



OLIVE TREE NEWSLETTER – March 2026

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Theme: Growing in Faith -

March calls us into a deeper walk with God during the season of Lent. *Growing in Faith* is about intentional spiritual maturity — nurturing our relationship with Christ through worship, prayer, obedience, generosity, and service. As we journey toward Easter, we are invited to strengthen our trust in God, deepen our commitment to His mission, and allow our faith to bear fruit in our community. Growth is not accidental; it is cultivated. This month, we seek to grow both individually and together as Olive Tree Church.

Rev Michael Anokye

Sunday Services in March – all at 10.30am

1st March - *2nd Sunday in Lent* Preacher: Rev. Michael Anokye

8th March - *3rd Sunday in Lent & Holy Communion* Preacher: Rev. Patrick Kendah

15th March *Mothering Sunday – 4th Sunday in Lent* All-Age Service

Special Church Meeting following the Service. Members are warmly invited to a focused and prayerful Church Meeting to consider an important opportunity for the Olive Tree Church. See overleaf for more details of this meeting.

22nd March - *5th Sunday in Lent – Passion Sunday*. Preacher: Belinda Freeman

29th March *Palm Sunday* Preacher: Rev. Michael Anokye

■ March Encounter Prayer Meetings - Thursdays 7.30 – 9.00pm

Thursday 5 th March	Intercession
Thursday, 12 th March	Prayer & Worship
Thursday, 19 th March	Lent Reflection
Thursday, 26 th March	Midweek Intercession

Other events in March at the Olive Tree

***There will be extra prayer meetings from Monday 2nd March – Friday 6th March at the Olive Tree from 6am – 7am ***

■ Coffee Mornings - alternate Thursday Mornings 10.30am -12.00 noon

Thursday 5th March 2026 and Thursday 19th March 2026



Messy Church – Saturday March 14th 11am. Messy Lent

Quiz Night Saturday March 21st 7pm

All these services and events are for everyone and please invite family, friends and neighbours to come too.

The Olive Tree Church, Luton

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EVENING

SATURDAY 21ST MARCH: 7:00PM

PLEASE JOIN US FOR :-

- > GOOD COMPANY
- > TESTING QUIZ
- > JACKET POTATO SUPPER

TICKETS-

£5 each OR £30 PER TABLE OF 6

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ADVANCE NOTICE: April Messy Church is a Holiday Club on **Thursday** 2nd April from 10.30-12.30.

IMPORTANT NOTES TO READ BEFORE THE CHURCH MEETING ON SUNDAY 15TH MARCH

We will be asked to decide whether to apply for funding through *Awards for All* (National Lottery Community Fund) to employ a Community Worker. This role would be dedicated to outreach, building relationships, strengthening partnerships, and expanding our support for those in our local community.

The meeting will centre on one clear question:

Should Olive Tree Church apply to Awards for All for funding to employ a Community Worker — yes or no?

Why this fund?

Several funding streams have been explored carefully. We are being supported in the application process by an LBC Community Liaison Officer experienced in grant applications, whose professional advice is that Awards for All is currently the best match for our vision and needs.

Key features include:

- Community grants of up to £20,000
- No match funding required
- Monthly decision panels (allowing timely progress)
- Funding available for up to two years
- Importantly, any funding received would be used solely towards employing a Community Worker to bless and serve our community, not for other church costs.

This is a significant step in our ongoing journey of faith and outreach. Please join us as we pray, reflect, ask questions, and seek the Lord's wisdom together.

Please continue to support the **Luton Foodbank** – boxes for your donations in church and the entrance to the hall.

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