



Berkhamsted  
Baptist Church

# Weekly News

## Sunday 4th August 2024

### A family following Jesus

**Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness. Genesis 15 v 6 (NIV)**

**Welcome to our Morning Service with communion led by our minister Revd Karen Bugg**

### Order of Service

Welcome and notices  
Call to worship  
**Song 201:** Guide me, O thou great Jehovah  
Prayer  
Introduction to summer series  
**Song:** It is the cry of my heart to follow you  
Talk introduction  
Bible reading: Genesis 12 vs 1 - 9  
Talk  
**Response song:** By faith we see the hand of God  
Communion  
Intercessions  
**Song 1261:** Brother, sister let me serve you  
Closing prayer and blessing  
The Grace

### Notices

**Maureen Cox's funeral** will be on Monday 12th August at 3.30pm at Chilterns Crematorium Amersham.

**Karen will be on holiday** from 17th-26th August. Whilst she is away, please contact one of the Leadership or Pastoral Care Team with any church family issues. Thank you.

Every Sunday from 21st July until 1st September inclusive we will be having all-age services which will be appropriate for the whole church family, whatever their age. Children will therefore stay in the service rather than attending Sunday School. The services

will not be live-streamed on the fourth Sunday of the month, i.e. 25th August.

**Meet & Make is on Tuesdays, 1.30-3.00 pm** in the Lower Hall, using the Holliday Street entrance. Come and join us for a time spent doing arts and crafts or jigsaws and puzzles. All welcome. We will be taking a break during the summer, as a result there will be no Meet and Make on either 13th or 20th August.

**Open Church** takes place every Thursday **10.00am until noon**. When the weather is better we meet at the front of the church. Do join us for tea/coffee and cake.  
*Carla & Sue*

Date for your diary: There will be a church **picnic** at the manse (72 Bridgewater Road) from 12.30pm on **Sunday 11th August**.

**Weekly Offering.** Each Sunday there will be two offering boxes, one on each side of the sanctuary, just inside the entrance doors.

**Alpha** - We have decided to pause the Alpha course for the summer and restart it in the autumn. Look out for notices later this summer with the details of when we will reconvene.

Our **Small Groups** meet weekly and fortnightly. You are encouraged to attend one to share in mid-week fellowship and learn more about Jesus through his Word. Please speak to Pat Ginger, Sandra Wotton or Alun Sainsbury if you wish to join or try a group.

We are continuing to collect food and other grocery items for the **DENS Foodbank**; these are delivered

to Hemel Hempstead each week. Please leave your contributions in the box in the church entrance.

Their urgent needs include:

- Jars of cooking sauces
- Tinned ham
- Biscuits
- Sponge puddings
- Jelly
- Rice
- Tinned mackerel
- Tinned corned beef
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned peas/carrots
- Instant mashed potato
- Jams and spreads
- Tinned fruit
- Custard
- Tinned spaghetti hoops
- Carrier bags
- Men's and women's deodorants
- Size 5-7 nappies
- Baby wipes
- Toothbrushes

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

## Prayers

Please pray for

- The Open Church team
- An end to the violence in the Middle East
- Christians involved in the Olympic Games
- People struggling with finance

*From BMS World Mission*

Pray for BMS' work with Christian leaders in Ghana, India and Western Europe. Pray for a good outcome to these collaborations and ask that they will produce many creative expressions of mission.

For all your saints  
who have gone before,  
and by their example  
have brought us to your throne,  
we offer our grateful thanks.  
For all who through  
dark days and nights,  
held on to their faith  
facing the fiercest foe,  
we offer our grateful thanks.  
For all your saints  
gathered here today,  
who by their service  
bring love into this world,

we offer our grateful thanks,  
Alpha and Omega,  
God of today and all days,  
Amen.

From <https://www.faithandworship.com/prayers>

I do not walk in darkness  
But in your light and love.  
You carry me when my feet fail  
And hold me high above.  
And I do not drift in every tide  
But stand upon your truth.  
You are my map, my friend, my guide  
I put my trust in you.  
So as I walk, a shield of faith  
Surrounds my every move.  
You are my quiet fortress,  
I know I'm safe in you.

*Prayer courtesy of [www.prayerscapes.com](http://www.prayerscapes.com)*

Yours, Lord is the Glory  
in everything I see;  
a country scene,  
mountain stream,  
sunrise, sunset, rain and snow.

Yours, Lord is the Glory  
wherever I might go

Yours, Lord is the Glory  
in everything I hear;  
a roaring sea,  
bumblebee,  
laughter, loving, a tender poem.

Yours, Lord is the Glory  
wherever I might go

Yours, Lord is the Glory  
in everything I feel;  
a special place,  
warm embrace,  
accepted, helped to become whole

From <https://nickfawcett.uk/>

## And finally...

Those who have faith are children of Abraham.  
*Galatians 3 v 7 (NIV)*

*Items for the next News Sheet to Chris Hayward by Thursday 8th August, please.*