



# Weekly News

## Sunday 22nd March 2026

### A family following Jesus

“I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.” *John 11 vs 25, 26*

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

Very many thanks to those who supported the **Christian Aid Lent lunch** on Wednesday. We raised £442 including Gift Aid, which is wonderful.

*Margaret Pike*

### Order of Service

Welcome and notices

Call to worship

**Song 1040:** Come, now is the time to worship

**Song 376:** Jesus put this song into our hearts

Lazarus lives again

Exploring the story

**Song** (mp4): In the darkness (King of kings)

Intercessions

**Hymn 689:** Thine be the glory

Final prayer & blessing

The grace

**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. We will be taking a break after Easter, so there will be no Meet & Make on 7th or 14th April.

**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. Open Church is taking a break over Easter, and won't be running on 2nd or 9th April.

**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. The session on 2nd April will be an Easter Special suitable for children age 7 and under. There will be no First Steps on **9th April**.

**Roma and Michael Hunt** have safely and very happily moved into their new home in Leighton Buzzard, and once they are more settled, Roma is hoping to come and see us all. Gill has the address.

**Bobbi** is now permanently resident at Ashlyns Care Home where she has been staying for the last few weeks.

### Notices

#### Easter Services

On **Maundy Thursday**, 2nd April, we will be meeting at 7pm to share a light meal and communion together. Please sign the notice sheet in the Lower Hall if you intend to come. We are suggesting a donation of £2.50 towards the meal.

The town **Good Friday** service will be outside Waterstones at 10am on 3rd April.

**Easter Day**, 5th April, will start with the town Sunrise Service at 7am in the castle grounds. Our church Easter Day service will follow at 10.30am.

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 Open Church team
- those struggling with finance
- all who suffer as a result of war
- our local health services

*From BMS World Mission*

BMS supports Hope Home in Thailand, which works with young people with special needs. Thank God for his protection over the health and wellbeing of each child and young person in Hope Home, and praise him for opportunities to help them grow and develop well.

### God of Grace

In whom I put my trust  
Be my rescuer when sins ensnare  
The liberator of my soul  
The still small voice that says  
'Be free'

### God of Love

In whom I put my trust  
Be my joy and comfort at all times  
The source of all my thoughts and words  
The still small voice that says  
'Rejoice!'

### God of Peace

In whom I put my trust  
Be my tranquillity in times of turmoil  
The steadying hand in raging seas  
The still small voice that says  
'Be calm'

### God of Power

In whom I put my trust  
Be my confidence when faith is challenged  
The sword and armour that protects  
The still small voice that says  
'Be strong!'

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Come, living Lord, live within our hearts,  
For you are welcome here.  
Come like a gentle dove, settle us with your grace  
and peace.

We welcome your Spirit's presence to calm us.  
Come like a mighty wind, roaring with power from on  
high.

We welcome your Spirit's freedom to move deeply in  
us.

Come like an untamed fire, raging with holiness.  
We welcome your Spirit's beauty to burn brightly  
through us.

Come, living Lord.

Come this day, this hour, this moment  
For you are welcome here.

Come, living Lord.

Come this day, this hour, this moment  
For you are truly welcome here.

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When our hearts are weary,  
troubled or weighed down,  
we cry to you in prayer  
knowing that you hear us,  
and hearing  
will answer in your time,  
bringing healing,  
wholeness,  
and peace.  
You raise us up  
from the place that we have fallen  
and put our feet on firmer ground,  
that we might walk in confidence with you.  
Such love, such patience.  
To you alone we bring our thanks.  
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## And finally...

For just as the Father raises the dead and gives  
them life, even so the Son gives life to whom he is  
pleased to give it. *John 5 v 21*

*Items for the next News Sheet to Fliss Nesbitt by  
Thursday 26th March, 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)

