



# Weekly News

## Sunday 10th August 2025

### A family following Jesus

She (Hagar) gave this name to the Lord who spoke to her: "You are the God who sees me," for she said, "I have now seen the One who sees me." *Genesis 16 v 13 (NIV)*

**Welcome to our All Age Service led by Fliss Nesbitt**

### Order of Service

Welcome and notices  
Call to worship  
Prayer  
**Song 38:** As we are gathered  
"What's in a name" activity  
**Song 375:** Jesus, name above all names  
Bible Reading 1 - Genesis 16 vs 1 - 15  
Talk part 1  
Intercessions  
**Song 825:** Faithful one  
"God's promises" activity  
Bible Reading 2 - Genesis 21 vs 8 - 21  
Talk part 2  
**Song 133:** Father, I place into your hands  
Closing prayer and blessing  
The Grace

### Notices

**Karen will be on holiday** Friday 8th - Sunday 17th August. Whilst she is away, please contact the Leadership or Pastoral Care Team with any church-related issues.

We are hopeful that Ben will be starting work on our church windows on Monday.

The **Men's Group** will be having a barbecue at the Tring home of Alun and Vicky Sainsbury at **6.30 pm** on **Wednesday 13th August**. Please let me know **today** if you are planning to be there.  
*Chris Hayward*

**Open Church** takes place every **Thursday 10.00 am until noon**. We mostly meet in the lower hall but when the sun shines you will find us outside the front of the church. Do join us for tea/coffee and cake.  
**HELP:** can you spare two hours once a month on a Thursday from 10 to 12? Please speak to Carla as soon as possible.

**Meet & Make** is taking a **break for the rest of August**. We will return in September with lots of new crafts to try.

**First Steps, our parent + toddler group**, is now on its summer break and will restart in September.

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.

The **John Sayer Almshouses** are having another Open Day on Saturday 16th August 10am - 2pm. Come and have a look behind the scenes at this historic building, learn about the restoration project and meet the residents. Tea and cake in the garden. Entry free, donations welcome! [235-241](tel:235241) [High Street Berkhamsted](#) (opposite the post office)

**Annual sponsored Bike 'n' Hike** in support of the Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust. Walk or cycle between neighbouring churches and raise money for the Trust (50%) and our own church (50%). This event takes place on **Saturday 13th**

**September.** Sponsorship forms can be obtained from our Treasurer John Ball.

**An outside organisation** is using our Upper Hall **7.00 to 8.00 pm** on **Tuesdays** until the end of August.

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:

- Baked beans
- Tinned/packet soup
- Rice
- Tinned fruit
- 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 Open Church team
- Peace and justice instead of war
- Families during the summer holidays
- Those who are unwell

*From BMS World Mission*

Pray for the de facto leadership of Afghanistan. Pray that God's liberation and love will be seen across this nation, particularly for women, who've had so many of their rights taken away.

Abba Father, you know me well,  
Made in your image,  
A part of your will,  
You've seen my thoughts,  
Know my words,

You've laid your hand upon me, Lord.

If I lay down in the dark of the night,  
Closing my eyes  
to shut out your light,  
In my darkness  
you're there beside,  
A loving Father, a hand to guide.

If I rise up on the wings of a bird  
Soar to the heavens,  
The depths of the earth,  
Mountain or sea,  
High or low,  
There's nowhere to hide, nowhere to go.

There's no hiding place  
from the presence of your Spirit.  
No hiding place  
From the searching of my heart,  
No hiding place  
From the hand that's there to guide me.  
For wherever I am,  
be it near or far,  
Wherever I am,  
is the place where you are.

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

Teach me your way, Lord,  
that I may rely on your faithfulness;  
give me an undivided heart,  
that I may fear your name.  
I will praise you, Lord my God, with all my heart;  
I will glorify your name forever.  
For great is your love toward me;  
you have delivered me from the depths,  
from the realm of the dead.

*Psalms 86 vs 11 - 13 (NIV)*

## And finally...

How precious are your thoughts about me, O God. They cannot be numbered!

*Psalms 139 v 17 (NLT)*

*Items for the next News Sheet to Fliss Nesbitt by Thursday 14th August, please*