



**SPRINGS**  
Christian Fellowship



# AGM Report 2022

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# Agenda

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## Annual General Meeting 29-Jan-2023

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All Members are expected to make every effort to be present, it is part of your membership AND a meeting that is required by Law.

1. PRAYER
2. READING OF THE WORD
3. REPORTS
  - a. Leadership Report
  - b. Financial Report – Sarah
  - c. Youth & Sunday School – Church Council
  - d. Worship - Tash
  - e. Prayer Ministry –Simon
  - f. Faithbuilders – Eric
  - g. Street (Open Air) – Eric
  - h. Drop In – Church Council
  - i. Volunteers - Church Council
4. FUTURE PLANS
5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS This should be submitted in writing to the Church Council and be received 2 days before the AGM meeting.
6. DATE OF NEXT AGM – 29-Oct-2023
7. CLOSING REMARKS – Eric Hallsworth
8. THANKSGIVING TO GOD

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# Leadership Report

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## Introduction

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This is the fourteenth year of producing a printed annual report for members in which we provide our reports, the accounts and look to the future.

This report deals solely with the events and activities of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

In January 2022 we were joined by former members of Emmanuel Church, we hope you feel at home and welcome at Springs Christian Fellowship

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## Overview

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In the previous year, the overall objective was to continue to build a stable structure for meetings and administration and the slow improvement of the building. It also aimed at encouraging the ongoing growth in the body of the church. As part of achieving this aim, the leadership continued its search for appointing a new minister in order to bring a vision for the church. In the year under review, these objectives were continued to be given priority. Meetings, administration processes, and improvements of the building were addressed. The church has begun to grow in quality and quantity. Processes for appointing a new minister were undertaken including job advertisement and interviews, though an appointable person was not found in the search process. The position is re-advertised now with a view to finding a suitable minister. The leadership is keen to encourage every individual in the church to become people who read bible, pray regularly and develop their personal relationship with the Lord. We thank one and all who help out in so many different and varied ways, all equally important. We all continue to appreciate each other and thank those who support the varied activities needed to keep God's church functioning.

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## Benefiting the Community

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The Objects of the Charity are principally to the advancement of Christianity. This will be done by the declaration and upholding of the Gospel concerning God's Son Jesus Christ the Lord and the preaching and teaching of the Word of God by the Church in accordance with the Statement of Faith of the Assemblies of God in Great Britain as approved by the General Council from time to time. In addition, the objectives allow the church to minister into key areas of our society and the world and therefore allow us to minister to the whole person for a complete answer to our societies needs as the Leadership lead and resources allow.

In the ongoing work, we have continued throughout 2021 and into 2022 to hold a Sunday service where the full Gospel of Jesus Christ is proclaimed, and people are challenged to put their faith into action. Our obvious aim is to teach and train people of all ages from the Bible in ways that are relevant to their age and culture, to be obedient to God, provide positive input into their families and to be good citizens in our community.

## Leadership Report

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A part of fulfilling our objectives is a commitment to missionary and social work overseas and in this country. For a small church we endeavour to serve our community well with street and residential outreach. Drop In has added to the services we offer our community, but due to the restriction caused by Covid, we were not able to continue the Drop In for the year under review.

We support organisations that specialise in Bible centred teaching, work with ex-prisoners and people in the community. Our support is also given to those organisations that provide help with social problems and support people and children around the world whose lives have been devastated by natural disasters.

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## Annual Events

- Easter
- Christmas Services
- Area Conference

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## Concerning the Coming Year

We are continuing in our journey in becoming a church that is ready for growth and able to meet the demands that will bring.

The Leadership and the church is fully committed to pray for the appointment of a new minister and ensure that suitable appointment is made for the on-going growth of the church.

The next part of this transition will be more fully owning of "Changed Hearts, Changed Lives and Changed World".

## Church Leadership and Management

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While the structure for the church leadership development is now more detailed there are other areas that are still under development. Like previous year, the church council needs support and strengthening. Other areas that need further development will be practical as more people join the church.

Evangelism: while some of these events or activities are not for proclaiming the Gospel, they give opportunity for interaction with our community and the availability to answer questions. Community Interaction helps break down some of the myths about Christians and the church. It allows our community to see the authenticity of our faith and the consistency of our lives.

