



Berkhamsted
Baptist Church

Weekly News

Sunday 7th July 2024

A family following Jesus

A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger. *Proverbs 15 v 1*

Welcome to our Worship Service, with Communion, led by our Minister Revd Karen Bugg

Order of Service

Welcome and notices

Call to worship

Hymn 708: To God be the glory!

Song 1373 (video): Who breaks the power of sin and darkness?

Prayer

Gentleness illustration

Children go to their groups

Bible readings: Galatians 5.22-23, John 8.1-11

Talk

Song (video): Holy Spirit, living breath of God

Prayer

Song 995: Jesus Christ, I think upon Your sacrifice

Communion

Intercessions

Hymn 315: I will sing the wondrous story

Closing prayer and blessing

The Grace

Every Sunday from **21st July until 1st September** inclusive we will be having all-age services which will be appropriate for the whole church family, whatever their age. Children will therefore stay in the service rather than attending Sunday School. The services will **not** be live-streamed on the fourth Sunday of each month, i.e. 28/7 and 25/8.

Alpha - We have decided to pause the Alpha course for the summer and restart it in the autumn. Look out for notices later in the summer with the details of when we will reconvene.

The next **Church Members' Meeting** is on **14th July** after the service. The Special Church Meeting to adopt our new constitution will now take place at a later date.

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.

We are collecting clean **screw-top jam jars** for a future craft. If you can help, there is a box for these at the back of the church by the sound desk.

Open Church takes place every Thursday **10.00am until noon**. When the weather is better we meet at the front of the church. Do join us for tea/coffee and cake.
Carla & Sue

Date for your diary: There will be a church **picnic** at the manse (72 Bridgewater Road) from 12.30pm on **Sunday 11th August**.

Notices

The **Men's Group** will be meeting at **6.30 pm on Tuesday 9th July** at the home of Douglas and Gill Goss, who have kindly invited us to a barbecue in their garden (weather permitting). Note the change of day. If you wish to attend, please let Chris Hayward know by **today**.

The total collected this year for **Christian Aid** is £3,590 + £557.75 in Gift Aid. BBC raised £172.50 of this. Many thanks to all who contributed by donating, delivering envelopes or making cakes. It wouldn't be possible without your support.
Margaret Pike

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.

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:

- Jars of cooking sauces
- Tinned mackerel
- Tinned ham/corned beef
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned peas/carrots
- Instant mashed potato
- Rice
- Jams and spreads
- Sponge puddings
- Tinned fruit
- Custard
- Biscuits
- Tinned spaghetti hoops
- Carrier bags
- Men's and women's deodorants
- Size 5-7 nappies
- Baby wipes
- Toothbrushes

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Prayers

Please pray for

- The Pastoral Care Team
- Our new government
- Those in our church family no longer able to come to church through ill health
- Those living in war zones throughout the world

From BMS World Mission

Ruth Montacute (D R Congo, 1972-1992) devotes so much time to maintaining pastoral contact with former missionaries. Pray for Ruth, and for her incredible energy levels to continue.

In Galatians 5, you tell us that gentleness is a fruit produced by the Spirit at work in our hearts. Father, we ask that your Spirit would develop and grow gentleness within us. We know that we cannot bear fruit if we are not connected to you, so we cling to you, Jesus. We look to you, Jesus. By following closely in the steps of our Rabbi, we seek to emulate

you. Show us when harshness and bitterness enter into our thoughts and help us to turn from them. Soften our hearts. Soften us so that we may reflect your gentleness and in doing so bring you glory. Amen.

From <https://prayerist.com/>

May the strength of God pilot us,
May the power of God preserve us,
May the wisdom of God instruct us,
May the hand of God protect us,
May the way of God direct us,
May the shield of God defend us,
May the host of God guard us against the snares of evil
and the temptations of the world.
Patrick, c389-c461

Let the love of the Father
course through our veins.
Let the goodness of Christ
pulse through our bodies.
Let the power of the Spirit
flow through our souls.
Let the wonder of God
resonate through our minds.
Glory be to God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
now and for all eternity.
Amen.

From <https://nickfawcett.uk/>

This world and all within it
is part of your glorious plan,
devised and created in love
for your people to enjoy.
Such divine mystery,
Such wonder,
that you should consider
humankind so precious
and provide for our needs.
God of all, our creator,
our rock, our refuge,
our confidence and hope,
our rescuer and deliverer,
in whom we can rely,
we will praise your name today
and all days. Amen.

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

And finally...

Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.
Philippians 4 v 5

Items for the next News Sheet to Fliss Nesbitt by Thursday 11th July, please.