

# LIFESPRING NEWS

## JUNE 2019



### Diary and Rota for June

The diary and rota were published at the end of May. Please always refer to the diary for what is on at Lifespring. If it's in the diary, it's happening; if it's not in the diary, it's not happening. Life groups happen on various days of the week, so it's not possible to list each one on the diary. The diary will tell on Monday if Life Groups are happening that week. To avoid confusion, Life Group leaders should not run their group on weeks when it says "No Life Groups".

We run an "all together" meeting once a month on a Thursday for all Life Groups and those who don't come to Life Groups. We do not run Life Groups on this week in order to encourage all to come to the "all together".

### Lifespring Church Open Days

In July this year we will be hosting Open Days for the community to come in and see what we are up to. The Warsop event will be on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July and the Ollerton Open Day will be on the 27<sup>th</sup> July. Please put these in your diary and come along to help or support.

We need volunteers to run activities for children (Face Painting, Bouncy Castle, games etc). 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.**

### Sunday Lunches are coming back!

We are running a pilot scheme on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June with a Chicken roast dinner costing £4.95. We will be asking people to sign up the week before. This will run on the first Sunday of each month and we could possibly extend it.



## Lifespring Lifecycle

How is your progress? Are you progressing through your lifecycle at Lifespring?

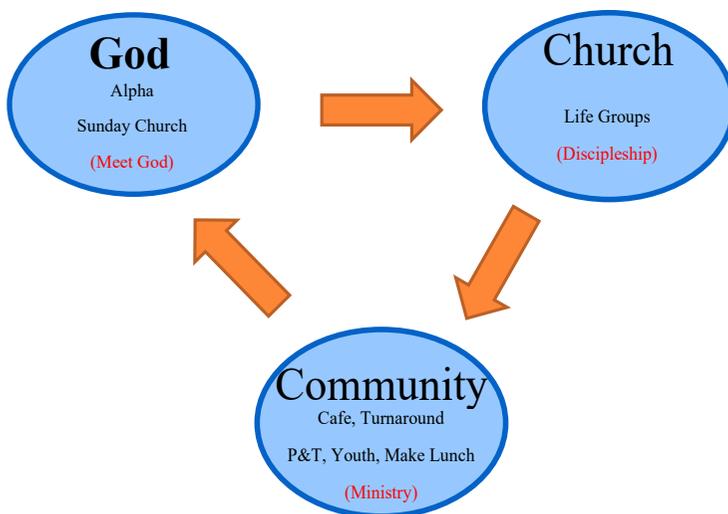
The first step is to have a real encounter with God. That encounter can only take place through genuine repentance (change of mind leading to a change of behaviour) and saving Faith in Jesus' love and forgiveness towards you. So your life as a Christian starts by encountering and loving God.

Then you progress to meeting and loving fellow believers. We believe this is best done in small groups. We call them Life Groups. This is where you will be guided in your walk with the Lord (called Discipleship).

You then progress from loving fellow believers to loving people in your community. We can do this effectively by becoming involved in ministry. You can teach and preach, lead a small group; you can work at the cafe or at Turnaround; you can become involved in Administration, Parent and Toddler, the Youth Club or Make Lunch, Boys Brigade. These are real opportunities for you to show love to people in our community.

For the sake of the growth of the Church, it is very important to bring as many people as possible into "ministry". Billy Graham said that for every one Christian that comes into ministry (service) four people join the Church. We don't know how that happens; but we know it does! It seems to be a spiritual principle.

Over the next two years, we will be encouraging our Church to move along from one stage of your lifecycle to the next. Get ready for the journey! It's going to be exciting.



## Welcome to Stephen Hevey Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June



Stephen will be speaking at both venues on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. He is married to Aishling and they have four children - Aaron, Caleb, Lauren and Ruthann. He comes originally from Dublin but now lives in Carmarthen in South Wales.

Stephen has an amazing testimony of God's grace and he loves to minister and teach on the grace of God.

He didn't have a very promising start to life. He was born into a family of 10 children in a one bedroom flat and grew up on the streets of Dublin that were ravaged by heroin addiction. He started taking heroin and became addicted from a very young age. He ended up homeless and lived under a tree in a park for some years. His daily routine was begging just to say alive.

He was literally a mess and he tried ending his life several times. Then one day, totally by chance, he walked into a prayer meeting in a church and heard about the love of God. At that point, God began to change his mess into a message, as Barry Woodward would say.

He went to Teen Challenge and there felt the call of God to be an Evangelist. He worked as the field director of Teen Challenge for a number of years but his ministry has mostly been lay preaching.

Stephen is coming to Lifespring to proclaim a message that if he can change, anyone can change and stay changed.

As we prepare for this weekend with Stephen and Aishling, please remember that Stephen's visit isn't really about you and me! It's about those people we may know who do not yet know God and who need to know that God can transform their mess. Let's make it about 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  |
| ● Abundant Life - Jacqueline Depass      | Friday 10.00am   |

# Our special offering in June will go towards our Youth Work.

## Membership Day Sunday June 9<sup>th</sup>

On Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June, there will be an opportunity at both our venues to welcome new friends to the Lifespring family. In other words, we will welcome them into membership. We like to do this in a public fashion.

Does membership make a difference? As a member you can have a say in deciding what the Church does, what are its priorities, how its money is spent, how the various church activities are run, and who are chosen to be the Ministers or Elders. It's also reassuring for the Minister and Elders to know that if you are involved in ministry that you have made a formal commitment to the Church to work with the leaders. Membership also gives you the right to vote in matters that are required by the Constitution.

If you are interested, please pick up an application form from Catherine Northey.

## “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.

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