



Weekly News

Sunday 18th October 2026

A family following Jesus

(He) is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine. *Ephesians 3 v 20a*

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

Order of Service

Welcome and notices

Call to worship

Opening prayer

Hymn 396: Just as I am, without one plea

All-age activity: Making the right choices

Children to leave for their group

Song (mp4): Goodness of God

Song 1259: 10,000 reasons

Bible reading: Ruth chapter 3

Monologues: Ruth, Naomi and Boaz

Reflection time

Communion

Song (mp4): My hope is built on nothing less

Intercessions

Hymn 624: Take my life

Final prayer & blessing

The grace

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 **5th and 19th November**. Do join us for tea/coffee and cake in the Lower Hall.

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.

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.

Notices

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 Groups: 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

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 Meet & Make team
- peace in all places of war and violence
- aid agencies throughout the world
- our young people

From BMS World Mission

Give thanks for the BMS-funded solar panels soon to be installed on the new Prosthetics and Orthotics Department at G2 Hospital in Chad. Pray for their protection against sandstorms and extreme heat.

In the darker moments,
when clouds gather
and the heaviness we feel
seems overwhelming,
remind us of your love,
carrying the weight
of so much in that cross,
embracing the world
with arms outstretched
that we might know
freedom from the chains
which now constrain us.
Bring us to your light,
release our burdens
and from despair bring hope.

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

You call us to service,
to be your eyes and ears,
hands and voice in this your world.

To open our eyes not only
to the beauty and love which you create,
but to the injustice,
hate and suffering that mankind generates.

To open our ears not only
to the chattering of this coming week,
but to the searching,
fears and questioning of all whom we shall meet.

To open our hands not only
to those we choose our lives to share,
but in welcome,
love and fellowship to all whom you draw near.

To open our mouths not only
to speak platitudes and simple words,
But the truths you lay
upon our hearts, Your Word for this your world.

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to be your eyes and ears,
hands and voice in this your world.
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Creator God, we glimpse your beauty
in setting sun, mountain top, eagle's wing.
We sense your power in thunder crash,
lightning flash and ocean's roar.
Creator God, we praise you

Precious Jesus, we see your love
stretched out upon a cruel cross.
We stand in awe at your sacrifice,
pure love poured out for humankind.
Precious Jesus, we praise you

Holy Spirit, we see your power
in lives transformed, hearts on fire.
We listen for your still, small voice,
comforting, guiding, calling.
Holy Spirit, we praise you
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And finally...

Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you;
he will never let the righteous be shaken.
Psalms 55 v 22

*Items for the next News Sheet to Chris Hayward by
Thursday 22nd 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)

