



# Weekly News

## Sunday 8th February 2026

### A family following Jesus

'The Spirit of the Lord is on me because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.'  
*Luke 4 v 18a (NIV)*

**Welcome to our Morning Service led by Revd Karen Bugg**

### Order of Service

Welcome and notices

Call to worship

**Song:** Give thanks to the Lord

**Song 1227:** The splendour of the King

All age activity

*Children leave for their group*

**Song 1072:** In Christ alone my hope is found

Bible Reading - John 5 vs 1 - 15

Talk

**Song 1151:** Amazing grace (My chains are gone)

Intercessions

**Song 463:** May the mind of Christ my Saviour

Final prayer and blessing

The Grace

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.

**Help needed between 10 and 12 on:**

Thursday 5th March

Thursday 2nd April

**Please speak to Carla** if you can help.

Thank you.

**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.

### Notices

The **World Day of Prayer** 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.

Our next **church meeting** will be after the morning service on **Sunday 8th March**, which 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.

**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

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 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 Pastoral Care team
- Those who are unable to come to church
- Our local schools
- Refugees and asylum seekers

*From BMS World Mission*

Please pray for Nepal as it prepares for elections. Pray for a fair and transparent process and unity among communities. May the outcome positively affect BMS projects bringing community transformation.

Help us, with simple words,  
to explain the warmth  
within our hearts  
that we experienced  
in that first encounter  
with your love and grace -  
the Spirit's flame,  
still burning bright within -  
that others, in their own  
journeys of discovery  
might reach out and touch  
the hand that's always there,  
and be embraced by love.

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

I need to give out so much more than I can give alone.

I need the strength that comes from you, Almighty graceful one.

I need the strength of wisdom, so that just like a tree,  
I can grow roots deep in you, that others do not see.  
I need the strength of gentle peace, so that just like  
the sea, I can rise and fall each day and lead others  
gently onwards.

I need the strength of steady love so that just like

wind, I can blow or hold my breath with patience  
deep and kind.

I need to give out much more than I can give alone.

I need the strength that comes from you, Almighty  
graceful one.

*Prayer courtesy of [www.prayerscapes.com](http://www.prayerscapes.com)*

This world is yours, planned in eternity,  
created in a moment of sheer exuberance,  
permeated with love,  
well made.

This place is yours, in its simplicity,  
blue sky and countryside, pure creativity,  
painted with care,  
well made.

This day is yours, pure generosity,  
given for moments of gentle reflection,  
in the bustle of a day,  
well made.

This moment is yours in its entirety,  
a drop of time in an ocean of history,  
gifted with joy,  
well made.

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For the love you have shown us  
as sometimes reluctant disciples,  
your patience in being with us  
when we decide to go our way,  
your hand that is there for us  
as we stumble or are anxious,  
your gentle whisper reminding us  
that you will never let us go,  
for all of this and more besides  
what can we do but offer you  
the worship of our hearts and lives.

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## And finally...

For God did not send his Son into the world to  
condemn the world, but to save the world  
through him. *John 3 v 17 (NIV)*

*Items for the next News Sheet to Chris Hayward by  
Thursday 12th February, please*