



Weekly News

Sunday 12th July 2026

A family following Jesus

Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom. *Colossians 3 vs 16a (NIV)*

Welcome to our Morning Service led by members of the Leadership Team

Order of Service

Welcome and notices

Opening prayer

Song 1040: Come, now is the time to worship

All Age story

Song 650: The King is among us

Children go to their group

Bible Reading : Colossians 3 vs 12 - 17

Song 954: We are marching in the light of God

Explanation of service

Talk 1

Song 613: Spirit of the Living God

Intercessions

Talk 2

Song 1265: Come, set your rule and reign

Blessing

The grace

Our **church picnic** is after the service on **26th July**. Bring your lunch to 72 Bridgewater Road from 12:30 and enjoy some fun and fellowship. Ice creams / ice lollies will be provided!

The total for **Christian Aid Week** is £3,174, so thanks to anyone who contributed in any way. The amount of Gift Aid is £570 which is really good. Many thanks. *Margaret Pike*

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 is on **Thursdays 10.00 am until noon**, but from now on will meet **only on the first and third** Thursdays of the month. Our next two meetings are therefore **16th July and 6th August**. Do join us for tea/coffee and cake in the Lower Hall.

First Steps, our parent + toddler group, meets in the Lower Hall **1.30-2.45pm 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.

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.

Notices

Karen will be on holiday Friday 10th - Tuesday 14th July inclusive. Whilst she is away, please contact the Leadership or Pastoral Care Team with any church-related issues.

There will be a **church meeting on 19th July** in the lower hall after the morning service. All are invited to attend, but only members can vote.

Their urgent needs include:

- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned peas
- Tinned carrots
- Tinned sweetcorn
- Cooking sauces
- Custard
- Shower gel
- 2-in-1 shampoo
- Toothpaste
- Liquid hand soap
- Laundry liquids/tabs/powder
- Carrier bags

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Prayers

Please pray for

- The Meet and Make team
- Refugees throughout the world
- Those who are ill
- Our outreach to those around us

From BMS World Mission

A's family disowned him after he began asking questions about Christianity. Ask God to enable A, a new believer, to trust him as a loving Heavenly Father. Pray that God would sustain A through the grief of currently having no contact with his parents.

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/>

For small miracles
in the midst of tragedy
we thank you, Lord.
For refugees rescued
from sinking ships,

earthquake victims
brought alive from
upturned buildings,
and the many others
that go unnoticed
in our daily lives,
where acts of love
and selfless bravery
confront misfortune
and catastrophe
and from the darkness
bring light and life.

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

Living God,
give us genuine commitment in following you,
wholehearted resolve to honour your will,
sincere dedication in discipleship.
Teach us truly to practise what we preach,
in the sense of working at it each day
until walking the way of Christ becomes second
nature,
not the exception but the norm.
Amen.

From <https://nickfawcett.uk/>

I surrender all I am to you most loving God,
For resting in your presence is where I most belong.

I adore you, with all my heart, I offer you my love,
For you hold all the beautiful things, you offer us so
much.

I open up my heart and soul, you fill me with grace
life,
For I will always follow you, in you I will abide.
Prayer courtesy of www.prayerscapes.com

And finally...

I myself am convinced, my brothers and sisters, that
you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with
knowledge and competent to instruct one another.
Romans 15 v 14 (NIV)

*Items for the next News Sheet to Chris Hayward by
Thursday 16th July, please*