



Weekly News

Sunday 24th May 2026

A family following Jesus

Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. *Acts 2 v 18*

Welcome to our All-Age Pentecost Service led by Revd Karen Bugg

Order of Service

Welcome and notices
Call to worship
Song 1267: Come, people of the risen King
Song 241: Holy Spirit, we welcome you
Bible reading: John 14.15-17
Story – The Helper arrives
Song 151: For I'm building a people of power
Short talk
Activities
Prayer to share
Song 1183: Holy Spirit, living breath of God
All-age prayers
Hymn 67: Breathe on me, breath of God
Final prayer and blessing
The grace

Notices

Today (Sunday 24th May) everyone is invited to join with the other churches in Berkhamsted for the Pentecost picnic at 12.30 pm at Berkhamsted Castle. Bring your own lunch and something to sit on.

Karen will be on holiday Monday 25th - Sunday 31st May. Whilst she is away, please contact the Leadership or Pastoral Care Team with any church-related issues.

I would like to thank everyone for the lovely bouquet of flowers for my birthday. It was a lovely surprise. Thank you all.
Rosie

We are in the process of **spring cleaning** the church. There is a list of tasks to be completed on the notice board in the kitchen corridor. Please sign up to jobs you intend to do, and tick when completed.

Many thanks to all who supported our Christian Aid cake stall last week. **We raised £159** to go to the project in Kenya.
Margaret Pike

Meet & Make is not happening this week; normally we are 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 is on **Thursdays 10.00 am until noon**, but from now on will meet **only on the first and third** Thursdays of the month. Our next two meetings are therefore **4th and 18th June**. Do join us for tea/coffee and cake in the Lower Hall.

There is **no First Steps** on Thursday 28th May; the team are taking a break for Half Term. Otherwise, **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 **Petertide Fair** will be on Sunday 28th June, 12.30 - 3.30pm. Everyone's invited to enjoy a fun-filled family fête in the churchyard of St Peter's Berkhamsted. Entry is free, and all proceeds go to the St Peter's Renovation Appeal, to fix the leaking church roof.

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 peas
- Coffee
- Tinned ham/corned beef
- Tinned fruit
- Cooking sauces
- Long life juice/squash
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned sweetcorn
- Tinned vegetarian meals
- Chocolate
- Custard
- Rice pudding
- Shower gel
- Soap bars
- Toothpaste
- Laundry liquids/tabs/powder
- 2-in-1 shampoo
- Carrier bags

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Prayers

Please pray for

- the Youth Alpha team
- our government
- an end to the Ebola outbreak in DR Congo
- young people taking exams

From BMS World Mission

Pray for Afghan women and girls, who are not allowed to study, work or move freely. Pray that God would change the hearts of the country's leaders so that women and girls can live with dignity.

Lord God, as once your Holy presence filled the temple, on Pentecost we thank you that your Holy Spirit now fills your people the Church. Fill each of us with your Spirit that our lives are daily transformed from one degree of glory to another.

Ignite in us a passion to seek your will, a desire to know your word, and a readiness to respond.

So fill us with your Spirit that our lives cannot help breathe out your praise.

Make your Church a temple of the Holy Spirit.

Where there is injustice, make your Church a royal priesthood and a holy nation.

Where there is violence, make your Church an ambassador for Christ.

Where there is greed, hatred or pride, grant your Church a truly prophetic voice.

Fill your people with your Holy Spirit, that we might be a holy presence in your world.

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You have gifted the Church through the goodness of your Grace to be your hands and do your work, to be your voice and share your words, to bring healing to a fallen world, and broken lives make whole.

You have gifted your people with the blessings of your Spirit, the power to transform lives and make all things new.

Now may our hearts receive, our mouths proclaim, our hands prepare for service, that the love that we have known might overflow the lives we live and pour into the hearts of others, that all might receive your Grace, your renewing Spirit and your love. Amen

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God of majesty and power,
Who spoke and this world was,
Who breathed and this world lived,
Who counts the hairs upon our head,
Who sees our thoughts and reads our hearts,
Who loves us more than we deserve,
How can we not bring today
Our sacrifice of praise?

For in the child at Bethlehem
Lies the promise of intimacy

With a Saviour who would die even for me,
And the promise of an eternity

In which to praise you more each day.

God of promise, we praise your name. Amen

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And finally...

When he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. *John 16 v 13a*

Items for the next News Sheet to Fliss Nesbitt by Thursday 28th May, please

Motto text 2026: So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.

Colossians 2 vs 6 - 7 (NIV)

