



Berkhamsted  
Baptist Church

# Weekly News

## Sunday 11th August 2024

### A family following Jesus

The path of the righteous is like the morning sun, shining ever brighter till the full light of day.  
*Proverbs 4 v 18 (NIV)*

Welcome to our Morning Service led by our minister Revd Karen Bugg

### Order of Service

Welcome and notices

Call to worship

**Song 1267:** Come, people of the risen King

The Lord's Prayer

Taking risks all-age activity

**Song 870:** Jesus is the name we honour

**Song 880:** Lord, I come to you

Intercessions

The story of Esther

Bible reading: Esther 4.1-17

Talk

**Song (video):** In my wrestling and in my doubts

Prayer

**Song 1072:** In Christ alone

Blessing

The Grace

### 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!

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

### Notices

Our **church picnic** is after the service today. Bring your lunch to 72 Bridgewater Road from 12.30 and enjoy some fun and fellowship.

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

**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*

Every Sunday until 1st September 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.

Berkhamsted's **John Sayer Almshouses** are having another open day on Saturday 17th August 10am - 2pm. Come and have a look behind the scenes at this historic building, learn about our restoration

project and meet the residents. Tea and cake in the garden. Entertainment from BURP (Berkhamsted Ukelele Random Players). Entry free, donations welcome! [235-241 High Street Berkhamsted](https://www.berkhamstedchurch.org.uk/) (opposite the post office).

**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 fine, we meet at the front of the church. Do join us for tea/coffee and cake. *Carla & Sue*

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 Sunday school team
- An end to the violence in the Middle East
- Those affected by the riots in the UK
- Children and their parents during the school holiday

*From BMS World Mission*

Much has been suffered by Afghans in the three years since the takeover by the Taliban: withdrawal of the international community, collapse of the social and economic structures and natural disasters,

including earthquakes and droughts. But as Psalm 102:17 reminds us 'He will respond to the prayer of the destitute; he will not despise their plea'. Despite the many setbacks, God's favour and heart is for the people of Afghanistan. Pray for the Taliban government, their leaders, and those who support them. Pray they understand their responsibilities towards the Afghan people, especially the majority poor.

I have no plans for this day,  
No destination in mind,  
No stops planned along the way.  
I am stepping out in faith  
With you as my guide.  
I shall walk where you lead,  
Follow where you tread,  
Rest where you lay me down,  
Drink from the water  
That you will supply,  
And arriving,  
Know that I am refreshed.  
From <https://www.faithandworship.com/>

For all whose image of your creation  
is marred by pain and suffering  
your kingdom come, your will be done

For those who wake each morning  
to shellfire and destruction  
your kingdom come, your will be done

For children dispossessed of childhood  
and transformed into soldiers  
your kingdom come, your will be done

For orphans wandering lonely roads  
to uncertain futures  
your kingdom come, your will be done

For victims of rape or cruelty  
and those suffering from Aids  
your kingdom come, your will be done

For each persecuted family  
carrying your Cross  
your kingdom come, your will be done  
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## And finally...

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles.  
*Hebrews 12 v 1 (NIV)*

*Items for the next News Sheet to Fliss Nesbitt by Thursday 15th August, please.*

