



Berkhamsted
Baptist Church

Weekly News

Sunday 23rd November 2025

A family following Jesus

Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. *Ephesians 6 v 18*

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

Order of Service

Welcome and notices

Call to worship

Song 1267: Come, people of the risen King

Song 1086: Light of the world

Introduction: What is prayer?

The Lord's prayer

Song: (mp4) Goodness of God

Bible reading: James 5.13-20

Talk: The 5Ws

Activities to background of songs: God, I look to you;

Build my life; Lord, I need you

Hymn 51: Be thou my vision

Intercessions

Song 1129: (mp4) With a prayer You fed the hungry

Final prayer and blessing and The Grace

Notices

This **Wednesday (26th) at 7:30pm** we have our opportunity to **pray together on Zoom**. A link will be sent out via email nearer the time. I hope you can join me.
Karen

There will be a **Church Meeting** after the service on **30th November** to which all are welcome, though only church members may vote.

Advance notice: Carol singing for Christian Aid on **Saturday 13th December** outside Tesco 10.30 - approx. 11.30. More details later.

A message from Judy Biggerstaff: I would like to thank everyone for their prayers over the last week. I have now fully recovered from shingles. Thank you all so much. Love, Judy.

Judith Lowther has been unable to get to church recently, but she wants to say how grateful she is for the cards and flowers she has received. Unfortunately, she does not see much prospect of attending church for the time being.

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.

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.

From the Way Inn Christian Centre:

Just a reminder that we have a great selection of Christmas cards available with Scripture verses

inside. In store we also have a "Kids' Corner" Christmas promotion. Come and take a look and pick up a free booklet with the full selection available. All the items are at discounted prices until the end of November.

If you are thinking about something for a toddlers' or kids' group, we can order a quantity for you at the special price. During the next few days, we expect to receive an adult promotion. Don't leave it too late! We look forward to seeing you soon. Don't forget, your support is really important to us. It's a tough market out there. Thanks for buying local!

If you would like to support the **Salvation Army Christmas present appeal** to help children in need, we will collect any gifts in the box on the table next to the crèche corner of the sanctuary. All gifts should be new and unwrapped. Kathleen has further information about appropriate toys and other gifts, or see the Salvation Army website <https://www.salvationarmy.org.uk>. All donations will be taken to The Salvation Army in Hemel Hempstead in the first week of December. They will then be distributed with the help of Social Services and schools in Berkhamsted and Hemel Hempstead.

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
- 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

- the Sunday School team
- our Christmas events and services
- our government
- those struggling with ill health

From BMS World Mission

Pray that God will bring healing and justice for survivors of violence around the world. Pray that we will all stand together to break the silence and stigma, and to speak up for those without a voice.

Almighty God,

You reach into the darkness with hope, truth and light. Stretch out your strong hand in this situation, hold and rescue those who have suffered. Let your almighty love move mountains, cross seas and breathe life into the darkest places.

Light that redeems.

Light that restores.

Light that heals.

Light that protects.

Light that saves.

There is nothing higher, stronger or greater than your love.

We trust in you.

prayer courtesy www.lords-prayer-words.com

In my journeying with you,
may I never lose my sense of direction,
never lose sight of the landmark
towards which I travel.

And should cloud or rain obscure my vision,
may I draw closer to you,
so that my feet may tread
in your footsteps,

your words be my encouragement,
and your love my protection
against the storms that assail me.

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

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

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

And finally...

The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

James 5 v 16b

Items for the next News Sheet to Fliss Nesbitt by Thursday 27th November, please

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)

