



Berkhamsted
Baptist Church

Weekly News

Sunday 1st September 2024

A family following Jesus

Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God." Ruth 1 v 16 (NIV)

Welcome to our Morning Service with communion led by our minister Revd Karen Bugg

Order of Service

Welcome and notices

Call to worship

Opening prayer

Song 564: Praise to the Lord

Drama

Song: Everyone needs compassion (Mighty to save)

Dilemmas - discussion

Bible Reading - Ruth 1 vs 1-22, 2 vs 1-12

Talk

Song 162: The servant King

Communion

Intercessions

Song 882: Lord of all hopefulness

Blessing

The Grace

the front of the church. Do join us for tea/coffee and cake.
Carla & Sue

The Ladies Group will be having a **Ladies International day** with a talk by Ruth Montacute and some International food on **Friday, 13 September 2024 at 12 noon to 2pm**. All church family and friends are invited but please let Vicky know if you will attend.

Margaret and Megan are again doing the **Bike 'n' Hike** on 14th September. Please sponsor us if you can; half the money comes back to the church. Many thanks.
Margaret Pike

Will is also doing the **Bike'n'Hike** in aid of our church and has a just giving page for it, using this link - <https://www.justgiving.com/page/slow-puncture-2024>
He writes, "I have been doing the Bike and Hike for around 10 years now hoping to bag as many churches as possible across Hemel, Berkhamsted, Tring and Aldbury and would be grateful for your support. Half of the money will be going to the Historic Church's Trust and the other half will be going to this wonderful church which has given me such a warm welcome these past interrupted weeks."

More Sunday School team members needed!

We would love some more people to join our Sunday morning children's team! Each Sunday school session there are two adult leaders – one prepares and leads the session, and one assists with the activities. If you would be interested in joining the team in either capacity, please speak to Alun or Karen for more details. Thank you!

Notices

Every Sunday from 21st July until 1st September inclusive we will be having all-age services which will be appropriate for the whole church family, whatever their age. Children will therefore stay in the service rather than attending Sunday School.

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 **10.00am until noon**. When the weather is better we meet at

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:

- Jars of cooking sauces
- Tinned ham
- Biscuits
- Sponge puddings
- Jelly
- Rice
- Tinned mackerel
- Tinned corned beef
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned peas/carrots
- Instant mashed potato
- Jams and spreads
- Tinned fruit
- Custard
- Tinned spaghetti hoops
- Carrier bags
- Men's and women's deodorants
- Size 5-7 nappies
- Baby wipes
- Toothbrushes

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Prayers

Please pray for

- The leadership team
- Those in our church family who are unwell
- Children starting new schools this week
- Refugees throughout the world

From BMS World Mission

Please pray for the nation of Bangladesh. Pray for peace and stability after the elections that were held earlier this year, and for leadership that aims to bring security and abundance for all Bangladeshi people.

Gracious God, we thank you that you can use these lives, these imperfect lives, to fulfil your purposes and become the means through which others might meet with you and know your saving grace. For the faith you have in us and the roles prepared for us we offer everything we are,

and everything we can become through your love and power.

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

Lord of all things

We thank You for the women and men You have called to work in education.

Bless their hearts with Your love, joy and peace.

Season their words with Your patience, kindness and goodness.

Fill their minds with Your faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

When they respond to a broken-hearted child

Show them how to be big-hearted.

When they reach out to a rebellious teen

Remind them to be obedient to You.

When they advise a lonely mature student

Help them to be Christ Jesus to them.

When they meet with an angry parent

Let them see a child of God.

When they give advice to a discouraged colleague

Give them helpful and encouraging words.

When they speak to visitors and strangers

Grant them the gift of hospitality.

Amen.

Prayer from prayforschools.org

It is good to praise the Lord

and make music to your name, O Most High,

proclaiming your love in the morning

and your faithfulness at night,

to the music of the ten-stringed lyre

and the melody of the harp.

For you make me glad by your deeds, Lord;

I sing for joy at what your hands have done.

How great are your works, Lord,

how profound your thoughts!

Senseless people do not know,

fools do not understand,

that though the wicked spring up like grass

and all evildoers flourish,

they will be destroyed forever.

But you, Lord, are forever exalted.

Psalm 92 vs 1 - 8 (NIV)

And finally...

We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him. *Romans 8 v 28a(NIV)*
Items for the next News Sheet to Chris Hayward by Thursday 5th September, please.