# Leadership Report

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## Projects or Events Planned

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- Developing the structure of the family service
  - More frequent youth and family service on Sundays
  - Reinstating prayer meetings and bible study
  - Items for Social Oversea & Teaching Project
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## Building Development

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- Ongoing external Maintenance Program
- Ongoing Internal Decoration of hall and church building.
- Church Entrance Modernisation
- Disabled toilet access

# Treasurers Report

## Introduction

For the financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 our income and expenditure were both up; see Table 1. The total income for this financial year increased by £7,643.

The total expenditure has increased by £8,317. The main increase in expenditure is due to the building work at the church, and utilities and insurance costs.

Springs Christian Fellowship Registered Charity No. 1054358					
Summary Receipts and Payments For The Year Ended 31st March 2022					
	Receipts			Payments	
	2020 / 21 £	2021 / 22 £		2020 / 21 £	2021 / 22 £
Church Giving	19,431	30,431	Pastoral/Ministry Expenses (see note 1)	4,590	4,866
Restricted Income	100	0	Establishment Costs (see note 2)	13,633	22,024
Interest	65	31	Administration (see note 3)	2,144	1,794
Other Income	8,160	4,937			
	<b>27,756</b>	<b>35,399</b>		<b>20,367</b>	<b>28,684</b>

Table 1 Summary of Receipts and Payments

# Treasurers Report

**Springs Christian Fellowship**  
 Registered Charity No. 1054358

Payments for the year ended 31st March 2022

	2020 / 21		2021 / 22	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Pastoral/Ministry Costs (Note 1)</b>				
Ministry Fees: Pastor	4,160		4,102	
Expenses	0		0	
Ministry / Mission	130		234	
Youth Ministry	0		130	
Tithes & Gifts	300		400	
		<b>4,590</b>		<b>4,866</b>
<b>Establishment Costs (Note 2)</b>				
Utilities & Insurance	4,803		4,792	
Cleaning Services	0		1,700	
Building & Repairs	7,758		10,587	
Church Manse Utilities & Insurance	1,072		3,293	
Church Manse Repairs	0		770	
Catering & Facilities	0		626	
Music Licence	0		206	
Equipment	0		50	
		<b>13,633</b>		<b>22,024</b>
<b>Administration (Note 3)</b>				
Fees	748		374	
Computer	403		406	
Membership & Dues	767		767	
Child Protection	129		214	
Stationery & Postage	97		26	
Sundries	0		7	
		<b>2,144</b>		<b>1,794</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>20,367</b>		<b>28,684</b>

Table 2 Payments breakdown

# Treasurers Report

## Springs Christian Fellowship Registered Charity No. 1054358

### Statement of Assets and Liabilities As At 31st March 2022

	2020 / 21		2021 / 22	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>				
Church Premises - Insurance Value	612,711		612,711	
Contents of Premises - Insurance Value	23,099		23,099	
Church Manse - Insurance Value	144,484		144,484	
		<b>780,294</b>		<b>780,294</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>				
<u>Bank Balances:</u>				
TSB A/C 30154860	33,797		45,154	
TSB A/C 30460268	11,116		6,444	
TSB A/C 30460960	743		743	
TSB A/C 30709160	10,187		10,217	
Cash in Hand	0		0	
		<b>55,843</b>		<b>62,558</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>836,137</b>		<b>842,852</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>				
Kingdom Bank Loan 822123	0		0	
		<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>836,137</b>		<b>842,852</b>

Table 3 Assets and Liabilities

The income and expenditure table and chart below show that over the income and expenditure over the last 10 years for Springs Christian Fellowship.

YEAR	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
<b>INCOME</b>	£35,460	£27,185	£25,591	£23,983	£25,901	£35,000	£28,989	£35,700	£37,634	£27,756	£35,999
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	£33,887	£27,977	£26,286	£22,052	£33,440	£25,300	£31,600	£28,253	£17,529	£20,367	£28,684

