

Contact

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Dear Friends,

Earlier this year, we were delighted to formally welcome eight new church members into our fellowship here at Springhead.

Being a church member means becoming a recognised part of the wider fellowship of churches in the worldwide family of Christians. This is a community of people who believe in God and being part of this family encourages us in our faith as we work together to show God's love and goodness to the world.

Church membership is a way of committing ourselves to the life, work and ministry of our church and membership is open to anyone who wants to follow Jesus Christ. Church membership helps to build strong churches by making sure that each church is supported, strengthened and encouraged by a group of people who are prepared to commit time, energy and money, as well as their own gifts and talents to help build up the church fellowship.

All members are encouraged to share in the life of our church by participating in weekly worship, attending church meetings, contributing financially to the work of the church and taking part in its activities. Regular attendance at worship is important as this is the way by which we grow in faith and share in the fellowship of the church.

Being a member therefore means becoming an active participant in the crucial work of sustaining our congregation and passing on the faith to new generations. It also means taking a responsible part in the life of the church since church members share in the process of making decisions in Congregational churches.

Church meetings are just as important in our church as the service of worship. The church meeting is the assembly of the members of the church under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to discuss matters affecting the life of the church and is an expression of worship in action. There is no hierarchy in the church meeting and no one is more important than anyone else. We all have an equal say and every church member can play their own part through participation in the church meeting. Church meetings are held quarterly throughout the year and attendance is a condition of church membership. Most meetings only last for a short time but are a central part of our church fellowship, where all matters relating to the business of

our church are discussed and important decisions are made. Our church cannot function properly unless members are willing to take seriously their responsibilities to share in the running of the church through attendance at church meetings.

As an independent church we are responsible for our own finances for the running of our church. Our income is from personal giving and from various fund-raising events. It is, therefore, important that every member considers realistically how much they can afford to give as their circumstances allow at any particular time. Giving also helps us bless others and support charities. You can give by standing order, church envelopes or in the collection bag at worship services.

In any voluntary organisation, there is always something that needs to be done. Officers and leaders are needed, as is help for the many activities. We depend very much on the willingness of members and friends in so many of our activities. The more help that is available, the lighter the burden is for others.

Congregationalists are bound to their local church by belief in the living God revealed in Jesus Christ. We trust in Christ's promise to be with his people who meet in his name and we worship, work and serve with all who love our Lord to promote his Kingdom of justice and peace and to help people everywhere to know the joy of his love. Through the Congregational Federation we share with and support other congregations and church members to seek together to be a witness for Christ.

To become a church member is to make a public commitment first and foremost to Jesus Christ who gave his life for the church. It is through the commitment of the members of the church that Christ continues his work in the world. Of course, none of us on our own is good enough to be a church member, but we have the promise of Jesus that through faith and trust in him, we can receive the gift of God's grace to help us grow in faith.

We are always happy to welcome new church members into our fellowship. If you are interested in finding out more about becoming a church member, we would love to hear from you. Please speak to either myself or Justine for further information.

With all good wishes - Liz

DIARY – June 2026

Monday 1st June	7pm	Deacons
Sunday 7th June	10.30am	Family service featuring In My Shoes Theatre Group Lunch
Wednesday 10th June	12 noon	Scoffs
Sunday 14th June	10.30am	Family service led by Yvonne Campbell
Sunday 21st June	10.30am	Family service led by John Pollitt
Sunday 28th June	10.30am	Family service led by Frank Wroe Cake Sale

Regular Activities

Sunday

Toddler Sundays 10am – 11.30am

Monday

Exercise Group 2pm

Wednesday

Scoffs 12 noon (2nd Wednesday)

Thursday

Rainbows Toddler Group 9.30am

Friday

Badminton 6pm

Offertories

3rd May - £84.15

10th May -£75.40

17th May – No service

24th May - £37.77

Standing orders - £897.00

Total £1,094.32

Flower Rota

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7th June - Sue

21st June - Beryl

28th June - Sylvia

A MURDER MYSTERY EVENING

Greenacres Congregational Church are hosting a Murder Mystery Evening on Saturday 13th June at 7.15pm.

A limited number of tickets are still available – Cost £8 including a buffet supper. Proceeds are in aid of the Cystic Fibrosis Trust.

Please contact Malcolm Dean on 07866 455958 if you are interested.

THANK YOU ...

To everyone who supported and helped out at the new to you and jumble sales last month.

Special thanks to Joan and Allan for all their hard work in organising both events and to everyone who worked tirelessly in the café all day.

We raised £1,160.70 for church funds and we were also able to support Derian House Children's Hospice following the weigh in of the remaining jumble.

And also to everyone who supported our events for Christian Aid during May. We raised £139.39 and thanks to your generosity, we have played our part in helping communities around the world to beat extreme poverty.

IN MY SHOES THEATRE GROUP

During our service on Sunday 7th June, we are delighted to welcome In My Shoes Theatre Group to perform excerpts from their recent production at Millgate Arts Centre.

Following the service, lunch will be available for a small donation.

Everyone is invited to join us and your support would be appreciated.

THE QUIET REVIVAL

At the last church meeting Stuart mentioned the "Quiet Revival" of interest in spiritual matters. The Bible Society has now produced "The Quiet Revival Podcast- what's the story?" and Stuart says it's worth listening to.

THEMED LUNCHES

Join us after the service on Sunday 7th June when lunch will be available for a small donation.

CAKE SALE

The next cake sale is following the service on Sunday 28th June.

Any donations of cake would be gratefully received.

BOTTLES

Just a reminder that we are still collecting bottles for our stall at the Scouthead and Austerlands motor show on Dawson's Field on Saturday 12th July. All proceeds are for church funds so any donations would be appreciated.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Did you know that our church has two Facebook pages? We have a public page which allows us to have a presence in the local community (and beyond) and is primarily used to promote worship and advertise fundraising events. This page is open to any members of the general public. Find us at 'Springhead Congregational Church.'

We also have a private Facebook group which is only open to members of our own congregation, their immediate family and anyone with close connections to the church. This group usually contains information which is only relevant to our own congregation. Find us at 'Springhead Congregational (Private Group).'

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