



Weekly News

Sunday 17th May 2026

A family following Jesus

Whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
1 Corinthians 11 v 26 (NIV)

Welcome to our Morning Service with communion led by David Burden

Order of Service

Welcome and notices

Call to worship

Song 1373: This is amazing grace

Song 1227: The splendour of the King

All age talk

Song 1259: Bless the Lord, O my soul

Prayer

Children go to their group

Bible reading: Luke 22 vs 7 - 20

Talk

Song: Do this in remembrance of me

Communion

Intercessions

Song 496: O for a thousand tongues

Benediction and grace

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 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 three meetings are therefore **21st May**, 4th and 18th June. Do join us for tea/coffee and cake in the Lower Hall.

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

I would like to thank everyone for my lovely bouquet of flowers for my birthday this coming week. It was a lovely surprise. Thank you all.
Rosie

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.

The **Petertide Fair** will be on Sunday 28th June, 12.30 - 3.30pm. Everyone's invited to enjoy a fun-filled family fête in the churchyard of St Peter's Berkhamsted. Entry is free, and all proceeds go to the St Peter's Renovation Appeal, to fix the leaking church roof.

Notices

This weekend is the annual **Baptist Assembly**. Karen, Matt, Ruth, Fliss, Carla and John Ball will be attending. This year is a special assembly for our church as Karen will be receiving her handshake in celebration of becoming a fully accredited Baptist Minister.

We are in the process of **spring cleaning** the church. There is a list of tasks to be completed on the notice board in the kitchen corridor. Please sign up to jobs you intend to do, and tick when completed.

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 peas
- Coffee
- 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
- Shower gel
- Soap bars
- Toothpaste
- Laundry liquids/tabs/powder
- 2-in-1 shampoo
- Carrier bags

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Prayers

Please pray for

- The First Steps team
- Refugees throughout the world
- Our local councillors
- Those in our church family unable to attend church

From BMS World Mission

Thank God for economic growth in Rwanda. Pray for the regional security-related tensions and for improved relations with neighbouring countries.

Lord God,

You promise the peace of a still lake

Even in the midst of a storm.

You promise the peace of a slumbering child

Even in the middle of tension and disagreement.

You promise the peace of a poppy field

Even in the place of heartbreak and devastation.

Your promise is a peace that surpasses our human understanding.

So I choose to rest by the still waters, to lie down and rest amongst the poppies.

Your resurrection declared peace over trauma, power over death, and life everlasting.

I trust in you.

Prayer courtesy of www.prayerscapes.com

May we know you well enough

to be able to express

within our prayers

the doubts and uncertainties

that often trouble us,

and those distractions

that get between us,

and be confident

in the knowledge

that you understand,

having walked this path before,

and so walk alongside us,

never more than a heartbeat away,

eternally available

to draw us closer, once more, to you.

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

You, God, are my God,

earnestly I seek you;

I thirst for you,

my whole being longs for you,

in a dry and parched land

where there is no water.

I have seen you in the sanctuary

and beheld your power and your glory.

Because your love is better than life,

my lips will glorify you.

I will praise you as long as I live,

and in your name I will lift up my hands.

I will be satisfied as with the richest of foods;

with singing lips my mouth will praise you.

Psalm 63 vs 1 - 5 (NIV)

And finally...

Do this in remembrance of me. *Luke 22 v19b (NIV)*

Items for the next News Sheet to Chris Hayward by Thursday 21st May, 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)