



Weekly News

Sunday 19th January 2025

A family following Jesus

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due to his name; worship the Lord in the splendour of his holiness.
Psalm 29 v 2 (NIV)

Welcome to our Morning Worship with communion led by Revd Karen Bugg

and join us for a time spent doing arts and crafts or jigsaws and puzzles. All welcome.

Order of Service

Welcome and notices
Call to worship
Song 631: Tell out my soul
Prayer
Song 497: O give thanks to the Lord
Activity
Song: Guardian King of love and grace
Children leave for their group
Bible Reading: Jeremiah 29 vs 12 - 14 (NET version)
Sermon
Song 1003: My Jesus, my Saviour
Communion
Intercessions
Song 624: Take my life and let it be
Final prayer and blessing

Notices

There will be a meeting of church ladies after the church service **today** to plan the year's ladies' events. Please let Vicky Sainsbury have your suggestions and any offers to facilitate events if you are unable to attend the meeting.

There will be a **Church meeting** on **Sunday 26th January** after the service. It will be held in the Lower Hall and everyone is invited to attend.

Meet & Make is on **Tuesdays, 1.30-3.00 pm** in the Lower Hall, using the Holliday Street entrance. Come

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 needed. We need at least two more people to help at **Open Church** with setting up, serving tea and coffee, talking to people and clearing up at the end of the session each week. If you can help with any or all of this 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.

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.

The **World Day of Prayer** this year is here at Berkhamsted Baptist Church on 7th March. We need another person to take part in the service. Please let Fliss know if you are interested or can help in any other way, such as welcoming or helping with refreshments.

Christmas collection for the Hospice of St Francis. I am pleased to be able to tell you that we raised the sum of £245, and this has been passed on to the Hospice. I have already received a letter of thanks

from them which I can show to anyone who would like to read it.

John Ball

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 First Steps team
- People affected by the fires in Los Angeles
- Refugees throughout the world
- Those struggling with finance

From BMS World Mission

Give thanks for the faithful work of BMS mission worker Carlos Tique Jone in Mozambique. Pray that God would be close to him and his family as he faces health issues, and that communities and churches he's served would continue to put into practice what he has taught them.

Thank you Lord God for the opportunity of worship, for the freedom to be amongst your family meeting together in your house, and in the warmth of your embrace

Thank you that in worship we can put aside, the uncertainties of this world and rest upon the certainties of the Kingdom, for your promises are not changeable as those of a politician might be, but immovable and eternal

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)

Thank you that we can bring to your feet all the hurts and fears that trouble us, and leave them there, knowing that your strength and assurance are all that we require

Thank you that as we draw near in worship, we are transported from a world of concerns and fears, to a place where we can be at peace in your presence, find healing, wholeness and refreshment. Thank you Lord God for the opportunity of worship
From <https://www.faithandworship.com/>

God of the journey from year to year,
We offer you our thanks
For the patience you show us
When so often we cause you pain,
For the kindness you show us,
When we struggle to know how to pray,
For the Grace shown to us
Even when we turn away.

God of the journey from year to year
We offer you our thanks
Take the imperfect that we are
And use us as your hands
Take the words we try to say,
That some might understand,
That Love came down at Christmas,
To bring God's Grace to man,
And walked the path we follow
Toward a Promised Land.
God of the journey from year to year
We offer you our thanks
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Your light is the only light I need
as I travel through life's mystery.
Your word the only voice I hear,
that still small voice that leads me
to the place where I should be.
Your presence is the only company I need,
as I walk this narrow road.
Your fellowship the warmth I crave
to help me on my way
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And finally...

God is spirit, and his worshippers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.' *John 4 v 24 (NIV)*

Items for the next News Sheet to Fliss Nesbitt by Thursday 23rd January, please.

