

Inviting Springs to your church/school/community in 2010

[Springs Dance Company](#) is looking ahead to this year and would really like to hear from you with regards to where we might perform in your community in 2010. We have two powerful works on offer that will impact communities and allow God to work in people's lives, and we'd really like to be invited to perform at your church or school or theatre or arts venue, or one with which you have links.

What we can offer:

1. [Bread of Life](#) for adults and their older children in the second half of March, for Lent.

This is a beautiful work going to the heart of the Christian tradition of Eucharist. It was originally created to tour cathedrals and would work either for your own congregation's reflection, or as outreach for a concert/theatre-going audience who would experience great art that also has a spiritual content.

This show costs us £2800 but we have secured funding so that we can offer it to churches for £850 plus travel expenses for one show, or for £1280 for two shows plus travel expenses. Most churches choose to sell tickets at £8-12 each and sell 100 tickets per show to break even, or more to fundraise further. Others use budgets for arts, outreach, youth work, congregation activities, etc.

2. [Five a Day](#) for young people aged 10-14 and their families, for May. This is a vibrant show for young people, and is ideal for KS3 if you'd like to work in or in partnership with a local secondary school. It looks at the fruit of the Spirit, and is inspiring, memorable and challenging. We can also offer workshops around this for the church or for a school setting.

You could also book workshops in schools the day before or during the day of an evening performance, linked to themes within the show. For example, some schools are keen to have workshops looking at kindness if they would like something which tackles playground bullying, others would like workshops focussing on peace if they are aware that their students are sometimes confronted with violence in their lives outside of school. Sometimes it can be of interest to church youth groups and/or schools, to create a short curtain-raiser with the students that they can perform just before the Springs show starts, which can mean that parents and friends are extra keen to come along to see them perform too. Workshops help to form relationships with the young people and generate wider interest in the performance event happening at the church.

The show costs us £2500 but we again have funding in place so that we can offer it to schools and churches for just £750 plus travel expenses for one show, or for £1100 for two shows plus travel expenses. Most churches choose to sell tickets at £7-12 each and sell 100 tickets per show to break even, or more to fundraise against it. Others use budgets for arts, outreach, youth work, congregation activities, or school departmental budgets for RE, PSHE, Citizenship, dance, PE, drama, whole school activities, spirituality, etc.

In terms of logistics, the main thing to have in mind is that the performance space required is just 6mx6m, and the dancers need 5 hours in the performance space before the performance starts to set up. Both of the shows above last for one hour. We bring the flooring to roll out, lights, sound, props etc with us in the blue Springs van!

We would really value your help in hosting a booking at your church or school this year, and/or encouraging at least one other venue to book a show themselves. Please ring your contacts, and then follow up afterwards by forwarding this email and asking them to call Claire Crowley on the mobile - 07775 628 442.