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The Parish Call

A NEWSLETTER FOR OUR COMMUNITY'S PARISH MEMBERS

MESSAGE FROM THE VICAR

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As Christmas approaches, we have one of the greatest opportunities of the year to share the good news of Jesus Christ with our families, friends, and neighbours.

This November, I would like to invite each of us to do one simple thing: prayerfully choose one person whom we could invite to our Christmas services.

Who might that person be? A neighbour, a colleague, a friend, or perhaps someone who has not been to church for many years? Whoever comes to mind, begin by praying for them. Ask the Holy Spirit to open their hearts and create opportunities for meaningful conversations.

But let us remember one important principle of God's mission: Before we invite people to where we are, we must first be willing to go where they are. Take time to listen to their stories, share their joys and struggles, and show genuine love and care.

Our calling is not simply to fill our church building at Christmas, but to help people encounter the love of Jesus.

Imagine what God might do if every one of us faithfully prayed for just one person!

May the Holy Spirit guide us as we share Christ's love with our community.

With love and prayers,
Revd Young Lee

SUNDAY SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER

1st November - Holy Communion
The Church has left the building
- Isaiah 61:1-4
- Luke 4:14-21

8th November - Remembrance Sunday
- Amos 5:18-24
- Matthew 25:1-13

15th November - Holy Communion
Mission Link Presentation: St Joseph's Hospice
- Zephaniah 1:7, 12-end
- Matthew 25:14-30

22nd November - All-Age Worship
- Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
- Matthew 25:31-end

29th November - Morning Worship
- Isaiah 64:1-9
- Mark 13:24-end

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
- For areas around the world suffering the after-effects of climate crises

For Our Mission Links

In November, we pray for **CSW**, which works in over 20 countries across Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East to ensure that the right to freedom of religion or belief is upheld and protected.

Members of the Congregation for health issues
- Rev Young, his brother and mother
- Janice (Bev's sister), David (Bev's brother), Kim, Mona, Joan, Millie Ferguson, Joyce, Rev Pat, Paulette

Recently Bereaved members of the Congregation
- Daniel for the loss of his brother
- Christine for the loss of her family member
- Sheva for the loss of her great-grandniece
- Youjin for the loss of her father
- Grace Ngwatsuku for the loss of her sister

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

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EVENTS IN NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Holy Communion Service, 11am	2 FNP, 9pm	3 FNP, 9pm --- Healing Cafe, 11am	4 FNP, 9pm	5 FNP, 9pm --- Lunchtime HC, 12.40pm	6 FNP, 9pm	7 PCC Breakfast, 9am --- Church Cleaning, 11am
8 Remembrance Sunday Service, 10.45am --- Men's & Women's Groups, 1pm	9 FNP, 9pm	10 FNP, 9pm --- Healing Cafe, 11am	11 FNP, 9pm	12 FNP, 9pm --- Lunchtime HC, 12.40pm	13 FNP, 9pm	14 Church Cleaning, 11am
15 Holy Communion Service, 11am --- Deanery Confirmation Service, 6.30pm	16 FNP, 9pm	17 FNP, 9pm --- Healing Cafe, 11am	18 FNP, 9pm	19 FNP, 9pm --- Lunchtime HC, 12.40pm	20 FNP, 9pm	21 Church Cleaning, 11am
22 All-age Worship, 11am	23 FNP, 9pm	24 FNP, 9pm --- Healing Cafe, 11am --- Westgate Care Home Carolling, 2pm	25 Winter Wonderland, 4pm --- FNP, 9pm	26 FNP, 9pm --- Lunchtime HC, 12.40pm	27 FNP, 9pm	28 Church Cleaning, 11am
29 Morning Worship, 11am	30 FNP, 9pm					

FNP: Facebook Night Prayer on Facebook (www.facebook.com/stjohnse15)
*End of Month Night Prayer on Zoom (Meeting ID: 862 5670 7791; Passcode: 473130)

Praying for our neighbours

In November, we pray for: Chant St, Chant Square, Bryant St, Chopwell Close, Widden St, Pitchford St, School 21, John F Kennedy School, and West Ham Lane.. Do commit these areas of our parish to your daily prayers.

EVERY MEMBER MINISTRY

We believe everyone has a part to play to **BE CHURCH TOGETHER**. Therefore, we seek **Every-Person Ministry** at St John's. There are many opportunities to be part of the ministry. If you sense God's nudging to a particular ministry, please speak to us.



SUNDAY SERVICE TEAMS - Welcomers, Carpark team, Refreshments team, Cake team, Sound & Visual team, Readers, Choir & Worship team, Intercessors, Sunday Clubs & YPF (Youth group) team

WEEKDAYS - Weekday Receptionists

GRIME BUSTERS - Church cleaning team on Saturday at 11am

GAZEBO TEAM - Mission & Evangelism team on Saturday