to let the immediate, tangible things drop into proper place.

Come along making sure you get adequate rest the night before. We will have a variety of things to do: read the Scriptures, then prayer, reflect, prophesy, write, stand, sit, walk and so on. Come ready to pray aloud.

**Session 1:** 7 pm to 8 pm will be led by Jacqueline and the theme will be "Loving God".

**Session 2:** 8 pm to 9 pm will be led by Derrick and the theme will be "Loving one Another".

**Session 3:** 9 pm to 10 pm will be led by Lesley and the theme will be "Serving Community".

## Lifespring Church Warsop Open Day



Lifespring (Warsop) was at Warsop Carnival Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July. Our members there gave out 1,500 bottles of water on a very hot day. This was a brilliant effort and appreciated by all. Well done.

We will be hosting an Open Day at Church Warsop on 17<sup>th</sup> August from 10.00am to 2.00pm for the community to come in and see what we are up to.

We need volunteers to run activities for children (Face Painting, Bouncy Castle, games etc). **Help from our members at Ollerton will certainly be needed.** You can run a craft stall, a tombola or raffle. Others can dress up and hand leaflet out up

the street. We need people to work on a publicity team to get the message out on Facebook and Instagram. There will be church stalls and we are asking Life Group leaders to meet with Joy Troop to organise these. **If you would like to volunteer please see Liz Phillips.**

## “Next Steps” Table on Sunday

Catherine Northey is available each Sunday At Ollerton at the “Next Steps” table in the main hall. The Next Steps table is a one stop shop for all administrative matters to do with the Church - financial matters, gift aid, consent forms, Baptism application forms, Alpha, membership. In fact, any questions you may have about the Church, Catherine will attempt to answer them.

## Life Groups at Lifespring

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| ● Joy’s Group - Joy Troop                | Wednesday am     |
| ● Newark - Keith and Sarah Prothero      | Wednesday 7.30pm |
| ● Church Warsop Daytime - Lesley Dannatt | Thursday 9.30am  |
| ● Evergreens - Nina Cecil                | Thursday 10.30am |
| ● Ignite - Liz Phillips                  | Thursday 5.30pm  |
| ● Church Warsop Evening: Liz Phillips    | Thursday 7.00pm  |
| ● Acts of Kindness - Beverley Whitworth  | Thursday 7.30pm  |
| ● Antioch Group - Mark Dannatt           | Thursday 7.30pm  |
| ● Bible Study - Jacqueline Depass        | Friday 10.00am   |

# Our special offering in August will go towards Ian and Sarah.

## Report from Ian and Sarah

At the end of June Ian and Sarah were in the Capital for 10 days. Ian was doing some work for the Ministry of Education, writing some non-fiction books for grade 2 children. It was a great opportunity that opened up to support the development of the national reading and writing curriculum. It was good for the credibility of the organisation that Ian works with.

Please pray for Sarah as she seems to have perpetual allergies to something in the air, which sometimes makes for a daily struggle. Here are some other points concerning the family you can pray into:

Naomi is working hard towards her GCSE's in October/November. She is also very committed to practicing ballet. Phoebe is keen to practise her guitar everyday and wants to follow her dream in Music. Esmé is such a steady and practical person and this is a great blessing.

There was a dengue epidemic in the country. In some provinces there were nearly 1000 reported cases in one month. Some friends of the family who had been out of the country because of a bereavement, contracted dengue when they returned. Please pray for them, and the situation in general. Pray for the health of the whole family and colleagues as well as the population.

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