Table 4 Income and Expenditure Table

## Treasurers Report

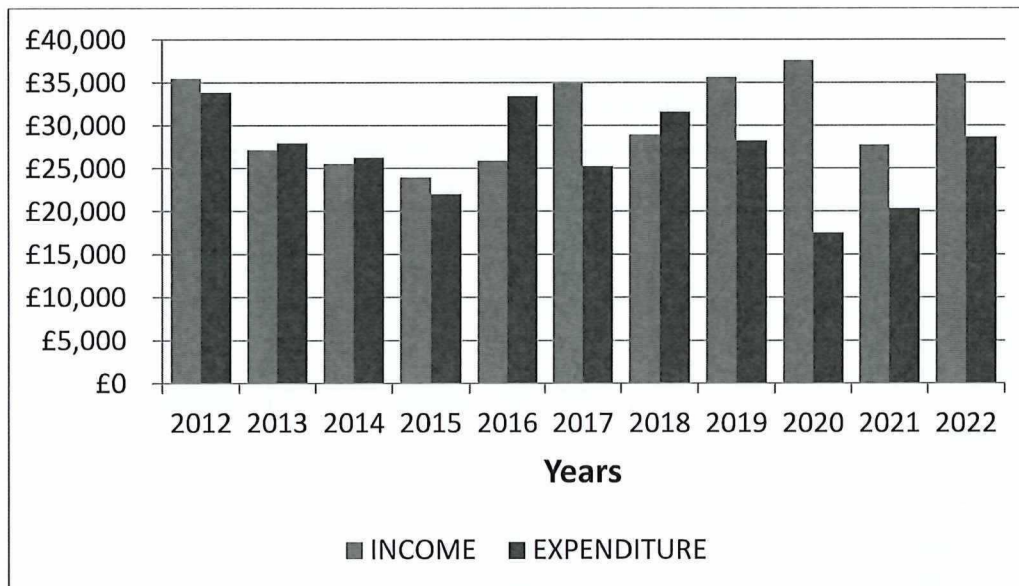


Figure 1 Income and Expenditure Chart

### Church Tithe

The church council continues to tithe to Watoto a sum of £300 pa to sponsor a child.

### Concerning the Future

God has been good during these uncertain times and continues to provide for our needs. However, if you feel that God is leading you to help financially, either in general or on a specific project e.g. renovation, please feel free to contact our treasurer Sarah Cook.

I would like to encourage **everyone** to follow the Biblical principal of tithing, **and those who pay tax to consider Gift Aiding their tithe**, which means the Church receives about 25% back from the taxman. Also, an easier way to manage personal giving is to set up a monthly standing order to the Church. We will explore the facility to give online and to text a gift as our society moves towards not carrying money.

Finally, I would like to thank God for his faithfulness and each person who gave money faithfully to the work of this church in the financial year ending March 2022. I hope and pray that you will continue to support the work of this church this year through your financial contribution as well as other help.

*Sarah Cook*

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## Trustees and Church Council

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Philip Sharp

Natasha Lancaster

Simon Donger

### STATEMENT

We certify that the books, vouchers and information produced to enable the independent examination of our accounts to be conducted contain a full and correct record of our financial transactions and activities to the best of our knowledge and belief.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES

*S. J. Sharp* 29 Jan 2023

Please print name & signature:

Natasha Lancaster (Lancaster) N. Salvador

*P. Sharp*  
S. J. Sharp

*P. SHARP*  
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Date: 29 Jan 2023

# Church Ministries

## Springs Youth Group



The youth of Springs Christian Fellowship (ages 13+) come together for worship, prayer, fellowship and to talk about the issues they face as young Christians in a secular world. The group aims to meet regularly and the gathering is very relaxed and informal. Adult helpers provide guidance, experience, and organise the meetings.

The youth have continued to grow in the Lord and we are grateful for the amazing progress we have seen in them. They enjoy each other's friendship and fellowship and continue to grow closer as a group. They share prayer requests and we have seen amazing answers to prayers.

The topics covered in the meetings have dealt with issues that impact their lives as Christians.

Every week Springs Youth contribute strongly to the Sunday morning service. They also performed a short interactive pantomime-style sketch at the church's carol service which was greatly enjoyed by the congregation.

Our Youth continue to encourage and bless the church family. Most of them are members of the worship team and this has also helped them bond together as a group and contribute to the church's ministry. It has been a joy to see our young people growing, becoming bolder, ministering to the church and exercising the gifts God has given them.

We have also had various social activities and of course celebrate birthdays and Christmas. During Covid restrictions we continued our meetings where and when we can, even remotely using Zoom when necessary. We will continue to study the Bible look at how the Word of God is relevant to our lives. We will strive to make these meetings interesting, relevant, and fun. We will continue to encourage the youth to grow in the gifts, apply them and continue to contribute to the ministry of the church.

*Church Council on behalf of Springs Youth*

## Church Ministries

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### Sunday School

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The desire is for Sunday School to be a welcoming, exciting and safe place where children learn about and experience God's love, feel valued, are inspired and have loads of fun.

The target age for Sunday School is flexible depending on need is usually around 5-13 years old.

Sessions are encouraged to be very interactive and for the children to enjoy sharing their views but not feel under pressure. The typical structure each week is for everyone to talk about their week, prayer, worship, bible study followed by games and quizzes.

