



# FOUNTAIN OF LIFE

NETWORK CHURCH

## INTRODUCTION

### CHURCH NAME

Fountain of Life  
Network Church

### DEANERY

Breckland

### LOCATION

Mid Norfolk

### TYPE OF AREA

The Fountain of Life is a rural Network church. It is an Extra-Parochial Place (EPP) that serves the region of Mid-Norfolk located approximately between Swaffham, Watton and Dereham.



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## OUR SETTING AND CONTEXT

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### THEOLOGICAL FORMATION

Charismatic evangelical

### CONTEXT AND LOCATION

The Fountain of Life is located approximately ½ mile outside the village of Ashill on the Swaffham Road but the majority of the population comes from within a 15 mile radius.

The church also has a plant in Swaffham approximately 5 miles away that meets in a community centre.

## SENIOR MINISTER

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The Rev'd Paul Wilkinson  
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### THE CHURCH

The Fountain of Life (FoL) serves a variety of communities across every age group and with a variety of interests. FoL is an Extra Parochial Place (EPP) which describes itself as a missionary congregation whose focus is on taking the gospel to those who haven't yet encountered it. FoL is a New Wine Church that works in around 20 schools, runs a number of missional communities, hosts leadership and training days, Alpha courses, training conferences, theological courses, 18 home groups, a Christians Against Poverty (CAP) Debt Centre and CAP Money training programme. It has been designated as a resource church by the Diocese of Norwich.

- FOL hosted the Church Planting and Revitalisation Training course which attracted over 50 attendees from a range of churches and its own membership. Following the Covid-19 pandemic, the re-opening of the church buildings after lock-down prompted the planting of a new congregation in Swaffham and refocused our attention on the need to reach out and grow the Kingdom of God. This has led to the exploration of new opportunities and programmes.

FoL holds in high regard:

- The investment in personal discipleship growth through life groups/home groups
- Delivering teaching and training to equip and release.



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- Encouraging and envisioning each person to encounter the presence of God for themselves.
- Supporting schools with assemblies, lunchtime clubs, mentoring with a new partnership with the Transforming Lives for Good charity growing as a ministry in several schools.
- Engaging with children and parents outside of the faith community through pre-school, Kidz Klub, Who Let the Dads Out, More and other family focused events.
- Pioneering new forms of outreach and networking amongst all age groups.

FoL church also runs a Pre-School, and a weekly parent and toddler group. The extensive children's work has forged connections with both the Diocese of Norwich where key staff serve on the children youth and families task force and New Wine where the team ran Boulder Gang (10 -11 year olds) for 5 years. The Youth team have enthusiastically engaged in mission and ran a trip to Albania with YWAM in 2019, and continue to engage in regular outreach on local estates in Watton and Dereham. The church also runs a monthly event for the elderly which gathers the isolated and lonely for fellowship and a number of social gatherings and events for other age groups.

In addition, there are a variety of different services and activities which allow for worship in a variety of forms and settings.

The Fountain of Life planted a second church almost 3 years ago in a local market town that is now beginning to expand its ministry and outreach.



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FoL also offers ministry through a number of lay-led missional communities. These offer a wide range of pioneering opportunities. The team currently consists of 1 Senior Minister, and 8 Authorised Worship Assistants. There are also 16 paid employees including children, youth and families workers, an administrator, media and communications officer, site warden, Debt Centre Manager, Pre-School staff and a Site Warden most of whom are part time.



We have a current Committed to Growth Plan which is reviewed regularly. As well as the above, some particular aspects to comment upon: FoL was established as a resource church by Bishop Graham James and as such has endeavoured to engage with and support Diocesan initiatives that are designed to grow church.







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## VISION AND VALUES

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### OUR ASPIRATIONS



We hope that this church will be:

- A place where the presence of God is tangible
- A place where people make friends easily
- A place where the wounded are made whole
- A place where new people are regularly coming to faith in Jesus
- A place where new believers grow as disciples in following Jesus
- A place where potential in people is realised
- A place where every person's gifts and talents are used to the glory of God
- A place where each person is equally valued
- A place which is fun to belong to
- A place which has a reputation for excellence in all that it does
- A place which reaches out to the wider community and embraces the poor



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### OUR AIMS

#### We seek to:

- Consistently preach the full picture of God as revealed in the Bible
- Deliver relevant teaching across the ages
- Provide worship which encourages and enables us to meet with God
- Create space for God to move by the power of His Spirit
- Provide opportunities for people to turn to Christ
- Enable each person to experience healing and wholeness
- Grow a loving and fun-filled community committed to God and one another
- Train and equip people to realise their full potential in Christ
- Explore creatively ways of telling others the good news of Jesus
- Serve our local community and meet practical needs.

