



# The Olive Tree Church Newsletter

13 March 2025



## March


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Olive Tree site - Blenheim Crescent  
Olive Branch site - Montrose Avenue

*"Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." ~ Hebrews 13:5*

### 'Knowing Jesus and making Jesus known'

## 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 Betty Traynor and Peter James who are now out of hospital.

We pray for Barbara Storey, former member of St Margaret's, who is about to start chemotherapy, after her course of radiotherapy, as her cancer has returned.

Robin, Darlene and the rest of the Wright family would like to thank everyone for their cards, prayers and support after Ron's recent passing. Many thanks to those who helped in any way towards the funeral which went off very well and those who donated in his memory to Parkinson's UK and British Heart Foundation. A life well lived, and now together with mum.

## 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 fortnightly 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)**

## 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 you are able to contribute towards our Lent fundraising project towards the use of a second defibrillator - with massive thanks to those donating funds to buy the first one. We hope to have one on each site.



## 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.

## Diary Dates

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

✨ 13th March - Olive Tree Church Coffee Morning. Come join us from 10:30-12pm for coffee, cakes and some spring crafts for those who are feeling creative. Please come along and bring your friends.

16th March - Church Annual General Meeting after the morning service. Please check emails or take a copy of papers and reports from all our activities at the back of the church.

✨ 17th March - Worship planning meeting. This meeting will be held at the Branch at 7:30pm. We appreciate this is short notice so please let Helen know if that isn't suitable and if a lot of people can't make it, we will find another date.

✨ 26th April - Olive Tree Quiz Night. Come and join us for a Olive Tree Quiz! It starts at 7pm - 9:30pm. It includes a quiz and a ploughman's supper. If you'd like some tickets call Claire on 07923242891. Tickets are £6 each or £30 for a table of up to 6 people.

✨ 23rd March - CAMEO Youth Group meeting (earlier this month 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 are looking to refresh our home groups. If you would like to continue meeting - or start to meet - with others during the week to learn more about God and each other, please speak with Michael 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?