

NOVEMBER 2025

# *The Parish Call*

A NEWSLETTER FOR OUR COMMUNITY'S PARISH MEMBERS



## **MESSAGE FROM THE VICAR**

### *A Month of Remembrance*

November is a month of remembrance. We remember those who gave their lives in war, fighting against oppression and for the cause of freedom. We also remember all who have given of themselves to bless us—their sacrifice has made it possible for us to be here today, and we give thanks.

Above all, we remember what God has done for us through His Son, Jesus Christ. In response to His grace, this month we are hosting a special deanery confirmation service, where people will be baptised and confirmed in faith.

Who are the people who have shaped your life? Who has helped you become the person you are today? And what kind of person would you like to be remembered as?

Let God's grace continue to form us. May His love overflow through our lives, blessing the generations to come.

With every blessing,  
Revd. Young Lee

## **SUNDAY SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER**

2<sup>nd</sup> November (HC) - Together we grow

- Hebrews 10:19-25
- John 13:34-35

9<sup>th</sup> November (MW) - Remembrance Sunday

- Isaiah 2:1-5
- John 15:9-17

16<sup>th</sup> November (HC) - Safeguarding Sunday 1

- 1 John 3:16-24
- James 2:14-26

23<sup>rd</sup> November (AAW) - Safeguarding Sunday 2

- Psalm 91

30<sup>th</sup> November (YPF-led) - Advent Sunday

- Isaiah 64:1-9
- Mark 13:24-37

- HC = Holy Communion | MW = Morning Worship | AAW = All Age Worship

## **You can contact the Church Office:**

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- Rev. Young Lee, vicar of St John's | Email: [young@stjohnse15.org](mailto:young@stjohnse15.org) | Day of rest: Monday
- Website: [www.stjohnse15.org](http://www.stjohnse15.org) | [www.facebook.com/stjohnse15](https://www.facebook.com/stjohnse15)

## REGULAR MEETINGS IN NOVEMBER

- Monday to Friday, 6pm – Facebook Evening Prayer
  - Join us online for Evening Prayer each weekday.
  - Visit: [www.facebook.com/stjohnse15](https://www.facebook.com/stjohnse15)
- Tuesday, 11am – Healing Café
  - Bible study and a hot meal in the church café area.
  - For more details, speak to Sheva or Iris.
- Thursday, 12.40pm – Lunchtime HC
  - A short reflective service with sharing of the Holy Communion.
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>, 11am – Prayer Walk
  - An opportunity to pray for our community.
  - Speak to Iris for more details.
- Saturday 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>, 11.30am – Gazebo Outreach
  - Our fortnightly outreach in the churchyard, beginning with a gathering in the church café at 11am.
  - For more details, speak to Eon.
- Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November after the service
  - Men's Ministry meeting in St Stephen's
  - Women's Ministry meeting in CCR
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November, 10pm – End of Month Night Prayer (online)
  - A time of prayer and reflection on Zoom to close the month.
  - Join Zoom Meeting:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89705427512?pwd=bmxzBm1hPbFBFejd4OEclYTBPpUVBjQT09>  
Meeting ID: 897 0542 7512  
Passcode: 984804
  - For more details, speak to Ayo.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- Remembrance Sunday - Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November
  - Service starts at 10.45am to allow for 2 minutes of silence.
- Confirmation Service Rehearsal - Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November, 1pm
  - Rehearsal for the deanery confirmation service on 16<sup>th</sup> November.
- PCC Meeting - Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November
- Safeguarding Sundays - Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 11am
- Deanery Confirmation Service - Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November, 6.30pm
  - Do pray for our confirmation candidates and for the Bishop of Barking who will be presiding over the service.
- Winter Wonderland - Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November, 4pm
  - Organised by Stratford Original BID, a special free family event to celebrate the coming of Christmas.
- Christmas Decorating - Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November, 10am
  - Come join us as we decorate the church to prepare for Christmas.
- Christmas Choir Rehearsal - Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec, 7.30pm
- Upcoming Christmas Events:
  - Carpenters Estate Carolling - 5 Dec, 11.45am
  - Healing Cafe Carol Service - 9 Dec, 11am
  - Transform Newham Civic Carol Service - 12 Dec, 6.30pm
  - Carols by Candlelight - 21 Dec, 6.30pm
  - Midnight Holy Communion - 24 Dec, 11pm
  - Christmas Day - 25 Dec, 11am
  - Watchnight Service - 21 Dec, 11.15pm