### OUR VALUES

#### We value:

- The person of God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
- Each individual uniquely created in the image of God
- The authority of the Word of God and the whole counsel of God as revealed in the Bible
- The renewing power of the Holy Spirit.
- The family of God as a place in which we become whole
- Worship in releasing encounter with God
- Every member released in ministry
- The capacity of all ages to meet with God





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### OUR VISION AND PRIORITIES

#### The things that excite us most as a church are:

- The pursuit of missional opportunities
- The increasing opportunities to extend the Kingdom of God as a resource church for the Diocese.
- The development and operation of ministries offering care and support to the communities around us
- The support FoL offers to other churches and church leaders to develop their own ministries and church life.

#### We are constantly striving:

- To develop our missional communities further and to see them establish on foundations that build for the future.
- To explore and establish new expressions of church to extend God's Kingdom in new and relevant ways.
- To work closely with the Diocese as a resource church with a view to extending the Kingdom.
- To see the staff team and volunteers grow and develop in their ministries and in their own walk with God.
- To see the people we minister to disciplined and be equipped to engage with others in outreach.
- To see the pastoral ministries FoL operates develop stronger links with the communities they serve and with other churches in the region.
- To see the transforming power of Christ at work in our region.

FoL is always open to working with other organisations and ministries.



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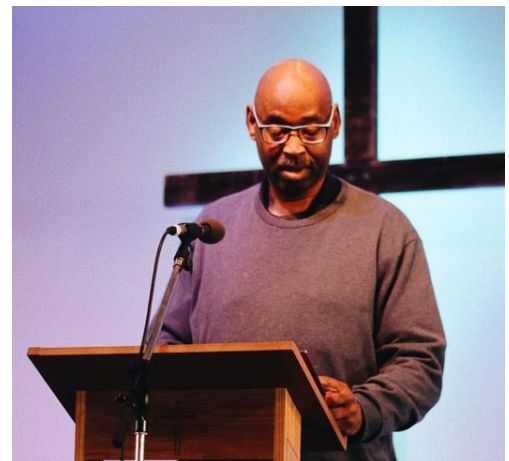


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## PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

FoL has an established policy of encouraging staff and team to develop their learning, their skills and their personal goals. FoL has supported staff through theological training in youth work at Ridley Hall. Others have taken the opportunity to undertake training courses that have been appropriate to their own particular vocation.





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## THE TEAM

|                                 |                            |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Senior Minister:                | Rev'd Paul Wilkinson       |
| Curate:                         | Rev'd Adam Poole           |
| Ordinand:                       | Karen Gower                |
| Lead Youth Worker:              | Martha Rees                |
| Children and Families:          | Matt Beckett               |
| Trainee Sports Minister:        | Matt Cook                  |
| Kids Klub Team:                 | Matt Beckett, Joe Welch    |
| Administration:                 | Becky Russell              |
| Media and Communications:       | Amanda Harris              |
| Debt Centre Manager:            | Angela Clark               |
| Missional Communities Leaders:  | Andrew and Julia Rees      |
| Site Warden:                    | Andy Lowles                |
| Pre-School Supervisor:          | Louise Mawditt +4          |
| Noah's Ark (Parent & Toddlers): | Andrea Jolly, Rachel Kehoe |



## AUTHORISED WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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|------------------|--|
| Tim Wilson       | Rev'd Stephen Mawditt (Retired with PTO) |
| Dan Russell      | Rev'd Robert Edwards (Retired with PTO)  |
| Andrew Rees      |  |
| Julia Rees       |  |
| Graham Cracknell |  |
| Matt Beckett     |  |
| John Watts       |  |



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## WORSHIP GROUP LEADERS

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John and Becky Watts  
Carol Holmes  
Graham and Alison Cracknell  
Dan Russell  
Karen Gower

## GENERAL INFORMATION

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### SCHOOLS IN THE AREA

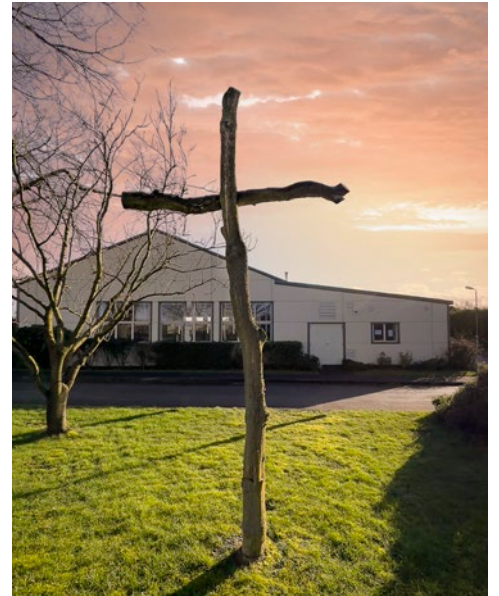
First Steps Christian Pre School  
Ashill Primary School  
Wayland Academy, Watton (High School)  
Schools also in Swaffham, Watton and Litcham

### ACCOMMODATION

The church can provide accommodation for a successful candidate if necessary.

### TRANSPORT LINKS

There are limited bus services in and out of the village. Access to personal transport is essential for this post because the ministry covers a wide geographical area.



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