

Springfield Update November 2021



Hello Springfield!

On Monday 15th November Springfield Church Council (PCC) met to discuss our future as a church. Having decided in the summer to spend a 4 month trial period gathering for our Sunday morning services at St Paul's Roundshaw, we felt that it was the right time to review and look forward.

I challenged the PCC a couple of months ago to engage with as many of our church family as they could and to spend time praying and waiting on the Lord, all ultimately to answer the big question - "Where is the Lord leading us to meet as a church?"

After a long discussion and an unanimous vote in favour, our church council agreed that the answer to that question looking forward is St Paul's Roundshaw.

It has been a really exciting 2.5 months so far gathering for our Sunday morning services at St Paul's. We've seen lots of new faces come along, and in many cases join us. We've seen former members return and the vast majority of our pre-covid congregation re-engage. And we've experienced a huge amount of favour from St Paul's themselves and despite some practical challenges, the building is already beginning to feel like our spiritual home.

However, I know that many of you have special memories of Wallington Girls'. After reaching this significant decision for Springfield, we paused and gave thanks for everything that the Lord has done in our time at Wallington Girls'. We have been incredibly blessed by the space, and there have been some incredible moments there.

But PCC definitely feel that this is a new season that God is calling us into. And moving our Sunday morning venue is just a part of the next chapter that we're just beginning. Crucially, this is not Springfield Church moving to Roundshaw. Of course we continue to recognise our particular call to mission and ministry to Roundshaw that's existed for many years now, and this move supports what we're already doing - the Pioneer work led by David, the CAP ministry led by Jean and the links we already have with young people and schools in the area.

However we are **STILL** Springfield Church WALLINGTON!

We are still a church without boundaries and geographical limits.

We still are called to be beacons of hope to our community - and our community is wherever God is calling us to be, where He's opening doors and where He's at work.

So, as I've asked you to do before - please journey with us. Be a part of the story that God is writing in us and through us. Come along, get involved and join a team.

Please also keep an eye out for one another. Meeting at St Paul's means that for some getting there on a Sunday morning is hard work - maybe they don't drive or it's just that bit further. Perhaps you could offer a lift, or agree to walk together. Let's be loving each other at this time.

And above all, please pray. Pray for all of the details to fall into place. Pray for our relationships with St Paul's and the other users to flourish. Pray for the church family, particular those who have found this move difficult. And pray for God's kingdom to come so that we see a great move of God in Wallington, Roundshaw and beyond.

Huge blessings as ever,
Jon