



Weekly News

Sunday 26th July 2026

A family following Jesus

For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.
1 Corinthians 3 v 11

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

Order of Service

Welcome and notices
Call to worship and prayer
Song (mp4): Our God is a Great big God
Song 825: Faithful One
Introduction to theme: Building challenge
Media clip: Wise and Foolish Builders
Bible reading: Luke 6.46-49
Song 252 Jun. Praise: The wise man built his house upon the rock
All-age talk and activities
Song (mp4): Christ is a firm foundation (He won't)
Intercessions
Hymn 73: Christ is made the sure foundation
Final prayer and blessing
The grace

Notices

The Leadership Team has begun exploring how we might be able to offer different ways of helping our local community connect with God and grow in faith. So that the whole church can be involved in seeking God about this, Karen has written a series of daily reflections for each of us to use that she is hoping will help us think about who God is asking us to be and what God is asking us to do in this next season. Most people have received the first week of these via email but if you would like a paper copy please speak to Karen or Fliss.

Our **church picnic** is after the service **today**. Bring your lunch to 72 Bridgewater Road from 12:30 and enjoy some fun and fellowship. Ice creams/iced lollies will be provided!

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. We will meet on **28th July** but there will be **no sessions in August**. The team will be taking a well-earned break.

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 **6th and 20th August**. Do join us for tea/coffee and cake in the Lower Hall.

First Steps, our parent + toddler group, has now finished for the summer term. We will be back 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 try or join 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 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

- the Open Church team
- our outreach to our community
- those with financial problems
- our emergency services

From BMS World Mission

Ask for God's hand of peace to be on Uganda. Pray that a stable, just and free future will be established, and that God will use the government to put citizens' well-being first and foremost.

Lord God, help us to love those whom we find it difficult to love.
Give us a heart that reaches out to those we would otherwise ignore.
Give us the strength not to cross on the other side of the road, but to play the part of the Samaritan.
This will not be easy, Lord.
It is not in our nature.
We spread our love thinly among those we can relate to, those who share our values, and those who do not threaten our comfortable lifestyle.
It's not easy, Lord, and on our own we shall fail.
But with your help all things are possible.
You led the way, and it is your example that we look to.
You turned the values of this world upside down.
Do the same with us. Lord.
Help us live the reality of your Love.
From <https://www.faithandworship.com/>

Lord, you promised that when I seek You with all my heart,
I will find You. I seek only after You.
Still my troubled heart.

Calm my wayward mind.
I seek only after You.

I'm never going to be able to figure this out on my own,
And right now I'm leaning heavily on You.
I seek only after You.

I give you all the anxieties and fears I feel inside.
I release them all to You.
I seek only after You.

I open up my life
So that it becomes like an open book before You.
May You write in it Your words of inspiration and direction.

Still my troubled heart.
Calm my wayward mind.
I seek only after You.
I await your voice.
Prayer courtesy www.lords-prayer-words.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...

God's solid foundation stands firm, sealed with this inscription: 'The Lord knows those who are his.' 2
Timothy 2 v 19

Items for the next News Sheet to Fliss Nesbitt by Thursday 30th July, please.