



# Weekly News

## Sunday 22nd February 2026

### A family following Jesus

“Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.”  
*John 7 v 38*

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

### Order of Service

Welcome and notices

Call to worship

**Song 631:** Tell out, my soul

Intro activity – Guess who...

**Song** (mp4): Who am I (Who you say I am)

Bible reading: John 7.1-15, 25-29, 33-44 ERV

Talk and activities – Jesus is... What do we know about Jesus? /What is your story? /Who is Jesus to you?

**Song 1000:** King of kings, Majesty

Intercessions

**Song 708:** To God be the glory

Final prayer & blessing

The grace

### Notices

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

**Ladies' Group:** There will be a short **meeting of ladies** after today's service to agree the activities for the year.

There will also be a parallel meeting to discuss the year's programme for the **Men's Group**.

**Matt Bugg** has offered to compile **the annual report** this year. Please send any contributions to him by **tomorrow**.

**Christian Aid Lent lunches** this year are on **Thursday 26th February** and Wednesday 18th March in the Court House. Please come if you can and enjoy delicious soup and fruit crumble. Both start at 12.00.

The **World Day of Prayer service** 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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

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 Meet and Make team
- our local schools
- those struggling with finance
- our government

*From BMS World Mission*

Pray for God's Spirit to influence governments around the world to show mercy and a compassionate welcome to asylum seekers and refugees. Pray for your local and national leaders.

In your time, Saving God,  
You walked upon this earth,  
And in your time  
Became one of us,  
To show what we could become.  
Remind us always  
As we look at our lives  
In comparison with yours,  
That at the centre of all things  
Is the saving Grace of God.

In your time, Mighty God,  
You will come in glory,  
And in your time  
Gather the harvest,  
From one end of this earth to the other.  
Remind us always,  
In times of plenty,

And in times of famine,  
That at the centre of all things  
Are the mercy and justice of God.  
Amen

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

Dear Lord,  
Help us to follow your example,  
by looking out for those who each day feel that they are marginalised,  
who cannot find hope,  
who believe that they have little to offer,  
who are overcome by the challenges of poverty.  
Help us to widen our horizons,  
to make space for the stranger,  
to watch out for those who feel invisible,  
to give time to the outsider,  
to talk to the person facing silence,  
to restore justice and value.  
Give us the courage to undertake this, the determination to join with others in seeing grace in every human face,  
and the faith to embrace the opportunity in your name.

Amen

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

Creator God, The work of your hands is breathtaking. How vast is the beauty you display in the land and skies! Lord, come open my eyes afresh each day to take in the glory of your creative power.

Loving God, You have designed with such care every aspect of life. Intricate yet astounding creatures come alive in your master work! And each day, moment by moment you renew and restore, making beautiful things.

Almighty God, I surrender my life to you, because you are the giver of life! You are the master builder, the creative governor, the artistic genius, the author of love. I dwell with thanks in your Kingdom. Amen.  
*Prayer courtesy of www.prayerscapes.com*

## And finally...

'Whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.'  
*John 4 v 14*

*Items for the next News Sheet to Fliss Nesbitt by Thursday 26th February, please.*

**Motto text 2026:** So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.  
Colossians 2 vs 6 - 7 (NIV)

