



# Weekly News

## Sunday 5th October 2025

### A family following Jesus

As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead. *James 2 v 26 (NIV)*

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

### Order of Service

Welcome and notices

Call to worship

Opening prayer

**Song 564:** Praise to the Lord

**Song 870:** Jesus is the name we honour

Shoes

**Song:** I walk by faith, each step by faith

*Children to leave for their group*

Bible Reading - James 2 vs 14-26, and 1 John 3 vs 16 - 18

Talk

**Song:** With a prayer you fed the hungry

Communion

Intercessions

**Song 882:** Lord of all hopefulness

Final prayer and blessing

The Grace

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. You will find us in the Lower Hall. Do join us for tea/coffee and cake.

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.

Thanks to our generous supporters of the Bike 'n' Hike the total raised is £300, half of which will come back to the church. Thank you. Margaret & Megan

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:

- Tinned fruit
- Baked beans
- Tinned/packet soup
- Rice
- Tea bags
- Tinned sweetcorn

### Notices

The **Men's Group** will be meeting in the Upper Hall at **7.00 pm on Wednesday 8th October** for a Quiz Night. Prizes will be available!

There will be a live **Baptist Union prayer broadcast** on You Tube at **7.30pm on Wednesday 8th October**. This is the link - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4o9y4CvkcE>

Please note that the **Ladies Group art event** on 15 October 2025 is cancelled.

- Tinned ham
- Cooking sauces
- Tinned kidney beans
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned vegetables
- Cereal bars
- Long life juice/squash
- Tinned spaghetti hoops
- Carrier bags
- Shower gel

Thank you in advance for your generosity

## Prayers

Please pray for

- Bible Study groups
- Those unable to attend church
- Christians in Parliament
- Those suffering with ill health

*From BMS World Mission*

Pray for political co-operation so that Bangladesh can hold free and fair elections. Pray for transitions of power towards a just and peaceful future for all people groups in Bangladesh

Sometimes small steps  
seem like giant leaps  
into the unknown  
on this journey of faith.  
But with you as guide  
we need not fear,  
for you know the path,  
its beautiful views  
and hidden dangers,  
and you will keep us  
out of harm's way  
until at last we see  
our glorious destination.

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

For each step that I might take,  
Be my guide, O Lord of life.  
For each load that I might bear,  
Be my strength, O Lord of life.  
For each mountain I might face,  
Be my power, O Lord of life.  
For each river that might impede,  
Be my safety, O Lord of life.

For each place where I might rest,  
Be my peace, O Lord of life.  
For each sunrise and sunset,  
Be my joy, O Lord of life.  
*From <https://www.faithandworship.com/>*

Praise the Lord, my soul.  
Lord my God, you are very great;  
you are clothed with splendour and majesty.  
The Lord wraps himself in light as with a garment;  
he stretches out the heavens like a tent  
and lays the beams of his upper chambers on their waters.

He makes the clouds his chariot  
and rides on the wings of the wind.  
He makes winds his messengers,  
flames of fire his servants.  
He set the earth on its foundations;  
it can never be moved.  
You covered it with the watery depths as with a garment;

the waters stood above the mountains.  
But at your rebuke the waters fled,  
at the sound of your thunder they took to flight;  
they flowed over the mountains,  
they went down into the valleys,  
to the place you assigned for them.  
You set a boundary they cannot cross;  
never again will they cover the earth.

I will sing to the Lord all my life;  
I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.  
May my meditation be pleasing to him,  
as I rejoice in the Lord.

But may sinners vanish from the earth  
and the wicked be no more.

Praise the Lord, my soul.

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*Psalms 104 vs 1 - 9 & 33-35 (NIV)*

## And finally...

You see that a person is considered righteous by what they do and not by faith alone. *James 2 v 24 (NIV)*

*Items for the next News Sheet to Fliss Nesbitt by Thursday 9th October, please*