



# Weekly News

## Sunday 30th March 2025

### A family following Jesus

As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you. *Isaiah 66 v 13*

Welcome to Family Worship led by our minister Revd Karen Bugg

### Order of Service

Welcome and notices  
Call to worship  
The Lord's Prayer  
**Song 1267:** Come, people of the risen King  
**Song 1003:** My Jesus, my Saviour  
Mothering Sunday gifts  
Mothering Sunday prayer  
**Song** (mp4): Big Family of God  
*Children leave for their groups*  
True or false... activity  
Bible reading (video): The Bible Series Part 6  
Talk: Spirit and Community  
**Song** (mp4): Build your Kingdom here  
Intercessions  
**Hymn 449:** Love divine  
Final prayer & blessing  
The Grace

### Notices

#### Notice from Karen

In our Mothering Sunday service we'll be exploring the theme of the Spirit and Community. In my introduction I'd love you to help me. Before the service, think of two statements that are true about your life and one that is false. We'll share some of these in the service and try to guess which are true/false.

Many thanks to those who came to our **Christian Aid Lent Lunch** last week. We raised £476 plus £87.75 in Gift Aid.  
*Margaret Pike*

We are in the **season of Lent**. I am engaging with the Bible Society's Lent Encounter - Through the Wilderness, which is exploring the book of Exodus. If you haven't already found resources to engage with through Lent, I encourage you to join me. Sign up here: <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/resources/the-lent-encounter>  
*Karen*

The second **Christian Aid Lent Lunch** will be on **Thursday 3rd April** from **noon to 1.30pm** in the Court House. Offers of soup and crumbles would be appreciated, as would offers of help. Otherwise please come and support us on the day. Thanks.

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

**We really need more people to come and help at Open Church as Carla will be unable to do so for several weeks.**

**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.

**First Steps, our parent + toddler group**, meets in the Lower Hall **1.30-2.45 on Thursdays** during term-time. We would love to have more helpers – not necessarily present every week – so please see Karen or Beth if you are able to assist.

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:

- Rice
- Long life juice
- Tinned ham
- Tinned corned beef
- Cooking sauces
- Tinned/packet soup
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned sweetcorn
- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned chickpeas
- Jams/spreads
- Long life milk
- Chocolate
- Tinned spaghetti hoops
- Carrier bags
- Toilet roll
- Kitchen roll
- Laundry liquid/tabs/powder
- Washing up liquid
- Baby wipes

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

## Prayers

Please pray for

- Open Church
- Peace in all areas of war
- The good news of Jesus to be heard throughout the world
- Our outreach to our local community

*From BMS World Mission*

Pray for Valerie Kisaber in Uganda, who works with caregivers to ensure that spaces at home, in school and in the community are ones where young people can safely learn and thrive.

This world I live in,  
this town I live in,  
this street I live in,  
this house I live in,  
may each be the focus of my prayer.

Those I live with,  
those I rub shoulders with,  
those I work with,  
those I don't get on with,  
may each be the focus of my prayer.

**Motto text 2025:** 'When you call out to me and come to me in prayer, I will hear your prayers. When you seek me in prayer and worship, you will find me available to you. If you wholeheartedly seek me, I will make myself available to you,' says the LORD.  
Jeremiah 29 vs 12-14 (NET)

Those who laugh,  
those who cry,  
those who hurt,  
those who hide,  
may each be the focus of my prayer.

Prayers centred less on self  
and more on others,  
less on my circumstances,  
more on the needs of others.

May my life be likewise centred  
less on self and more on You,  
and through You to the world  
in which I live and move.

*From [www.faithandworship.com](http://www.faithandworship.com)*

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)*

God whose love reaches to the highest heavens,  
how can we keep silent?  
God whose righteousness stands like the tallest  
mountain,  
how can we keep silent?  
God whose justice is deeper than any ocean,  
how can we keep silent?  
God whose grace flows like a never-ending river,  
how can we keep silent?  
How can we not proclaim your majesty  
from generation to generation?  
How can we not raise the lamp of your Salvation  
for all the world to see?  
God whose love reaches to the highest heavens,  
we praise your mighty name!

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## And finally...

Let us consider how we may spur one another on  
toward love and good deeds. *Hebrews 10 v 24*

*Items for the next News Sheet to Chris Hayward by  
Thursday 4th April, please*