



A family following Jesus

Then Jesus declared, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.' *John 6 v 35*

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

Order of Service

Welcome and notices

Call to worship

Song 1046: Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King

Song 1362: Water you turned into wine (Our God is greater)

Activity: The uninhabited island

Children to leave for their group

Hymn 201: Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah

Setting the scene

Bible reading: John 6.22-51

Talk

Song 37: As the deer pants for the water

Song 1157: Behold the Lamb

Communion

Intercessions

Hymn: Be Thou my vision

Final prayer & blessing

The Grace

The deadline for **Deacon nominations** is the end of **today**. If you are a member, please prayerfully consider who God could be calling to be a Deacon. Nomination forms are on the table in the hall.

Christian Aid Lent lunches this year are on **Thursday 26th February** and Wednesday 18th March in the Court House. Please come if you can and enjoy delicious soup and fruit crumble. Both start at 12.00.

Matt Bugg has offered to compile **the annual report** this year. Please send any contributions to him by **Monday 23rd February**.

The **World Day of Prayer service** will be held on **Friday 6th March at 1.30pm at Sacred Heart Catholic Church** where we will be praying with and for the Christian women of Nigeria.

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.

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.

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.

Notices

Our next **church meeting** will be after the morning service on **Sunday 8th March** and will include our AGM. Everyone is welcome to attend but only members can vote. Members: please take a copy of the letter on the cupboard in the Lower Hall if you haven't already done so.

There will be **no First Steps** this week. The team are taking a break for half term.

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 Leadership team
- the local emergency services
- those who are unwell
- our outreach to our neighbours

From BMS World Mission

A BMS relief project helped welcome Afghan refugees forced to return from Iran. Pray these returnees would settle well in a difficult context.

Father God,

As one Church, united under your holy headship, and knowing that we are all one family in Christ, we pray for those who suffer in your name all over the world, our brothers and sisters, who share in that same great gift of salvation through your Son, but who face injustice, oppression and even death because of their faith in you.

We want to walk with them as they journey through the valley of darkness, and we pray knowing that you are a God of compassion, comfort, and justice; who always hears their prayers, never leaves them and will for ever be their fortress and shield, whatever they face.

We pray that you will grant them strength, courage, and protection from those who seek to harm them because they follow you; guidance and wisdom for when their path seems impossible to tread; and hope for a future where they have the freedom to worship you without fear.

In the name of Jesus,
Amen

From <https://www.baptist.org.uk/>

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.

To the powerful bring humility
To the rich bring generosity
To the influential bring opportunity
To the oppressor bring understanding
To the hard-hearted bring compassion
To the suffering bring perseverance
To the hungry bring sustenance
To the grieving bring comfort
To the sick bring wholeness
And to all your people bring love
That binds all these together
In cords that cannot be broken
From <https://www.faithandworship.com/>

Creator God, we glimpse your beauty
in setting sun, mountain top, eagle's wing.
We sense your power in thunder crash,
lightning flash and ocean's roar.
Creator God, we praise you

Precious Jesus, we see your love
stretched out upon a cruel cross.
We stand in awe at your sacrifice,
pure love poured out for humankind.
Precious Jesus, we praise you

Holy Spirit, we see your power
in lives transformed, hearts on fire.
We listen for your still, small voice,
comforting, guiding, calling.
Holy Spirit, we praise you

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

Almighty God,
I bow before your throne.
May I be a good servant.
I promise to live well within your word.
May I speak with love.
I commit my life to the work of your kingdom.
May I be led on paths of justice and peace.
I am willing to learn and grow.
May I be more like you, Lord.
Amen.

Prayer courtesy of www.prayerscapes.com

And finally...

For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. *John 6 v 40*

Items for the next News Sheet to Chris Hayward by Thursday 19th February, please.

