

LIFESPRIING NEWS

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Alpha is Back!

At Lifespring, we have been holding Alpha courses since 1996. We keep running them because they are so good at introducing people to the Christian Faith. For those who are not familiar with Alpha, it is a series of sessions exploring the basics of the Christian Faith. It's a free course, but there is a small charge for food.

Alpha is back, starting with an Alpha Breakfast on Sunday 1st September. The course start date is Thursday 5th September at 7.00pm

Every Alpha is different, but generally they have three things in common: food, a talk and conversation.

Food: Our sessions start with food, because it's a great way to connect and get to know everyone there.

Talk: The talks explore the basics of the Christian faith and are designed to inspire conversation. Usually around thirty minutes long, they are delivered as a live talk. Alpha at Lifespring will last eight weeks.

Conversation: There is a discussion after the talk where you can share your thoughts and ideas on the session's topic. You can speak your mind and the whole idea is that the everyone's opinion is welcomed without judgement.

Alpha Sunday Breakfast 1st September

We will launch our new Alpha course with a Breakfast on Sunday 1st September. The cost will be £3.00 but all guests will be treated to a FREE Breakfast. Make sure you bring a guest with you.



Youth and Children's Training - Monday 2nd September

It's vital that our volunteers who work with our children and youth are valued and supported regularly. Our "training" sessions are regular (3 times a year) and "light touch".

There will be an opportunity for a two way discussion about the sessions, training needs and reflection on your role. Any matters of concern can be discussed.

A learning culture is vital to growth and development and therefore we look forward to meeting all our workers at the session at Lifespring Centre. Let's reinforce this culture and make use of the training to refresh our skills.

Training will involve a half hour Workshop on Health and Safety Awareness which has been provided to us by our Health and Safety consultants (Croner).

Message Trust - 14th September



Mark Richie will be performing his comedy routines at the Nottingham Festival this Autumn. As always with Mark, his routines are very funny but also evangelistic.

In preparation for these events the NG Network has linked in with King's Church in Arnold, who have invited The Message Trust to come and deliver their 1 day 'Boot Camp' to help folks share the gospel. This will run from 9.45am to 3:30pm on **Saturday 14**

September 2019. The plan for the day will follow in an email. The first session includes an exercise to help people identify people they encounter in everyday situations who they can pray for and hopefully with. The second and third offer very practical tools for sharing your faith and sharing the gospel. This programme has been running from many years and has a huge amount to offer. This is an excellent opportunity to equip our church to keep sharing the Gospel.

NG Worship at the Rock Church

The next corporate event for the NG Network is a Worship Evening at **7:30pm Monday 16 September 2019** at The Rock Church in Edwalton.

Vision Offering 13th October

On October 13th 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.

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

Why not organise an event yourself? What about the following to get you thinking? Register your event with Liz Phillips.

- Cake Sale
- Coffee morning
- Organise a raffle
- Organise a Car Boot Sale
- Have a weight loss competition
- Do your own sponsored event
- Car cleaning services
- Give up Smoking
- Give up your voice
- Shave your hair
- Dye your hair

“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 |

There will be no special offering in September as we prepare for our Vision offering in October.

Report from Yoppi and Rini

Yoppi is currently doing his Japanese language proficiency tests and is doing very well.

Following the abuse of a little girl in a nursery school, all schools are now having to apply for a licence. There are new, strict regulations that all schools have to follow, so Yoppi and Rini are busy preparing to get the licence for their two schools. Pray that they will fulfil all the requirements by the end of August.

They now have a new colleague from Indonesia to help in the ministry. She is a fifty year old lady named Purnama. She will teach Bible study and other subjects and will help to maintain the community outreach.

Please pray for all their coworkers who faithfully preach the Gospel and lead people to maturity in faith. They are a great blessing to have them as partners in Christ. Pray also for their families.



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