



Weekly News

Sunday 2nd March 2025

A family following Jesus

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4 vs 6-7 (NIV)

Welcome to our Family Service, with communion, led by Revd Karen Bugg

Order of Service

Welcome and notices
Call to worship
Hymn 564: Praise to the Lord (6 verses)
Introduction
Song: (mp4) Build my life (Worthy of ev'ry song)
Children to leave for their groups
Intercessions
Bible reading: The Bible Series Part 4
Sermon: Exile and peace
Song: (mp4) By faith we see the hand of God
Communion
Song 1003: My Jesus, my Saviour
Final prayer & blessing
The grace

Notices

Notice from Karen

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

There will be a **Church Meeting** including our **AGM on Sunday 9th March** after the morning service in the Lower Hall. All are invited to attend, although only members can vote. In that service, we will be giving thanks and telling stories of how God has been at work over this past year. If you have a story to share, please come prepared to share it so that we can all be encouraged. Our service will be a little shorter than usual to allow time for our church meeting and AGM afterwards.

We will be having a **Bring and Share lunch** after the service on **16th March**, to which everyone is invited. A **sign-up sheet** if you are able to attend is now on the notice board in the Lower Hall. *Kathleen*

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 10.00 am until noon**. We meet in the Lower Hall. Do join us for tea/coffee and cake.

Help. We have had a couple of volunteers – thank you! – but one more person, helping **fortnightly**, would be welcome. Please contact Carla.

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.

The **World Day of Prayer** service this year is here at Berkhamsted Baptist Church on **Friday 7th March at 1.30pm**. We will need cakes to serve after the service. Please let Fliss know if you can help.

The **Way Inn** has a **part-time vacancy** for a retail manager at their bookshop. If you want to find out more, please contact bookshop@wayinn.com for a job description and details, or call into The Bookshop in the Way Inn. Please put ref:manager in the subject line.

Christian Aid Lent Lunches this year will be on **Thursdays 20th March and 3rd April from noon to 1.30** 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 days. Thanks. *Margaret Pike*

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
- Cooking sauces
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned soup
- Tinned sweetcorn
- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned chickpeas
- Jams/spreads
- Long life milk
- Rice
- Chocolate
- Tinned spaghetti hoops
- Toilet roll
- Kitchen roll
- Laundry liquid/tabs/powder
- Washing up liquid
- Baby wipes
- Toothpaste

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Prayers

Please pray for

- The Meet & Make team
- A lasting and just peace in all war-torn countries
- Children and young people connected to our church
- Our outreach to our community

From BMS World Mission

Praise God for the Oasis Mission Hub in Ghana and BMS's support in making this vision a reality. Pray that the mission hub will facilitate the recruiting, training and sending of young African mission workers to places in Africa and beyond.

As I adventure with you today
be the compass that guides me,
the light that shines on my path,
the only one I follow.

As I adventure with you today
be the word that encourages,
the hand that reaches out,
each time I stumble.

As I adventure with you today
let me glimpse our destination,
and appreciate the places
through which you lead me.

As I adventure with you today,
be the strength I need to follow,
and as the day draws to a close
let me rest in your embrace.

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

Father, may each of us grow in love, love for You and love for others. May we know You more and become more discerning, able to walk in wisdom and to know what is good and right and true. Help us to live according to Your Word, as Your ambassadors, pursuing holiness, and bearing the fruit of Your Spirit. This is not possible apart from Jesus Christ. Thank You for His redeeming power! Now may our lives bring glory and praise to You, drawing others to a deeper love and knowledge of Christ.

From <https://prayerist.com/prayer>

Loving God

When we are weary, give us fresh energy;

When we are sleepy, give us rest;

When we are frustrated, give us calmness;

When we are sad, give us comfort;

When we are disappointed, give us hope;

When we are happy, rejoice with us;

When we are hopeful, give us the courage to share;

In everything, turn us back to focus on you,

The One who has given us all things
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Saviour.

From <https://www.baptist.org.uk/> Written by Stephen Smith

And finally...

Wisdom is more precious than rubies, and nothing you desire can compare with her. *Proverbs 8 v 11 (NIV)*

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)

*Items for the next News Sheet to Chris Hayward by
Thursday 6th March, please.*