



Weekly News

Sunday 25th October 2026

A family following Jesus

The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him. *Lamentations 3 v 25*

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

Order of Service

Welcome and notices

Call to worship

Opening prayer

Hymn 564: Praise to the Lord

Bible reading/story

Short talk

Song 1036: Blessed be your name

Song 1279: Great is your faithfulness (unchanging)

Monologues: Ruth and Naomi

Reflection/activity time

Sharing time

Intercessions

Hymn 631: Tell out my, soul

Final prayer & blessing

The grace

Notices

Our **baptistry** will be open and filled for our church anniversary service on **Sunday 1st November**. So far one person has asked to be baptised. If you haven't yet taken this step do have a chat with Karen.

Many thanks to all who supported me and Megan on the **Bike 'n' Hike** last month. We collected £280, half of which will come back to BBC. *Margaret Pike*

Ladies' and Men's Groups: Little Hay Restaurant can offer us tables for our joint Christmas meal at **lunchtime on 12th December**. Could everyone who would like to attend please let me know as soon as possible? *Vicky Sainsbury*

First Steps will take a break this Half Term week; our parent/carer and toddler group is normally on Thursdays 1.30 – 2.45 pm. Please pray for the families and our small team.

Meet & Make will be having a break this week but will resume on 3rd November. It normally 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.

Open Church is on **Thursdays 10.00 am until noon**, but **only on the first and third** Thursdays of the month. Our next two meetings are therefore **5th and 19th November**. Do join us for tea/coffee and cake in the Lower Hall.

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.

A message from **The Way Inn**

The Way Inn is so much more than a Post Office; it is a Christian presence on our High Street. Over the coming weeks we will be welcoming our Christmas stock, so why not pop in to pick up an Advent Calendar, choose your Christmas cards or select a gift? There will also be some Christmas books at bargain prices and local produce. The Way Inn is run by a Christian charity which is looking for some **new trustees**. Is this something you or someone you know might be able to do? Please pray about it and speak to The Way Inn to find out more.

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 tomatoes
- Tinned peas
- Tinned carrots
- Tinned sweetcorn
- Cooking sauces
- Custard
- Shower gel
- 2-in-1 shampoo
- Toothpaste
- Liquid hand soap
- Laundry liquids/tabs/powder
- Carrier bags

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Prayers

Please pray for

- Youth Alpha
- our outreach to those around us
- the work of DENS
- our fellow Christians who are unable to meet freely

From BMS World Mission

Lift up Pastor Kamal, a disciple-making leader serving across the Middle East and North Africa. Pray for protection and strength as he travels to support disciple-makers in the region.

Living God,
give us genuine commitment in following you,
wholehearted resolve to honour your will,
sincere dedication in discipleship.
Teach us truly to practise what we preach,
in the sense of working at it each day
until walking the way of Christ becomes second
nature,
not the exception but the norm.
Amen.

From <https://nickfawcett.uk/>

We pray for our communities -
that snapshot of humanity
with all ages, backgrounds,
education, employment status,
politics and religious viewpoint
who are our neighbours
in the streets where we live.
We pray for all of them;
not only those we know by name

and chat to through the day,
but also less familiar faces
about whom we know so little
and whom we pass by with just a smile.
Bless their homes and families,
and let your love and peace
so shine within this community
that smiles turn to conversations,
and strangers become friends.
We pray this through Jesus Christ,
the Prince of Peace. Amen

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

I lift my eyes to you O Lord
I take my thoughts to you O Lord
I surrender my body to you O Lord
I wait and listen O Lord
I still my soul O Lord
I open my heart O Lord
I come to the inner sanctuary of your Kingdom
I drink from the word of life
I rest in the shadow of an Almighty Father
I leave nothing behind
I come fully
I come into your peace
I touch the hem of heaven
And I love you
Love you so
My beautiful Lord of Lords
King of Kings
My prince of peace, my counsellor,
My saviour
And my friend.
Amen.

Prayer courtesy of www.prayerscapes.com

Generous God, for all that sustains us;
air to breathe, warmth and light,
food to eat, water to drink,
we offer our thanks and praise.
For spiritual gifts that bind us together;
one people, one body
empowered for service,
we offer our hands and voices.
For the Good News of the Gospel;
healing and wholeness
freedom and justice,
we offer our hearts in service. Amen
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And finally...

Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.
1 Peter 5 v 7

*Items for the next News Sheet to Fliss Nesbitt by
Thursday 29th October, 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)

