



Weekly News

Sunday 16th November 2025

A family following Jesus

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. *Matthew 6 v 19*

Welcome to our Morning Worship with Communion led by Revd Karen Bugg

Order of Service

Welcome and notices
Call to worship
Hymn 560: Praise, my soul, the King of heaven
Song 1040: Come, now is the time to worship
Prayer
All-age slot
Song: (mp4) Way Maker
Intercessions
Children go to their group
Song 1072: In Christ alone
Bible reading: Psalm 47 and James 5.1-12
Talk
Communion
Hymn 428: Lord, for the years
Blessing and The Grace

Notices

Rock Stars

All the 'Rock Stars' need to be hidden around the town this week for people to find and bring to the Festival of Light on **Sunday 23rd November**. Please pick up a few and leave them in places you visit.

Festival of Light

We are still looking for help for the Festival of Light; please speak to Karen or Ruth for details.

There will be a **Church Meeting** after the service on **30th November**, to which all are welcome, though only church members may vote.

Advance notice: Carol singing for Christian Aid on **Saturday 13th December** outside Tesco 10.30 - approx. 11.30. More details later.

Meet & Make is 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 takes place every **Thursday 10.00 am until noon**. You will find us in the Lower Hall. Do join us for tea/coffee and cake.

From the Way Inn Christian Centre:

Just a reminder that we have a great selection of Christmas cards available with Scripture verses inside. In store we also have a "Kids' Corner" Christmas promotion. Come and take a look and pick up a free booklet with the full selection available. All the items are at discounted prices until the end of November.

If you are thinking about something for a toddlers' or kids' group, we can order a quantity for you at the special price. During the next few days, we expect to receive an adult promotion. Don't leave it too late! We look forward to seeing you soon. Don't forget, your support is really important to us. It's a tough market out there. Thanks for buying local!

If you would like to support the **Salvation Army Christmas present appeal** to help children in need, we will collect any gifts in the box on the table next to the crèche corner of the sanctuary. All gifts should be new and unwrapped. Kathleen has further information about appropriate toys and other gifts, or

see the Salvation Army website
<https://www.salvationarmy.org.uk>. All donations will be taken to The Salvation Army in Hemel Hempstead in the first week of December. They will then be distributed with the help of Social Services and schools in Berkhamsted and Hemel Hempstead.

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 fruit
- Baked beans
- Tinned/packet soup
- Rice
- 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
- teachers working in local schools
- refugees throughout the world
- the COP30 summit in Brazil

From BMS World Mission

Last year, the church in Bardaï in Chad was destroyed by floods. Thank God for the commitment of the church community to rebuild it. Pray that the new church will be built stronger to withstand floods in the future.

Lord, I am assailed
from within and without;
self-doubt and loathing,
disrespect and insult.
The world closes in,
swamps
and would consume me.
I am sinking
yet will not drown.

For you endured all this
and much more,
beaten, hated
scourged and whipped,
humiliated and killed,
yet rising victorious,
to demonstrate the paradox
of strength through weakness,
love conquering all.

I am weak
but through the grace of Christ
I am strong
and together
we shall overcome.

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

Creator God,
from the moment your spirit
hovered over the waters of this earth,
we were part of a vision
held lovingly within your heart.
From the moment you spoke
and separated darkness from light,
you created space
where we might one day walk.
From the moment your joy
spilled out into green and living things,
your beauty was revealed
for us to taste and see.

Creator God,
for this world,
beauty and majesty,
passion and artistry,
a green and pleasant place,
we praise your mighty name.

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

And finally...

Those who trust in their riches will fall, but the
righteous will thrive like a green leaf.
Proverbs 11 v 28

*Items for the next News Sheet to Chris Hayward by
Thursday 20th November, please*

Motto text 2025: 'When you call out to me and come to me in prayer, I will hear your prayers. When you seek me in prayer and worship, you will find me available to you. If you wholeheartedly seek me, I will make myself available to you,' says the LORD.
Jeremiah 29 vs 12-14 (NET)

