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## Your monthly update from Earley St Peter's church: November 2025

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**Thought for the month** from Revd Kajsa

### Sunshine Social is coming to our church hall in November

Sunshine Social is a new and inclusive meeting place for all those who live with dementia and their carers, family, and/or friends. It is a positive space where we meet to socialise and get engaged in activities such as playing skittles, doing puzzles, or drawing, if that is what you want to do. Coffee, tea and cakes are available for a donation. We're meeting every first Monday of the month at 2-3:30pm, starting 3 November. Though it is run by the church, and our motivation to run the Social is faith-based, we are open to all faiths and none. And if you can play the piano, this is a great chance to practise and spread joy!

In the words of the wonderful poet Maya Angelou: *"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."* Sunshine Social is a space where you can unwind and recharge among friends, and hopefully leave feeling happy and loved.

Sunshine Social wouldn't be running without its lovely volunteers. If you want to volunteer, please contact Rev'd Kajsa:

[curate@earleystpeters.org.uk](mailto:curate@earleystpeters.org.uk) – tasks are varied and include socialising and making and serving drinks and cake.

And as this is the church newsletter, here's an excellent Bible quote from Romans.

### **Romans 8:38-39**

<sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Dementia cannot separate us from the love of God. We, as God's children, have a duty to spread that love in whatever way we can. Sunshine Social is one such way. I hope you can make it!

### **Services and Events in November**

*(the information below is also available via My ChurchSuite and our web site)*

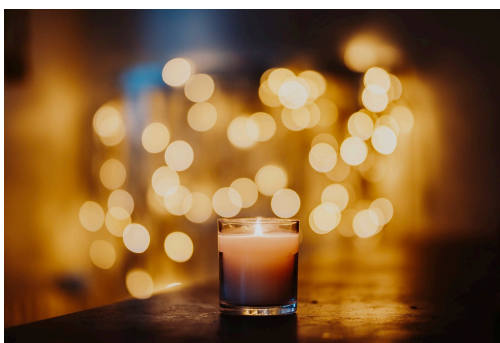
We meet every weekday morning at 8.45am (Fridays at 8.30am) in the church for Morning Prayer. All welcome.

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| Sunday 2 November | 8am  | Holy Communion |
|                   | 10am | Bread & Wine   |

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|                      | 3pm     | All Souls' service (see below)                                                 |
|                      | 6.30pm  | Questions and Cake                                                             |
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| Monday 3 November    | 9am     | Church open                                                                    |
|                      | 2pm     | Sunshine Social                                                                |
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| Tuesday 4 November   | 9am     | Drop-in morning                                                                |
|                      | 11am    | Holy Communion                                                                 |
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| Wednesday 5 November | 9am     | Church open                                                                    |
|                      | 10.15am | Tots & Teddies                                                                 |
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| Sunday 9 November    | 10am    | Remembrance Service with Song School<br>Children's Church<br>Inspiration Group |
|                      | 6.30pm  | Choral Eucharist for Remembrance                                               |
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| Monday 10 November   | 9am     | Church open                                                                    |
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| Tuesday 11 November  | 9am     | Church open                                                                    |
|                      | 11am    | Holy Communion                                                                 |

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| Wednesday 12<br>November | 9am     | Church open                                                                                                                   |
|                          | 10.15am | Tots & Teddies                                                                                                                |
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| Thursday 13<br>November  | 10am    | Thursday@10: Coffee and chat                                                                                                  |
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| Friday 14 November       | 9.30am  | Church cleaning (see below)                                                                                                   |
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| Saturday 15<br>November  | 2pm     | Be a Chorister Day (see below)                                                                                                |
|                          | 7pm     | Quiz Night (see below)                                                                                                        |
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| Sunday 16 November       | 10am    | <i>Cathedral Music Trust Celebration<br/>Sunday</i> (see below)<br>Parish Communion<br>Children's Church<br>Inspiration Group |
|                          | 6.30pm  | Reflective Communion<br>Questions and Cake                                                                                    |
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| Monday 17 November       | 9am     | Church open                                                                                                                   |
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| Tuesday 18 November      | 9am     | Church open                                                                                                                   |
|                          | 11am    | Holy Communion                                                                                                                |
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| Wednesday 19<br>November | 9am     | Church open                                                  |
|                          | 10.15am | Tots & Teddies                                               |
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| Saturday 22<br>November  | 2pm     | Study: Introduction to Matthew's Gospel                      |
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| Sunday 23 November       | 10am    | Parish Communion<br>Children's Church                        |
|                          | 6.30pm  | Choral Evensong                                              |
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| Tuesday 25 November      | 9am     | Church open                                                  |
|                          | 11am    | Holy Communion                                               |
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| Wednesday 26<br>November | 9am     | Church open                                                  |
|                          | 10.15am | Tots & Teddies                                               |
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| Thursday 27<br>November  | 10am    | Thursday@10: Jennifer Bell - 'Why I became an Archaeologist' |
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| Sunday 30 November       | 10am    | Parish Communion<br>Children's Church                        |
|                          | 6.30pm  | Advent Carol Service with Song School                        |



