

The Parish Call

A NEWSLETTER FOR OUR COMMUNITY'S PARISH MEMBERS

MESSAGE FROM THE VICAR

Dear friends,

As we enter May, I want to share a little about the season ahead. This will be a time of sabbatical leave for me—a gift of space to rest, pray, reflect, and learn. I am deeply grateful for this opportunity, and I carry you with me in my prayers throughout.

But this is not a season for the church to pause. Quite the opposite. It is a moment to step in—to take hold of fresh opportunities to serve, to lead, and to grow together in faith. In this time, I want especially to encourage us in how we relate to one another: to be kind, to listen well, and not to rush to speak, but to seek first to understand. As Corin reminded us at the APCM, “Stay excited about your faith as you serve the Lord.” (Romans 12:11) Let us hold on to that encouragement, remembering that in all we do, we are serving the Lord.

Please be assured that the church is in safe and capable hands. Our churchwardens will oversee the life of the parish, working closely with the ministry team and PCC. Together, they will ensure that our worship, pastoral care, and mission continue faithfully.

I encourage you to remain prayerful, present, and expectant. The Lord is at work among us, and this season may well be one of quiet strengthening and new beginnings.

With every blessing,
Revd. Young Lee

MONTHLY PRAYER UPDATE - MAY

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

Recently Bereaved members of the Congregation

- Joyce for the loss of her family member
- Charles Thomas for the loss of his brother, Philip
- Friends and family of Jennifer Rogers

Members of the Congregation for health issues

- Janice (Bev's sister)
- Rev Young, his brother and mother
- Kim, Mona, Joan, Millie Ferguson, Joyce, Tony
- Rev Pat's cancer treatment

For Our Mission Links

In May, we pray for **Open Doors**, as they serve persecuted Christians around the world – may God strengthen His church and remind every believer that they are not forgotten.

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

SUNDAY SERVICES FOR MAY

3rd May - Holy Communion

- Acts 7:55-end
- John 14:1-4

10th May - Morning Worship

- Acts 17:22-31
- John 14:15-21
 - Guest speaker from CSW

17th May - Holy Communion

- Acts 1:6-14
- John 20:19-23

24th May - All Age Worship & Pentecost Sunday

- Acts 2:1-21
- John 20:19-23
 - We celebrate One Nation Day on Pentecost Sunday.

31st May - Morning Worship

- Isaiah 20:12-17, 27-end
- Matthew 28:16-end

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EVENTS IN MAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 FNP, 9pm	2 Church Cleaning, 11am
3 Holy Communion Service, 11am	4 FNP, 9pm	5 FNP, 9pm	6 FNP, 9pm	7 Lunchtime HC, 12.40pm --- FNP, 9pm	8 FNP, 9pm	9 Gazebo Outreach, 11am --- Church Cleaning, 11am
10 Morning Worship, 11am --- Men's & Women's Groups, 1pm	11 FNP, 9pm	12 Healing Cafe, 11am --- FNP, 9pm	13 FNP, 9pm	14 Lunchtime HC, 12.40pm --- FNP, 9pm	15 FNP, 9pm	16 Church Cleaning, 11am
17 Holy Communion Service, 11am	18 FNP, 9pm	19 Healing Cafe, 11am --- FNP, 9pm	20 FNP, 9pm	21 Lunchtime HC, 12.40pm --- FNP, 9pm	22 FNP, 9pm	23 Gazebo Outreach, 11am --- Church Cleaning, 11am
24 All-age Worship, 11am --- One Nation Day, 1pm	25 FNP, 9pm	26 Healing Cafe, 11am --- FNP, 9pm	27 FNP, 9pm	28 Lunchtime HC, 12.40pm --- FNP, 9pm	29 FNP, 9pm --- End of Month Night Prayer, 10pm*	30 Church Cleaning, 11am
31 Morning Worship, 11am						

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 May, we pray for: Victoria and Hallings Wharves, Peter Heathfield House, new blocks on north of High St, all student accommodation, Mary Ward College, Wise Rd, Kerrison Rd, Rick Roberts Way. 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

GRIME BUSTERS - Church cleaning team on Saturday at 11am

GAZEBO TEAM - Mission & Evangelism team on Saturday