## MONTHLY PRAYER UPDATE - NOVEMBER

### Our Wider Community

- Our local Stratford Churches
- For an end to street violence, knife and drug crime in East London
- For the vulnerable in our community, particularly during this cost of living crisis
- For God's peace in Ukraine, the Middle East, Pakistan, India, Sudan, Nigeria, and other global conflicts

### Members of the Congregation for health issues

- Marion and Peter (Bev's sister and brother-in-law)
- Rev Young, his brother and mother
- Kim, Mona, Joan, Millie Ferguson, Joyce

### Recently Bereaved members of the Congregation

- Bridget for the loss of her dad
- Daniel and his family for the loss of Patrick
- Joyce for the loss of her family member
- Friends and family of Garry Walker

### For Our Mission Links

In November, we pray for C.S.W.

- Prayers for people imprisoned for their faith (e.g. in Eritrea, Iran, or China)
- Advocacy for freedom of religion or belief in countries like Nigeria, India, and Myanmar
- Support for families of persecuted believers and for justice and reconciliation in conflict regions

***\*\*If you have any prayer requests or need a pastoral visit, please let us know. \*\****

## EVENTS IN NOVEMBER

| Sunday                                                                                                               | Monday                                       | Tuesday                                     | Wednesday                                       | Thursday                                          | Friday                                                   | Saturday                                                         |
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|                                                                                                                      |                                              |                                             |                                                 |                                                   |                                                          | 1<br>Gazebo Outreach, 11am                                       |
| 2<br>HC Service, 11am                                                                                                | 3<br>FEP, 6pm                                | 4<br>Healing Cafe, 11am<br>---<br>FEP, 6pm  | 5<br>FEP, 6pm                                   | 6<br>Lunchtime HC, 12.40pm<br>---<br>FEP, 6pm     | 7<br>FEP, 6pm                                            | 8                                                                |
| 9<br>Remembrance Sunday, 10.45am<br>---<br>Confirmation Service Rehearsal, 1pm<br>---<br>Men's & Women's Groups, 2pm | 10<br>FEP, 6pm<br>---<br>PCC Meeting, 7.30pm | 11<br>Healing Cafe, 11am<br>---<br>FEP, 6pm | 12<br>Prayer walk, 11am<br>---<br>FEP, 6pm      | 13<br>Lunchtime HC, 12.40pm<br>---<br>FEP, 6pm    | 14<br>FEP, 6pm                                           | 15<br>Gazebo Outreach, 11am                                      |
| 16<br>HC Service, 11am<br>---<br>Deanery Confirmation Service, 6.30pm                                                | 17<br>FEP, 6pm                               | 18<br>Healing Cafe, 11am<br>---<br>FEP, 6pm | 19<br>FEP, 6pm                                  | 20<br>Lunchtime HC, 12.40pm<br>---<br>FEP, 6pm    | 21<br>FEP, 6pm                                           | 22                                                               |
| 23<br>All-age Worship, 11am                                                                                          | 24<br>FEP, 6pm                               | 25<br>Healing Cafe, 11am<br>---<br>FEP, 6pm | 26<br>Winter Wonderland, 3pm<br>---<br>FEP, 6pm | 27<br>Lunchtime HC, 12.40pm<br>---<br>FEP, 6pm    | 28<br>FEP, 6pm<br>---<br>End of month night prayer, 10pm | 29<br>Christmas Decorating, 10am<br>---<br>Gazebo Outreach, 11am |
| 30<br>Advent Sunday/ YPF-led Worship, 11am                                                                           | 1 Dec<br>FEP, 6pm                            | 2 Dec<br>Choir Christmas Rehearsal, 7.30pm  | 3 Dec<br>FEP, 6pm                               | 4 Dec<br>Lunchtime HC, 12.40pm<br>---<br>FEP, 6pm | 5 Dec<br>FEP, 6pm                                        | 6 Dec                                                            |

FEP: Facebook Evening Prayer ([www.facebook.com/stjohnse15](https://www.facebook.com/stjohnse15))

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