



Weekly News

Sunday 9th August 2026

A family following Jesus

Store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. *Matthew 6 v 20*

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

Order of Service

Welcome and notices
Call to worship and prayer
Song 1221: Hosanna (Praise is rising)
Song 957: We want to see Jesus lifted high
Story – The rich farmer
Bible reading: Luke 12.13-21
All-age talk
Questions and activities
Song 799: Knowing you (All I once held dear)
Song 1076: Jesus, be the centre
Shared intercessions
Song: Yet not I but through Christ in me
Final prayer & blessing
The grace

The Leadership Team has begun exploring how we might be able to offer different ways of helping our local community connect with God and grow in faith. So that the whole church can be involved in seeking God about this, Karen has written a series of daily reflections for each of us to use that she is hoping will help us think about who God is asking us to be and what God is asking us to do in this next season. Most people will receive these via email but if you would like a paper copy please speak to Karen or Fliss.

2026 Daily Reflections

Please use the link below to access written and audio recordings.

<https://www.berkhamstedbaptistchurch.com/2026dailyreflections>

First Steps, our parent + toddler group, has now finished for the summer term. We will be back in September.

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.

On **Wednesday 12th August** at 6.30 pm the **Men's Group** is having a barbecue at the home of Simon and Beth Brown, by kind invitation. If you are planning to attend, please **LET ME KNOW** by midday today, Sunday. *Chris Hayward*

Notices

Judith would like us to know how much she enjoyed coming back to church last Sunday. She was delighted with the warm welcome she received and is very thankful for people's kindness.

Open Church is on **Thursdays 10.00 am until noon**, but **only on the first and third** Thursdays of the month. Our next two meetings are therefore **20th August and 3rd September**. Do join us for tea/coffee and cake in the Lower Hall.

There will be **no Meet & Make sessions in August**. The team will be taking a well-earned break.

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 tomatoes
- Tinned peas
- Tinned carrots
- Tinned sweetcorn
- Cooking sauces
- Custard
- Shower gel
- 2-in-1 shampoo
- Toothpaste
- Liquid hand soap
- Laundry liquids/tabs/powder
- Carrier bags

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Prayers

Please pray for

- the Pastoral Care team
- our children and young people
- our local councillors
- peace where there is war

From BMS World Mission

Lucia Bastos works at Guinebor II Hospital in Chad as a Projects and Partnerships Officer. Her responsibilities include managing relationships with international partners, foreign embassies and local offices of international charities and UN agencies. Ask God for wisdom and humility through personal growth for Lucia for this year.

Almighty God,
we're not as strong as we like to think,
the burdens of life sometimes being too heavy to bear.

Thank you that when we cannot carry them alone,
you are always there to share the load,
nothing being too hard
or too heavy
for you to shoulder.

Amen.

From <https://nickfawcett.uk/>

For each step that I might take,
Be my guide, O Lord of life.
For each load that I might bear,
Be my strength, O Lord of life.
For each mountain I might face,
Be my power, O Lord of life.
For each river that might impede,

Be my safety, O Lord of life.
For each place where I might rest,
Be my peace, O Lord of life.
For each sunrise and sunset,
Be my joy, O Lord of life.

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

Almighty God,
you have given your Holy Spirit
to lead us into all truth:
guide the leaders of this nation,
and equip them for the work set before them
in the days ahead.

Give to them your wisdom and your peace,
revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

From <https://www.churchofengland.org/>

Son of God,
you love each one of us
as if there were just one of us;
those who have striven hard
to obey your commands,
those who have drifted here,
unsure of the path they trod,
those who are here simply
because of your grace,
individuals, all of us.

Son of God,
you love each one of us
as if there were just one of us,
how can we not sing your praises
for all that you have done? Amen

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

Hope is a gift from you, Lord.
Hope soars upwards when all is falling.
Hope rides high on the stormy waves.
Hope dances in the darkest places.
Hope rings out across the fields of devastation.
Hope remains strong amidst crushing burdens,
opens hearts that have been neglected or rejected,
belongs to you, because you rose again, beyond the grave.

Hope declares, life and faith and true love wins!
Always! Amen.

Prayer courtesy of www.prayerscapes.com

And finally...

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
Matthew 6 v 21

*Items for the next News Sheet to Chris Hayward by
Thursday 13th August, 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)