**2 November, 3pm: All Souls' service.** We invite you to a service of music, reflection and silence to remember our loved ones. During the service, we will read aloud the names of our loved ones. The names of those who have died in the last two years will be added automatically to this list.



**Church cleaning:** Our team who clean the church once a month would warmly welcome new members. They meet at 9.30am on the second Friday in the month for around one hour, but there is no need to come for the whole time, or every month. If you can help, please speak to Margaret Thomas or contact the parish office. The next session is on 14 November.



**15 November, 2-5pm: 'Be A Chorister' Day.** We invite anyone in school years 4-7 to discover what it's like to be part of our Song School. You'll spend an afternoon of singing and vocal training with professional musicians, followed by a short performance. Free of charge! To sign up, [click here](#). The deadline for applying is 7 November.

**15 November, 7pm:** Quiz Night in the church hall in aid of Alexander Devine Children's Hospice Service and Earley St Peter's church. Tickets £10. Come as a team of eight people, a smaller group or join a team on the night. Please bring your own drinks and nibbles. To reserve a place, email Julia Eversham on [davidweversham@talktalk.net](mailto:davidweversham@talktalk.net) or speak to

Helen Price or Mary Brooke.

**16 November:** This is Cathedral Music Trust's Celebration Sunday, a day when we celebrate the Church Choir Award of £3,000 we have received for the purpose of supporting and developing our Song School activities, and give thanks for the generosity of the Trust's donors who make such awards possible.



*Ben, our Director of Music,  
receiving the Church Choir Award*

**23 November:** At the 10am service there will be an opportunity to find out about various Bible Study notes that people can subscribe to. These are short daily readings and reflections, and there are a number of different types to choose from. Some of our regular congregation use various daily Bible Study resources and find they really enhance their lives and faith journey. Another order is due to be placed for 2026 in mid-December, but it is possible to obtain booklets throughout the year too.

**Harvest Gratitude Wall:** The Harvest Gratitude Wall will remain in place in November. This is where people have an opportunity to buy a thank you card, write their message of gratitude and pin it to the wall. All proceeds will go to the Woodley Food Bank.

**Buddy system for lifts to church:** To help some of our parishioners get to church on Sundays, we are operating a 'buddy system' to pair up volunteer drivers with those needing a lift. If you are able to offer someone a lift regularly or occasionally, please would you contact Keith Jordan, who is coordinating the buddy system, on [jordankeith@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jordankeith@hotmail.co.uk). A big thank you to all who currently drive others to church, it is so helpful, appreciated and important.

**Pastoral support:** Our pastoral team will be happy to hear if you, or anybody you know, would welcome a phone call or visit. Please contact



the parish of office (0118 966 8575) or Mary Brooke (0118 926 2153)

**Food Bank donations:** Thank you for all your support to our local food bank with donations of tins, cartons, dried goods with a long shelf life and also personal hygiene items. Please donate if you are able in the box at the back of church. Our continued support is still very much needed.



More information here: [www.woodleyfoodbank.org](http://www.woodleyfoodbank.org)

### **Life in all its fullness**

These are the most recent details of our upcoming study groups and training sessions. Check our notice boards, social media and website for more details and updates.



#### **'Introduction to Matthew's Gospel'**

*In preparation for the new Church liturgical year (Year A).*

Saturday 22 November 2-4pm

### **Dates for your diary**

**3, 10, 17 December, 6.30pm:** Praying Through Advent

**12 December, 1pm:** Advent/Christmas Crafts

**14 December, 3pm:** Christingle Crafts and Service

**21 December:** Nine Lessons and Carols with Song School





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