



Berkhamsted
Baptist Church

Weekly News

Sunday 18th August 2024

A family following Jesus

A time is coming and has now come when the true worshippers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshippers the Father seeks. *John 4 v 23 (NIV)*

Welcome to our Morning Service with communion led by Rev Peter Swaffield

Order of Service

Welcome
Call to worship
Song 560: Praise my soul the King of heaven
Song 142: Father, we love you
Prayers
"All-age talk"
Song: Will you come and follow me
Intercessions
Bible Reading: John 4 vs 1 - 26
Song 673: There is a Redeemer
Sermon
Song 454: Majesty! Worship his majesty!
Communion
The Lord's Prayer
Song 428: Lord for the years
The Grace

Notices

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.

Margaret and Megan are again doing the **Bike 'n' Hike** on 14th September. Please sponsor us if you can; half the money comes back to the church. Many thanks.
Margaret Pike

Thank you!

As Sandra Wotton and Lydia Carmichael step down from the Sunday school team this summer, I would like to thank you both for all you have done for the children in our church. Encouraging them to explore faith in fun ways and providing a space for them to grow in their love for Jesus is so important and I am grateful for all the support and care you have given to the youngest members of our church family. *Karen*

More Sunday School team members needed!

We would love some more people to join our Sunday morning children's team! Each Sunday school session there are two adult leaders – one prepares and leads the session, and one assists with the activities. If you would be interested in joining the team in either capacity, please speak to Alun or Karen for more details. 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 taking a two-week summer break and will restart on **Tuesday 27th 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

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 Bible Study groups
- Those struggling with health problems
- Refugees throughout the world
- Those affected by the wildfires in Greece

From BMS World Mission

Praise God for BMS-supported evangelist Nitay, who has led many people to Christ in northern Bangladesh. Pray that the new believers will grow in their walk with Christ.

Dear Father God,
I know that when I am weak you are my strength.
You understand that these are the times when I need to be carried by you.
I pray that you would gently renew my strength,
speak your words of encouragement into my mind,
sing songs of hope over my soul and awaken my heart.
I look to you.
Amen.

Prayer courtesy of www.prayerscapes.com

Lord, we come to you hesitantly,
overwhelmed by your greatness,
yet you welcome us with arms outstretched.
We come guiltily,
crushed by a sense of failure,
yet you pick us up and wash us clean.
We come uncertainly,
our faith weak and wavering,
yet you are always close,
eager to bless us
and lead us forward into new experiences of your love.
So we come –
joyfully,
gratefully,
reverently,
hungry to worship you –
and once more you are here,
waiting to surprise us with the wonder of your grace.
Receive our praise,
in Jesus' name.
Amen.

From <https://nickfawcett.uk/>

In my going out
and coming in,
my rising
and sleeping,
watch over me,
keep me from harm.
In summer sun
and winter rain,
my joyfulness
and sorrow
watch over me,
keep me from harm.
In the darkness
and in lighter days
my fears
and comfort,
watch over me,
keep me from harm.
This day,
and all days.

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

And finally...

Whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.

John 4 v 14 (NIV)

*Items for the next News Sheet to Fliss Nesbitt by
Thursday 22nd August, please.*