



# Weekly News

## Sunday 17th August 2025

### A family following Jesus

The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' *Matthew 25 v 40 (NIV)*

**Welcome to our All Age Service with communion led by Ruth Montacute**

### Order of Service

Call to worship  
**Song 41:** At the name of Jesus  
Prayer and Lord's Prayer  
Short talk  
**Song 162:** The servant king  
Introduction to video  
Video - Trees, bees and seeds  
**Song 1261:** Brother, sister, let me serve you  
Bible Reading - John 13 vs 31 - 35  
Talk  
Intercessions  
**Song 456:** Make me a channel of your peace  
Communion  
**Song 708:** To God be the glory  
Closing prayer  
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.

On **Wednesday 20th August 7.30pm** we will be having a **Zoom Praise** session, sharing worship videos to sing to. A link will be sent nearer the time.

**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.

**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 Bible Study groups
- The work of DENS
- Our outreach to our community
- Those in our church family no longer able to come to church

*From BMS World Mission*

Praise God for how the Heart for the Gospel programme team is helping BMS partners fulfil the Great Commission in Asia and Africa. The team is led by Kwame Adzam; please pray that they will work well together to enable people to keep sharing the gospel.

Son of God,  
you love each one of us  
as if there were just one of us;  
those who have striven hard  
to obey your commands,  
those who have drifted here,  
unsure of the path they trod,  
those who are here simply

because of your grace,  
individuals, all of us.

Son of God,  
you love each one of us  
as if there were just one of us,  
how can we not sing your praises  
for all that you have done. Amen

Prayer from <https://www.faithandworship.com/>

If it matters to you, does it matter to us?

If you hear the cries of the poor, help us to do the same.

If you see the effects of injustice, help us to do the same.

If you act to change the plight of those in dire need, help us to do the same.

Because we suffer compassion fatigue

We can no longer watch disturbing reports on our television

We must turn our eyes from images of children distorted by hunger.

We don't want to turn our eyes, but there seems so little that we can do.

Forgive us,

Restore to us the hope of the Gospel

Revive in us a passion for justice

Move us to act.

May we be a Gospel people

May our worship and our commitments and our priorities

Become signs that your Kingdom is coming.

Change the plight of those in chronic poverty,

And make us a means by which our prayers are answered.

We worship you as Lord of heaven and earth

So may we see your Lordship change the lives and the plight and the future of those trapped in poverty today.

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

## And finally...

Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord,  
and he will reward them for what they have done. *Proverbs 19 v 17 (NIV)*

*Items for the next News Sheet to Chris Hayward by Thursday 21st August, please*