



OLIVE TREE NEWSLETTER – July 2026

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Dear Olive Tree Church Family,

Grace and peace to you in the wonderful name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Welcome to the beautiful month of July!

As we enter this new month, I believe God is calling each one of us into a deeper and more intimate relationship with Him. Therefore, I am delighted to declare July as our Month of Growing in Prayer: Enhancing Our Communication with God.

Prayer is much more than presenting our requests before God—it is the heartbeat of our relationship with our Heavenly Father. Through prayer our faith is strengthened, our hearts are transformed, our minds are renewed, and God's perfect will is revealed in our lives. Every great revival, every great ministry and every great believer has one thing in common — a vibrant prayer life.

This month, I encourage every member of Olive Tree Church to intentionally cultivate a lifestyle of consistent, passionate and faith-filled prayer. Let us move beyond routine prayers into genuine fellowship with God, where we not only speak to Him but also learn to recognise and obey His voice.

“Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you.” — James 4:8

“Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where He prayed.” — Mark 1:35

Pray without ceasing. (1 Thessalonians 5:17)

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. (Colossians 4:2)

The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. (James 5:16)

As we dedicate ourselves to prayer throughout this month, I believe we shall experience deeper intimacy with God, renewed spiritual strength, divine wisdom, healing, restoration, breakthroughs and fresh encounters with the Holy Spirit.

May the Lord hear your prayers, answer your cries, strengthen your faith and fill your life with His peace and power.

“Call to Me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.” — Jeremiah 33:3

God bless you richly.

Rev. Michael Anokye Minister

Events in July

Thursday 2 nd July	10.30am	Chair Aerobics
	7.30pm	Encounter Prayer Meeting - Intercession
Sunday 5 ^h July	10.30am	Morning Worship including Communion Rev Michael Anokye - <i>Disciples who grow</i>
Thursday 9 th July	10.30am	Coffee morning
	7.30pm	Encounter Prayer Meeting -Prayer and Worship
Saturday 11 th July	11.00am -12.30	Messy Church Fun Day – see poster
Sunday 12 th July	10.30am	Morning Worship – Catherine Silwood
Monday 13 th July	7.30pm	Leadership Meeting
Thursday 16 th July	10.30am	Chair Aerobics
	7.30pm	Encounter Prayer Meeting - Intercession
Sunday 19 th July	10.30am	Morning Worship Ramon Akib - <i>Following without turning back</i>
Thursday 23 rd July	10.30am	Coffee morning
	7.30pm	Encounter Prayer Meeting – Prayer & Thanksgiving
Sunday 26 th July	10.30am	Morning Worship Rev Michael Anokye - <i>The cost of discipleship</i>
Thursday 30 th July	10.30am	Chair Aerobics
Early morning prayer meetings	Tuesday to Friday 6am – 7am	

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We had a good time at the **Church Away Day** and the leadership team will be putting together an action plan based on the feed back from the discussion on the day. Thank you Michael for organising the speakers and everyone else, especially Claire, who organised the day.





Praise in the Park

We had a colourful pitch at Praise in the Park. Pens, balloons and flyers about the activities at the Olive Tree were given away. Children took part in fun activities and conversations were had with visitors to the stall.

Well done to those who organised the stall and gave up their time to be there.

MESSY
FUN DAY

Fun for all the family • Everyone welcome

SATURDAY 11 JULY
11AM - 12.30PM

WHAT'S ON

- Bouncy castle ● Face painting ● Crafts
- Stalls ● Games
- PIZZA & ICE CREAM

FREE

JUST TURN UP

No charge — all refreshments
provided.

Outside, weather permitting.

WHERE

The Olive Tree Church
42-46 Blenheim Cres, Luton
LU3 1HB

CONTACT

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for more information

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

Please send material for the newsletter to helen.owen17@btinternet.com

Rachel Hopkins MP ·

Last week I gave my latest Community Thank You card to Janet, a Leader at Blenheim Scouts.

I was so pleased to pass on the thanks of our community for Janet's 40 years of dedicated volunteering, which has helped to give so many young people in our town opportunities for community, friendship, and learning.

She was actually my Girlguiding Leader too many moons ago!

Lovely to also present the Scouts with their own awards for Keeping Luton Tidy. A great evening of celebrations all round!

