The Olive Tree Church

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Thankful in All Things

Living a life anchored in God's goodness

Key Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5:18 (KJV)

> **"In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."**

This Month at a Glance

Sunday 1 Nov	**All Saints' Sunday and Holy Communion** 10:30 am. Led by Rev. Michael Anokye
Saturday 7 Nov	**Fireworks** 5:00 pm

Sunday 8 Nov	**Remembrance Sunday** 10:30 am. Led by Robin Wright
Sunday 29 Nov	**First Sunday of Advent** 10:30 am. Led by Rev Michael Anokye

A Message for November

Dear Olive Tree Church Family,

Welcome to November! As a new month begins, we have another chance to celebrate God's goodness, grace and faithfulness. Our theme, "Thankful in All Things", is more than a phrase. It is an invitation to make gratitude part of everyday life.

Giving thanks comes easily when prayers are answered, doors open, and life is going well. Real gratitude, though, runs deeper than our circumstances. It grows out of our trust in a God who stays faithful through uncertainty, disappointment and long seasons of waiting.

When Paul urges us to give thanks in every circumstance, he is not saying that everything that happens to us is good, or that we should hide our pain. He is reminding us that, whatever we face, we can keep trusting in God's goodness and faithfulness.

So this month, let us take time to notice the blessings we so often take for granted, value the people God has placed around us, and see His grace in both the remarkable and everyday moments of life.

> **Church family, never let what you are going through make you forget what God has already brought you through!**

As we worship, pray, serve and spend time together, may our hearts overflow with thanksgiving. May our homes be full of praise, our words marked by gratitude, and our lives a living witness to God's goodness.

May the Lord bless you and your family throughout November. Welcome to a month of thanksgiving!

Our November Declaration

I will remain thankful in all things. In seasons of abundance, I will give thanks. In seasons of waiting, I will give thanks. In moments of joy and in times of tears, I will continue to trust God. My gratitude does not depend on what I possess; it is rooted in who God is. By His grace, thanksgiving will be my lifestyle, and praise will continually be on my lips!

What's On

November Church Calendar

Sunday services run from 10:30 to 11:30 am unless otherwise stated.

Date	Time	Event	Led by
Sunday 1	10:30–11:30 am	**All Saints' Sunday & Holy Communion**	Rev Michael Anokye
Thursday 5	10:30 am–12 noon	**Chair Aerobics**	
	7:30–8:30 pm	**Encounter Prayer Meeting**	

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Saturday 7	5:00 pm	**Messy Fireworks**	Claire
Sunday 8	10:30–11:30 am	**Remembrance Sunday**	Robin Wright
Thursday 12	10:30 am–12 noon	**Coffee Morning**	
	7:30–8:30 pm	**Encounter Prayer Meeting**	
Sunday 15	10:30–11:30 am	**Sunday Service**	Belinda Freeman
Monday 16	7:30 pm	**Leadership Meeting**	
Thursday 19	10:30 am–12 noon	**Chair Aerobics**	
	7:30–8:30 pm	**Encounter Prayer Meeting**	
Sunday 22	10:30–11:30 am	**Christ the King Sunday**	Belinda Freeman
Thursday 26	10:30 am–12 noon	**Coffee Morning**	
	7:30–8:30 pm	**Encounter Prayer Meeting**	
Sunday 29	10:30–11:30 am	**First Sunday of Advent**	Rev Michael Anokye

Come Along and Join Us

Thursday mornings, 10:30 am to 12 noon

Chair Aerobics and Coffee Morning

Our Thursday mornings alternate each week, so you can always enjoy gentle exercise, friendship, refreshments, and fellowship. Chair Aerobics: 5 and 19 November. Coffee Morning: 12 and 26 November.

Every Thursday, 7:30 to 8:30 pm

Encounter Prayer Meeting

Join us as we come together in prayer, seeking God's presence, guidance and strength.

Service Arrangements

Important Service Arrangements

Sunday 8 November

Remembrance Sunday

Robin Wright will lead the service at The Olive Tree Church. Rev Michael Anokye will be at High Street, Leagrave.

Sunday 15 November

Sunday Service

Belinda Freeman will lead the service at The Olive Tree Church. Rev Michael Anokye will be at Beach Hill.

Looking Ahead: Sunday 29 November

Advent Begins

Sunday 29 November is the First Sunday of Advent, when we begin preparing our hearts to celebrate the coming of Jesus Christ.

As we move from a month of thanksgiving into Advent, let us remember that Jesus is God's greatest gift to the world. May our gratitude lead us into renewed hope, deeper faith and a greater love for one another.

A Word of Encouragement

Dear church family, whatever November brings, let us meet it with faith, hope and grateful hearts. When life is good, give thanks. When the road is hard, keep trusting. And when answers seem slow to come, remember that God is faithful.

Gratitude is more than thanking God for what He has done; it is trusting Him for who He is. May the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, and may thanksgiving overflow in all we do.

"O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever." Psalm 107:1 (KJV)