



Weekly News

Sunday 30th November 2025

A family following Jesus

I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people. *Ephesians 1 v 18 (NIV)*

Welcome to our Morning Service led by Revd Karen Bugg

Order of Service

Welcome and notices
Call to worship
Lighting the advent candle
Song 102: Come thou long expected Jesus
All age item
Song: Jesus, hope of the nations
Children leave for their group
Intercessions
Song 503: O little town of Bethlehem
Bible Reading - Isaiah 2 vs 1 - 5
Talk
Song 449: Love divine, all loves excelling
Blessing
The Grace

In our services throughout Advent, we are reflecting on the wonder of the incarnation - when God takes on flesh in the form of Jesus, the baby in the manger. Along with this theme, there is a prayer journey you can join with, running from 1st December to Christmas Day. You can sign up and follow on the YouVersion Bible app or receive an e-mail each day. Here's the sign up link:
<https://licc.org.uk/ourresources/small-wonder-a-christmas-devotional-journey/>
Do join in with this if you can!

A message from Judy Biggerstaff: I would like to thank everyone for their prayers. I have now fully recovered from shingles. Thank you all so much.
Love, Judy.

Notices

There will be a **Church Meeting** after the service **this morning** to which all are welcome, though only church members may vote.

Please come and join us for **carol singing for Christian Aid** outside Tesco on **Saturday December 13th at 10.30** for approximately an hour. The money raised will go to help people fleeing conflict in the DR Congo. Come even if you can't stay the whole time.

We need packs of mince pies for the **Glee Club Charity Christmas Concert** which will be held here on **Saturday 13th December**. Please help if you can.

Judith Lowther has been unable to get to church recently, but she wants to say how grateful she is for the cards and flowers she has received. Unfortunately, she does not see much prospect of attending church for the time being.

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 try or join a group.

If you would like to support the **Salvation Army Christmas present appeal** to help children in need, we will collect any gifts in the box on the table next to the crèche corner of the sanctuary. All gifts should be new and unwrapped. Kathleen has further information about appropriate toys and other gifts, or see the Salvation Army website <https://www.salvationarmy.org.uk>. All donations will be taken to The Salvation Army in Hemel Hempstead in the first week of December. They will then be distributed with the help of Social Services and schools in Berkhamsted and Hemel Hempstead.

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
- Jams and spreads
- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned sweetcorn
- Tinned fish
- Sweet and savoury biscuits
- Christmas chocolates and selection packs
- Custard
- Nuts
- Rice pudding
- Sponge puddings
- Roasting trays (large)
- Deodorants
- Laundry liquid/tabs/powder (small packs)
- 2-in-1 shampoo

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Prayers

Please pray for

- The Bible Study groups
- The people contacted at the Festival of Light last week

- Our local schools
- Those of our church family unable to come to church

From BMS World Mission

Gospel outreach in North Africa is steadily gaining momentum. Pray that God will protect BMS-supported workers and give them boldness and wisdom to be effective witnesses.

In this Advent of expectation
draw us together in unity,
that our praise and worship
might echo in these walls
and also through our lives.
In this Advent of expectation
draw us together in mission,
that the hope within
might be the song we sing,
and the melody of our lives.
In this Advent of expectation
draw us together in service,
that the path we follow
might lead us from a stable
to a glimpse of eternity.

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

Creator and Redeemer

You did not plant the seed of this earth
Into the universe as if by chance.
It was your hand that placed it here,
Your plan to grow it here.
You did not populate this earth
With a people made in your image
Purely by chance,
It was your hand that placed us here,
Your breath that keeps us here.
You did not come as a tiny child
To walk this earth as if by chance,
It was your Love that brought you here,
Your Grace that saved us here,
Our Creator and Redeemer.

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And finally...

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. *1 Peter 3 v 15 (NIV)*

Items for the next News Sheet to Fliss Nesbitt by Thursday 4th December, please

