



Berkhamsted
Baptist Church

Weekly News

Sunday 3rd November 2024

A family following Jesus

His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

Lamentations 3 vs 22b, 23 (NIV)

**Welcome to our 384th Church Anniversary Service, with Communion,
led by Revd Karen Bugg**

Order of Service

Welcome and notices

Call to worship

Song 1267: Come, people of the risen King

Song 1086: Light of the world

Prayer

All-age celebration of church birthday

Song 870: Jesus is the name we honour

Children to leave for their group

Bible reading: Ephesians 4.1-16

Talk

Poem

Communion

Jigsaw prayers/intercessions

Song 990: I will offer up my life

Gift Day prayer

Hymn 200: Great is Thy faithfulness

Blessing and The Grace

Notices

Funeral Service for **Lydia Carmichael** at Chilterns Crematorium, Milton Chapel at 11.30am on Friday 15th November, followed by a Service of Thanksgiving and Celebration at Berkhamsted Baptist Church at 1.15pm.

I believe refreshments will then be served at the George and Dragon, Northchurch. *Karen*

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.

Open Church takes place every Thursday **10.00am until noon**. We meet in the Lower Hall. Do join us for tea/coffee and cake. *Carla & Sue*

The next **Church Members' meeting** will be after the service on Sunday 17th November. As the new constitution has now been adopted, everyone is invited to attend. Only church members, however, will be able to vote.

Ann & Emma would like to thank everyone for all the condolence cards, plants, flowers, texts, emails and prayers. We really do appreciate them; they have helped to lift us at this time when we are dealing with the loss of my mum/Emma's grandmother. We had the interment of mum's ashes on Wednesday 23rd October, when her earthly remains were reunited with her beloved husband of 64 years+ at Milton Keynes Tree Cathedral. It means such a lot to us, at what is a difficult time, to be part of such a caring church family. *With love, Ann & Emma xx*

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:

- Tinned ham

- Tinned corned beef
- Jars of cooking sauces
- Sponge puddings
- Custard
- Tinned rice pudding
- Tinned fruit
- 200ml juices/drinks
- Tinned vegetables
- Cereal bars
- Biscuits
- Tea bags
- 2-in-1 shampoo
- Washing up liquid
- Laundry liquid/powder/tabs
- Men's and women's deodorants
- Size 4-8 nappies
- 75 litre black sacks

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Prayers

Please pray for

- The Meet & Make team
- Those throughout the world living with war
- The children and young people connected to our church
- Those coping with ill health

From BMS World Mission

Pray that God will grant BMS-supported workers in Morocco the wisdom and patience to love those who persecute them. Praise God that the light of the gospel is shining into hearts and homes.

Lord, grant us simplicity of faith
and a generosity of service,
that gives without counting cost.

A life overflowing with Grace,
poured out from the One
who gave everything,
that we might show

the power of love
to a broken world,
and share the truth
from a living Word.

Lord, grant us simplicity of faith,
and a yearning to share it.

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

O Lord,

Were I to count the ways your love has worked in
me,

There'd be no time to list them all, for each day you
have been -

A gentle breeze that's shaped my life.

A fragrance to enjoy.

A seed that's born spring leaves and shoots

That makes my journey full.

Your words have helped me climb the peaks
And lit the valleys dark,
And always I have found the light
Of truth to guide my path.

You've given me the very gift
My heart was yearning for,
And blessed the work my hands have done
To make my offering more.

But more than this, as only you see
You've known my tears and smiles.
To walk so close to a loving friend
Is how I was designed.

And so I am so privileged
And inherit such a prize.
My heart is full of gratitude
And always open wide.

To drink in the beauty of each day
To run and dance and sing,
Because I live within your grace
You are my everything.
Amen.

Prayer courtesy of www.prayerscapes.com

If we had a fraction of the faith in you that you have
in us

then this world would be transformed, Lord.

If we showed a fraction of the love that you show to
us

then this world would be transformed, Lord

If we possessed a fraction of the patience that you
display with us

then this world would be transformed, Lord.

If we shared just a portion of the blessings that we
have received from you

then this world would be transformed, Lord.

If we showed as much trust in others as you have
shown in us

then this world would be transformed, Lord.

If we claimed just a fraction of the power you
promised to your Church

then this world would be transformed, Lord.

Transform us first, Lord, that we might transform this
world

through your love and your power.

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And finally...

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing
with one another in love. *Ephesians 4 v 2 (NIV)*

*Items for the next News Sheet to Chris Hayward by
Thursday 7th November, please.*