



Weekly News

Sunday 4th October 2026

A family following Jesus

But 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 All Age Morning Service led by Revd Karen Bugg

Order of Service

Welcome and notices
Call to worship
Opening prayer
Song 1086: Light of the world (Here I am to worship)
Song 1259: 10,000 reasons (Bless the Lord)
Introduction to service
Story
Turn and talk
The story of Ruth
Talk/Activities/Questions
Song: Big family of God (Some of us are big and tall)
Communion
Intercessions
Song: Yet not I, but through Christ in me
Final prayer and blessing
The grace

Notices

As mentioned at our last church meeting, there will be a short church meeting after the service this morning.

There will be no Sunday School this morning.

Courtesy of Matt Bugg, the **Men's Group** will be having a session of simulated locomotive driving at 7.00 pm in the Lower Hall on **Wednesday 14th October**. Come and drive your train through the Chilterns!

Our **baptistry** will be open and filled for our church anniversary service on **Sunday 1st November**. So far one person has asked to be baptised. If you haven't yet taken this step do have a chat with Karen.

Ladies' and Men's Group: Little Hay Restaurant can offer us tables for our joint Christmas meal at **lunchtime on 12th December**. Could everyone who would like to attend please let me know as soon as possible?
Vicky Sainsbury

First Steps, our parent/carer and toddler group, is on Thursdays 1.30 – 2.45 pm. Please pray for the families and our small team.

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.

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 **15th October and 5th November**. Do join us for tea/coffee and cake in the Lower Hall.

St Albans Cathedral hosts a monthly Free Church Communion service on the first Wednesday of each month at 11:00 am in the Lady Chapel. On **7th October** this will be led by Revd Andrew Openshaw, **CBA regional minister**. Details are on the notice board.

A message from **The Way Inn**

The Way Inn is so much more than a Post Office; it is a Christian presence on our High Street. Over the coming weeks we will be welcoming our Christmas stock, so why not pop in to pick up an Advent Calendar, choose your Christmas cards or select a gift? There will also be some Christmas books at bargain prices and local produce. The Way Inn is run by a Christian charity which is looking for some **new trustees**. Is this something you or someone you know might be able to do? Please pray about it and speak to The Way Inn to find out more.

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
- Refugees throughout the world
- Our local councillors
- The emergency services

From BMS World Mission

Pray for strength, unity, focus and fresh anointing for the leadership team at Jimmi Bagbo Church in Sierra Leone - Mohamed, Janet, Mattia, Samuel and Hannah.

Living God,
give us genuine commitment in following you,
wholehearted resolve to honour your will,
sincere dedication in discipleship.
Teach us truly to practise what we preach,
in the sense of working at it each day
until walking the way of Christ becomes second
nature,

not the exception but the norm.

Amen.

From <https://nickfawcett.uk/>

When the journey is hard
strength is failing,
we lose the path,
stumble
or fall,
you raise us up,
refresh,
encourage,
give hope.
You enable us
to continue on our way,
climb mountains,
or simply follow
day by day.

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

For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully
made;

your works are wonderful,
I know that full well.

My frame was not hidden from you
when I was made in the secret place,
when I was woven together in the depths of the
earth.

Your eyes saw my unformed body;
all the days ordained for me were written in your
book
before one of them came to be.

How precious to me are your thoughts, God!
How vast is the sum of them!

Were I to count them,
they would outnumber the grains of sand –
when I awake, I am still with you.

Psalms 139 vs 13 - 18 (NIV)

And finally...

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge.
Proverbs 1 v 7a (NIV)

*Items for the next News Sheet to Fliss Nesbitt by
Thursday 8th October, 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)