



THE OLIVE TREE CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 2026 · THE MONTH AT A GLANCE

MINISTER

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A WORD FOR THE MONTH — GROWING IN SERVICE

Serving others with excellence and humility — that is our theme for September. Excellence asks us to bring our full attention and best effort to whatever task is placed in our hands, however small it may seem. Humility asks us to do it without needing to be seen, remembering that every act of service is first an act of worship.

This month brings both together: a welcome service for our new Circuit minister, a gathering of the wider circuit at Synod, and a harvest celebration built for our youngest members. Each is an invitation to serve one another well, and to let grace shape that service rather than performance.

As the season turns, may we grow steadily in both doing good work and doing it gently with the love of God.

“There are many parts, but one body.”

1 CORINTHIANS 12:20

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR — WEEK BY WEEK

WEEK OF 1–7 SEPTEMBER

THU 3 Sep Coffee Morning 10:30 am – 12:00 pm	THU 3 Sep Encounter Prayer Meeting 7:30 – 9:00 pm	SUN 6 Sep Holy Communion — Service of Welcome & Reception into Membership (Rev Michael Anokye)
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WEEK OF 8–14 SEPTEMBER

THU 10 Sep Chair Aerobics 10:30 am – 12:00 pm	THU 10 Sep Encounter Prayer Meeting 7:30 – 9:00 pm	SUN 13 Sep Sunday Service — Rev Emmanuel Takei Ansah 10:30 – 11:30 am
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WEEK OF 15–21 SEPTEMBER

THU 17 Sep	THU 17 Sep	SAT 19 Sep	SUN 20 Sep
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Coffee Morning 10:30 am – 12:00 pm	Encounter Prayer Meeting 7:30 – 9:00 pm	Messy Harvest 11:00 am	Sunday Service — Rev Michael Anokye 10:30 – 11:30 am
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WEEK OF 22–30 SEPTEMBER

THU 24 Sep Chair Aerobics 10:30 am – 12:00 pm	THU 24 Sep Encounter Prayer Meeting 7:30 – 9:00 pm	SUN 27 Sep Sunday Service (Church Meeting) — Rev Andrew Openshaw 10:30 – 11:30 am
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August has been a busy month at the Olive Tree. Thank you Claire for organising all these activities

The children and young people had a fun day at a splash park



Some of the people who attend the coffee mornings went on a coach trip to the Cotswolds



Helen, Rachel and Gavin would like to thank everyone for their prayers, visits, cards, flowers and support during Martin's illness and since his death. Thank you too for coming to the service to celebrate his life and make it such a memorable occasion. We are very grateful to you all.

In August we had a barbecue and cream tea which was well attended and we enjoyed good food together and entertainment from Roger.



EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER

NEW SUPERINTENDENT MINISTER OF THE SOUTH BEDFORDSHIRE METHODIST CIRCUIT



REV DOREEN KOFFIE-WILLIAMS

Welcome Service

6 September 2026 | The Square Methodist Church, Dunstable, LU6 3SN

6PM START
REFRESHMENTS FOLLOWING |
OFFICE@SOUTHBEDSMETHODIST.ORG.UK

The Methodist Church

LUTON COUNCIL OF FAITHS

PEACE WALK 2026

SATURDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2026

Join us for the 30th Annual Peace Walk: A public demonstration of community solidarity to build a stronger Luton by fostering understanding and friendship.

Parking Available at:
Guru Nanak Gurdwara
(2A Dallow Rd, Luton LU1 1LY)
& Holy Ghost Church
(33, Westbourne Rd, Luton LU4 8JD)

Please dress modestly.
Head covering advised at some venues.

For more information
contact us on
info@lutonfaiths.org

A shared journey of understanding, respect and friendship

Friendship Stops
12.15: Start: St Mary's Church
(Church St, Luton LU1 3JF)

Town Hall War Memorial
(Upper George Street, Luton LU1 2BQ)

Guru Nanak Gurdwara
(2A Dallow Rd, Luton LU1 1LY)

Luton Central Mosque
(2-12 Westbourne Rd, Luton LU4 8JD)

17.30 Ends

A journey made warmer with refreshments and generous host welcome at stops.

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