Covid has impacted teachers DBS checking and Safeguarding training, something we need to address in 2022-23.

Due to the challenges of Covid Sunday School could not always occur.

We look forward to re-opening Sunday School fully in the future to the wider community once all restrictions are removed and the necessary arrangements have been made.

If you would like to volunteer with helping out at Sunday School please contact a member of the Church Council or the leadership.

*Church Council (on behalf of Spring Kids)*



## Church Ministries

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### Worship (Tash)

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As a Church we are extremely blessed to have such a variety of worshipers and leaders providing a different style of music, leadership and sound that has the capacity to appeal to different ages ranges and cultures.

Most recently we have seen a very noticeable growth in the number of young people and All Nations students developing and taking an interest in the worship, notably Courtney and Katherine over the past year. We've also had some new singers and musicians join our Church who will be included in our worship in due course. The age range for our current team is between 18-30. I for one know the church is raising up some passionate and anointed leaders.

We encourage individuality within our group and love to incorporate the different cultures / nationalities in our Church, with us sometimes singing songs in a variety of languages.

Since returning to in-person services in summer 2021, the Worship team had been down to one group leading every Sunday, with some singers on rotation. This is because some members were still not comfortable attending physical services. We sang 3 songs, instead of our normal 5. This is because we were reducing our service time slightly in order to limit exposure due to the pandemic situation. Now (2022) we are back to full services with a full worship team and full set, with Eric returning to lead with his team also, which is a great blessing.

Grant continues to set up and run our soundboard every Sunday, now with the help of Ernie who has re-joined Springs. We welcome anyone who might be interested in learning this in order to help him. The same goes with the projector which a member of the worship team also operates each week.

#### **Grant – a massive thank you from all of us!**

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who is involved in the worship; from leading and playing to singing and operating our sound desk and projector. Preparing and taking part in the worship is a big responsibility and not something we take lightly. A lot of prayer, thought and practice goes in each time we worship with one another, so I want to express my appreciation for all your hard work and devotion and may we continue to praise and magnify the Lord together.

A huge thank you to the musicians for their faithful hard work and dedication.

*Tash Salvador*

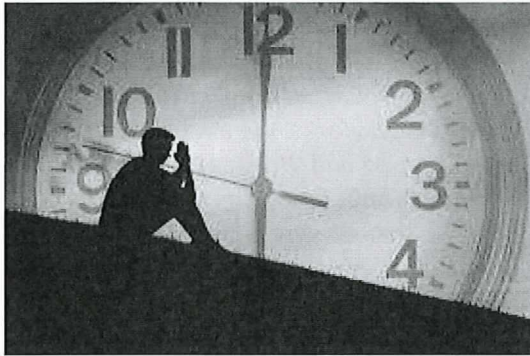
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## Church Ministries

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### Prayer

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We believe that prayer is the backbone of the church. The aim of this area of ministry is to see the fulfilment of Isaiah 56

*"For my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations"*

2021/2022 has been a challenging year for the continuation of our prayer ministry at the church. We encourage you all to continue to pray at home and on Zoom and pray the situation will improve for 2022/2023!

Under normal circumstances Prayer Times at the church are:

- Tuesday 4:30 – 5:15
- Sunday 6:00 – 7:00 this has gained strength and consistency and answers are being seen.
- Additional Prayer before Sunday Service 9:45
- Additional Prayer 6:30 am Monday morning

I encourage you all to be part of this vision bring your good ideas and let us advance the kingdom of our God. We need to be a church that prays together and develops this ministry to cover every area of ministry.

Continue to pray for a new Pastor and that Gods chosen person will be delivered to us.

*Brian Oxborough.*

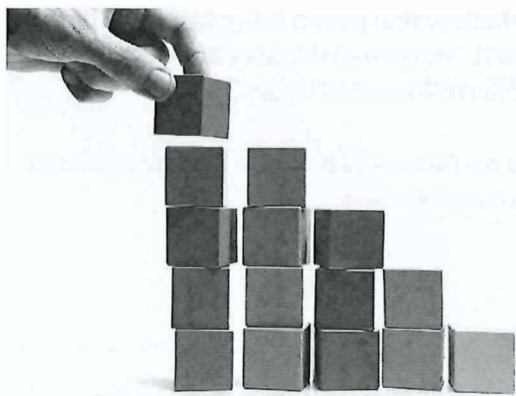


## Church Ministries

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### FaithBuilders

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**FaithBuilders** has been running for nearly 9 years now. In normal times we meet once a fortnight and have from 6 to 12 people of all ages most weeks. We always start with a time of Praise and Worship led by Immanuel, and sometimes Isabel helps. Then we share Prayer needs and requests and spend some time praying for these and for one another. Following this our Bible Study lasts from 30 to 45 minutes, and then we finish off with a nice Supper!

