



Weekly News

Sunday 13th September 2026

A family following Jesus

Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance. *Hebrews 9 v 15 (NIV)*

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

Order of Service

Welcome and notices
Call to worship
Opening prayer
Setting the scene activity
Song 1267: Come people of the risen king
Song 1222: Strength will rise
Talk - part 1
Bible Reading: Matthew 9 vs 14 - 17
Talk - part 2
Song 991: I will worship
Talk - part 3
Response activity
Intercessions
Song 501: O Jesus, I have promised
Final prayer and blessing
The grace

We will also be choosing who will receive our Gift Day offering, suggestions welcome!

Our **harvest service** will be on **Sunday 27th September** and will include a collection for Operation Agri. It will be followed by a **harvest lunch** to which all are welcome. If you are able to contribute financially to the lunch we are asking for an optional donation of £2.50.

First Steps, our parent/carer and toddler group, is on Thursday 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 **17th September and 1st October**. 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 **October 7th** this will be led by Revd Andrew Openshaw, **CBA regional minister**. Details are on the notice board.

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

Notices

There will be no Sunday School this morning.

The **Ladies' International meal** which was to be on 18 September 2026 is **cancelled**. Vicky will look at re-scheduling that later this year if possible.

Our next **church meeting** is on Sunday 20th September, in the Lower Hall after the morning service. Part of this meeting will include an opportunity to look at and discuss the things people have shared on our summer daily devotions board. Do keep adding to it over the next few weeks.

Word. Please speak to Pat Ginger, Sandra Wotton or Alun Sainsbury if you wish to try or join 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:

- 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 Open Church team
- Peace in the Middle East
- Those struggling with finance
- Our outreach to our community

From BMS World Mission

Pray for Sierra Leone, that God would bring prosperity that benefits all and that he would raise up leaders who will care for the people and the future of the nation.

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 the injustice,
hate and suffering that mankind generates.

To open our ears not only
to the chattering of this coming week,
but 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 who 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.

You call us to service,
to be your eyes and ears,
hands and voice in this your world.
From <https://www.faithandworship.com/>

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/>

You, God, are my God,
earnestly I seek you;
I thirst for you,
my whole being longs for you,
in a dry and parched land
where there is no water.

I have seen you in the sanctuary
and beheld your power and your glory.
Because your love is better than life,
my lips will glorify you.
I will praise you as long as I live,
and in your name I will lift up my hands.
I will be satisfied as with the richest of foods;
with singing lips my mouth will praise you.

On my bed I remember you;
I think of you through the watches of the night.
Because you are my help,
I sing in the shadow of your wings.
I cling to you;
your right hand upholds me.
Psalms 63 vs 1 - 8 (NIV)

And finally...

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation
has come: the old has gone, the new is here! 2
Corinthians 5 v 15(NIV)

*Items for the next News Sheet to Chris Hayward by
Thursday 17th September, 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)

