



Weekly News

Sunday 2nd November 2025

A family following Jesus

I know that everything God does will endure for ever; nothing can be added to it and nothing taken from it. God does it so that people will fear him. *Ecclesiastes 3 v 14 (NIV)*

Welcome to our Church Anniversary Service with communion led by Revd Nathan Toseland

Order of Service

Welcome and notices

Opening prayer

Song 1102: Great in power (Praise him you heavens)

Song 315: I will sing the wondrous story
All age slot

Song 1001: Let everything that has breath
Children to leave for their group

Bible Reading - Psalm 32

Song 999: Firm Foundation

Bible Reading - Ecclesiastes 3 vs 1 - 14
Talk

Song 1041: Yesterday, Today and Forever
(Everlasting God)

Communion

Intercessions

Song 980: Draw me close to you
Blessing

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 takes place 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 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:

- Tinned fruit
- Baked beans
- Tinned/packet soup
- Rice
- Tea bags
- Tinned sweetcorn
- Tinned ham

Notices

After the service this morning we will be having a **church family lunch** of jacket potatoes and fillings as we celebrate our 385th anniversary. Do stay if you can!

The **Ladies Games** afternoon is now taking place on **Friday, 7th November 2025 at 12 noon to 2pm**. Bring your own lunch. Please let Carla Ball know if you can make it.

- Cooking sauces
- Tinned kidney beans
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned vegetables
- Cereal bars
- Long life juice/squash
- Tinned spaghetti hoops
- Carrier bags
- Shower gel

Thank you in advance for your generosity

Prayers

Please pray for

- The First Steps Team
- Those in Jamaica and the rest of the Caribbean affected by the hurricane
- Our Christian brothers and sisters unable to meet as we do
- Christians in Parliament

From BMS World Mission

Praise God that the persecuted Church is not giving up and that BMS is seeing new inroads appearing. Pray that God will use these inroads to create networks and opportunities for the gospel to grow in places like North Africa.

Can we really
move mountains
with a mustard seed of faith?
It seems rather a difficult task.
Could we maybe start
with a molehill,
and work our way up gradually?
But that's not the way it works, is it, Lord?
So often you challenge us
with the mountain,
when we feel so unprepared,
unequipped for the task.
It's then that we have to put self aside,
and fear,
and pride,
and cling tightly to your hand.
It is only then that we really feel
the warmth of your touch,
the certainty of your love,
the power of your presence.

It is only then
that our faith begins to grow ,
and we begin to see
our real potential.
Thank your, Heavenly Father,
for mountains
and mustard seeds
From <https://www.faithandworship.com/>

I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart;
before the 'gods' I will sing your praise.
I will bow down towards your holy temple
and will praise your name
for your unfailing love and your faithfulness,
for you have so exalted your solemn decree
that it surpasses your fame.
When I called, you answered me;
you greatly emboldened me.

May all the kings of the earth praise you, Lord,
when they hear what you have decreed.
May they sing of the ways of the Lord,
for the glory of the Lord is great.

Though the Lord is exalted, he looks kindly on the lowly;
though lofty, he sees them from afar.
Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve my life.
You stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes;
with your right hand you save me.
The Lord will vindicate me;
your love, Lord, endures for ever –
do not abandon the works of your hands.
Psalm 138 (NIV)

And finally...

He has made everything beautiful in its time.
Ecclesiastes 3 v 11a (NIV)

*Items for the next News Sheet to Fliss Nesbitt by
Thursday 6th November, please*