



Weekly News

Sunday 15th March 2026

A family following Jesus

"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me – just as the Father knows me and I know the Father – and I lay down my life for the sheep." *John 10 vs 14,15*

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

Order of Service

Welcome and notices
Call to worship
Hymn (mp4): Come, you thankful people, come
Song 242: Hosanna, hosanna
Posy distribution
Mothering Sunday prayer
Song (mp4): King of love and grace
Children to leave for their groups
Bible reading: John 10.11-30
Talk
Hymn 1008: The Lord's my Shepherd
Communion
Intercessions
Song 1072: In Christ alone
Final prayer & blessing
The grace

Notices

Please come and support the **Christian Aid Lent lunch** on Wednesday 18th March in the Court House from 12.00 to 1.30. We really need YOU.

Meet & Make takes place 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. We will be taking a break after Easter, so there will be no Meet & Make on 7th or 14th April.

Open Church happens every **Thursday 10.00 am until noon**. You will find us in the Lower Hall. Do join us for tea/coffee and cake. Open Church is taking a break over Easter, and won't be running on 2nd or 9th April.

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. There will be **no First Steps on 2nd or 9th April**.

Continuing her recovery, **Judith Lowther** has moved into St Laura's Care Home in Kings Langley (just off the High Street). She hopes eventually to return to us, but in the meantime she would welcome any visits, cards, phone calls over the next few weeks while she regains her strength.

Bobbi is now permanently resident at Ashlyns Care Home where she has been staying for the last few weeks.

Roma and Michael Hunt have safely and very happily moved into their new home in Leighton Buzzard, and once they are more settled, Roma is hoping to come and see us all. Gill has the address.

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 try or join 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:

- 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
- Nappies size 5, 6, 7, 8
- Laundry liquid/tabs/powder
- 2-in-1 shampoo

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Prayers

Please pray for

- the First Steps team
- world rulers
- refugees throughout the world
- our outreach to our community

From BMS World Mission

Bangladesh has been experiencing significant political and economic uncertainty. Please pray for an outpouring of God's blessing on the work of the Church among poor and marginalised people.

Today
and all days
embrace us in a love that knows no end.
Today
and all days
fill us with a power that overcomes.
Today
and all days
encourage us with a word that nourishes.
Today
and all days
inspire us with a hope that sustains.
Today
and all days
comfort us with a peace that endures.
Today
and all days
bring wholeness of body, mind and spirit.
Today
and all days
From <https://www.faithandworship.com/>

Loving God,
Thank you for mothers and children
and for all the joy of family life.
Be with those who are grieving
because they have no mother;
Be close to those who are struggling
because they have no children;
Be near to those who are sad
because they are far apart from those they love.
Let your love be present in every home,
And help your Church to have eyes to see
and ears to hear the needs of all who come.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

From <https://www.churchofengland.org/>

Lord, we would grow with you,
New shoots reaching out,
Hands stretched upward,
Like leaves newly formed,
Soaking up your light and warmth.
Lord, we would grow with you

Lord, we would grow with you,
In sunshine and rain,
In darkness and light,
In cold days and summer days,
From Springtime to Winter.
Lord, we would grow with you

Lord, we would grow with you,
And bring forth fruit,
That is pleasing to you,
Fed by your living water,
Giving sustenance to others.
Lord, we would grow with you
From <https://www.faithandworship.com/>

I surrender all I am to you most loving God,
For resting in your presence is where I most belong.

I adore you, with all my heart, I offer you my love,
For you hold all the beautiful things, you offer us so much.

I open up my heart and soul, you fill me with grace
life,
For I will always follow you, in you I will abide.
Prayer courtesy of www.prayerescapes.com

And finally...

My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. *John 10 v 27*

Items for the next News Sheet to Chris Hayward by Thursday 19th March, 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)

