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## SPRING 2024

### Description

Spring has finally sprung! While you still wait for the weather to change, enjoy some heart-warming stories in [the latest Roof 'n' Roots](#).

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Here's the key content to help you usher in the promise of spring:

- meet the high priest of prog Revd John Simms;
- practical advice on how to make the most of your garden;
- how you can get a spring in your step this season.

These stories can all be found in the [Spring 2024 edition](#) of our regular news and feature publication.

### Category

1. Roof 'n' Roots

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