However, the Covid lockdowns resulted in us meeting on Zoom instead of at our home. I make a monthly payment to Zoom so that our Meetings can last for more than 40 minutes, but as it wasn't possible most weeks to do an Open Air, again due to Covid restrictions) we turned FaithBuilder into a weekly Event, majoring on Praise & Prayer one week, and then Praise and Bible Study the alternate week. Zoom still allows everyone to take part and one or two others have joined us since we turned to Zoom. During a period when the lockdown restrictions were eased, we went back to meeting at our house, but continued with Zoom as well so that those who have been joining us from a distance, or who preferred not to gather too closely, could continue to share with us.

*Eric Hallsworth*

## Church Ministries

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### Street (Open Air) and Residential Homes Outreach

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We like to call it an **Open Air** and for 7 years now we've tried to be a group of Christians having a Gospel Service outdoors. We have our own printed Song book of over 50 Gospel hymns and choruses.

We all sing with Immanuel and myself on our guitars and Isabel on her saxophone, and we have a Table full of carefully selected tracts, leaflets, some books and Bibles. We also look for opportunities to talk to passers by and the folk who stop to listen to the singing. I link some of the songs together with short Bible verses and comments and we also offer to pray for folk.

The Outreach however was often limited during the 12 months under consideration due to the Covid measures, and even on the occasions when we have managed to go out, we weren't able to hand out Tracts or Literature due to social distancing requirements, and our own concerns as to the reactions of passers-by, so our Table of leaflets has been very useful.

Despite the difficulties quite a few people have still stopped to listen, and we've been amused as some have even taken their mobile phones out to film us while we've been singing!

We always enjoy ourselves, and I am very proud of and grateful for everyone who helps, because it is a team effort that couldn't happen without such support.

Sadly the lockdown measures have meant that Springs has not been able to do its **Residential Homes** ministry during this period. When the Covid measures were lifted the Homes understandably were still very negative about having visitors other than close friends or family of the residents. We have greatly missed taking Services in the Homes, especially at Easter and Christmas, and pray and hope that the situation will soon change for the better so that we can get back to doing what our Lord Jesus told us to do, just before He ascended into Heaven: Go into all the world and preach the Gospel.

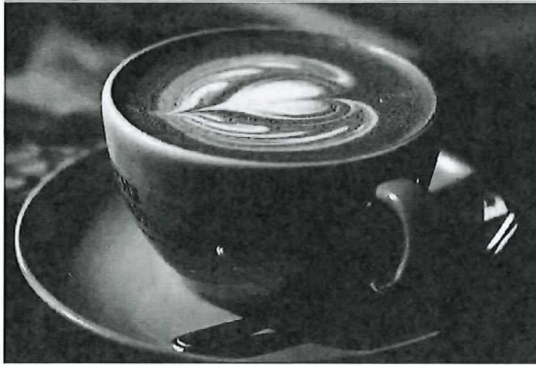
*Eric Hallsworth*



## Church Ministries

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### Drop In



Unfortunately Drop In has been impacted by Covid and is not currently up and running. Watch this space though, the re-start is fully supported by the leadership.

Previously Drop In occurred on a Wednesday morning / lunchtime and was a chance for Church members and people from outside to meet, have a coffee (or tea), sometimes some food and talk and if they wanted play table tennis, pool or whatever took their fancy.

To re-open we need volunteers. We need to perform a risk assessment and have some people trained for adult safeguarding as a DBS check is required for regular adult activities. Don't let that put you off if you'd like to take part. The church will fully support the training.

*Church Council (on behalf of Drop In)*

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### Volunteers

Your  
Church  
Needs



We really need volunteers to help out, there's so much to do and it would be so much easier if you could help us please.

Don't think its not for you or you've got nothing to give, there's a very wide range of tasks that we need your help with so that the church can continue to function.

Fancy having a go at something but don't know how to do it - We can train you! You may not need to be hands on, sometimes we just need someone to organise or communicate something.

What do we need?

Gardening / Sound Desk / Tea and Coffee Rota / Projector Words on a Sunday morning / Welcoming People / Communion set up / Church Flowers / Risk Assessments / Filing / Sunday School / Youth Helpers / Building management / Zoom manager etc...

*Church Council*