

Pray Together



January 2026

Please continue to pray for each other, particularly for:

those unable to attend church at present:

those who have health problems, who are ill in hospital or at home, or receiving or waiting for treatment, and for their family members who are caring for them.

Also please pray for those who have been bereaved.

At the beginning of a new year, please pray for the Olive Tree Church:

that we may have a clearer sense of purpose and vision for the future;

for guidance and strength for our minister and leadership team;

for the Church Meeting on 25 th January, that God will guide us in our discussions and decisions;

that the year ahead will see us grow in the depth of our faith in God, in our love for him and each other, in the faithfulness and fruitfulness of our service and in the effectiveness of our witness to other people.

18 th - 25 th January is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Please pray for unity and co-operation between Christians of different traditions:

for the Rev. Luke Larner and the congregation of St. Andrew's Church, that we may work more effectively with them to reach out to our community; for other Baptist and Methodist churches in the town, specially those that are struggling without a minister;

for Churches Together in Luton, that the different denominations will be able to work together effectively to witness to the town;

for church leaders nationally and worldwide as they represent the public face of Christianity to the world, especially for Sarah Mullally as she begins her new role as Archbishop of Canterbury.

As we mark Holocaust Memorial Day on 27th January,
please pray for our nation and the world:

for an end to racism, antisemitism and Islamophobia
and all hatred that leads to prejudice, oppression or
violence towards other people because of who they are;

for a new spirit of respect and dialogue
between people from different backgrounds
and with different views;

for protection for vulnerable individuals and
communities who feel anxious about their
safety;;

for healing of the hurts and bitterness that
divide nations and regions;

for an end to war and for peace and security in
Ukraine, the Middle East and Africa.

