



The Olive Tree Church
Newsletter

2nd February 2025

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Olive Tree - Blenheim Crescent
Olive Branch - Montrose Avenue

February

‘Knowing Jesus and
making Jesus known’

*"Fear not, for I am with you;
be not dismayed, for I am your
God; I will strengthen you, I will
help you, I will uphold you with my
righteous right hand."
~ Isaiah 41:10*

Prayers and Thoughts

🍄 If you would like prayer or receive messages on our prayer network please contact Darlene Wright. Thank you.

We continue to pray for Barbara Bond and Anne Wood who are now out of hospital.

We pray for Mark, Robin, Nigel and Wendy, as well as their families as they prepare for the funeral of Ron Wright on Thursday 20th February 12.30pm at the Branch site, Montrose Avenue.

We thank God for Ron's life, his many talents and his service to St Margaret's Methodist Church over the years.

Reminders!

Our Luton Foodbank needs you! We are very grateful for your donations. Box by the hall lobby area.

Current requests (tinned) are for rice pudding, instant noodles Meat, custard, vegetables, soup, fruit, baked beans, tomatoes, fish, pasta in sauce, also milk (UHT), sugar, tea bags, biscuits, dried rice (500g), fruit juice,

Tithes and Offerings

Bank: HSBC

Acc Name: The Olive Tree Church

Sort Code: 40-30-32

Acc No: 02769956

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver (2 Corinthians 9:7)

Thursday Drop-in Coffee

Please join our new daytime social on Thursday mornings 10.30 - 12pm.

Meet friends, chat over tea and coffee, with an opportunity to play games too!

(This replaces the Christian Aid lunch)



A quick note from the Chief Editor

Hi it's Beth! I'm just letting you know that I aim to send out the newsletter every month, depending on work and things, so any news or notices, could I please have them by the end of the 3rd week each month.

Thank you bethnewport503@gmail.com

Leadership update:

- We are delighted that more baptisms are planned for 25th May.
- Safeguarding - DBS renewals are due, please respond when emailed, or talk with Peace if not sure what to do.
- 1st Response (First Aid) Training has been arranged for Saturday 1st March, at the Olive Tree hall, 9.30-12pm. Please register your name at the back.

Diary Dates

(At the Olive Tree, Blenheim Crescent, unless stated otherwise)

✨ 2nd February - Worship Meeting tbc

✨ 8th February - At 11am on Saturday 8th February is the next Messy Church. The theme for this one is Messy ❤️ to celebrate Valentines Day. Fun, crafts and activities for all the family

✨ 10th February - Property Team Meeting

✨ 23rd February - CAMEO Youth Group meeting

✨ 1st March - First Response training (9.30-12pm) - please sign up to join.

✨ 23rd March - CAMEO Youth Group meeting (earlier so not to clash with Mothers' Day)

✨ 7th September - Fire Drill 2025

Thursday Evening/ Sunday morning Prayer Groups

Please join our weekly prayer meeting at the Olive Tree Branch every Thursday at 7:30pm to 8.30pm.

You are also welcome to pray before the Sunday service, 9.45-10.15am.

Home Groups: We meet each other during the week to learn more about God and each other. If you would like to join a group, currently meeting fortnightly in the evenings on Mondays (Elaine), Tuesdays (Michael), Wednesdays (Kate) and in the afternoons on Thursdays (Barbara, though paused atm). Please speak with Michael or one of the other leaders (in brackets) if interested.

Thank you.

Leadership Team

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Cyber Awareness

There has been a growing trend of hacking groups targeting religious communities in social media and fraudsters socially engineering religious group's treasurers and faith leaders. We are therefore looking to deliver awareness presentations to religious groups and offer training to their committees and faith leaders.

A contact form can be found at <http://www.met.police.uk/cyberprotect> or search online for 'Met Police Cyber Project'

Strathmore Avenue Methodist Church invite you to their 'Free Party Breakfast' on the first Sunday each month, also to their 'Free Breakfast for Families' on the third Sunday each month.

*Volunteers to help are also welcome too!
Thank you!*

Volunteers Needed

☀️ Please share your gifts and talents, so we can work together for the Glory of God!

- 🍄 Could you help with Junior Church now & then, particularly with the younger ones?