



Weekly News

Sunday 6th September 2026

A family following Jesus

'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.' *Matthew 13 v 44*

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

Order of Service

Welcome and notices

Call to worship

Opening prayer

Hymn 564: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation

Song 1005: Our God is an awesome God

All-age activity and story

Song JP 139: Jesus' love is very wonderful
Children go to group

Bible reading: Matthew 13.44-46

Talk

Song 1282: Hear the call of the Kingdom

Communion

Intercessions

Song 673: There is a Redeemer

Final prayer and blessing

The grace

First Steps starts again this week: Thursday 1.30 – 2.45 pm. Please pray for the families and our small team.

We are having a **harvest lunch** on **Sunday 27th September**; more details will follow but do put this date in your diary.

The Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust **Bike 'n' Hike** is on Saturday 12th September. Megan and Margaret will be taking part. Please sponsor them if you can.

Meet & Make has restarted. It 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.

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.

Notices

Zoom Praise is on Wednesday evening at 7:30pm. A link will be sent via email.

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.

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

- those who do unseen jobs in the church
- the relief work following the floods in Nepal
- our local councillors
- refugees throughout the world

From BMS World Mission

Krishna Bohora works for BMS partner EQUIP in Nepal. EQUIP seeks to improve access to, and the quality of, education in Nepal. Krishna's current focus is overseeing and implementing training plans for an education project being fulfilled in the current academic cycle. Please pray for Krishna and his family, asking God to bless and protect them. Give thanks for all that Krishna does with EQUIP to serve the people of Nepal.

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/>

We remember all who speak of you,
through their word and lives;
your saints on earth
to whom we owe our knowledge
of your saving Grace.

Wherever the seed of your love is sown
may it grow, flourish and blossom.
We remember all who pray for us,
through good times and bad;
your prayer warriors,
who look at the bigger picture
with patience and hope.

Wherever the seed of your love is sown
may it grow, flourish and blossom.
We remember all who serve you,
in their everyday lives;
your loving saints,
who are your touch and comfort
wherever there is need.

Wherever the seed of your love is sown
may it grow, flourish and blossom.

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

Lord, we would grow with you,
New shoots reaching out,
Hands stretched upward,
Like leaves newly formed,
Soaking up your light and warmth.
Lord, we would grow with you.

Lord, we would grow with you,
In sunshine and rain,
In darkness and light,
In cold days and summer days,
From Springtime to Winter.
Lord, we would grow with you.

Lord, we would grow with you,
And bring forth fruit
That is pleasing to you,
Fed by your living water,
Giving sustenance to others.
Lord, we would grow with you.

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

Lord, I lift my eyes to focus on you. May I drink of
your love and forgiveness, may I taste your beautiful
words of truth.

Please lift my heart today, come fill my mind with
hope as I gaze upon your glorious face.

Amen.

Prayer courtesy of www.prayerscapes.com

And finally...

Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
Luke 12 v 34

*Items for the next News Sheet to Fliss Nesbitt by
Thursday 10th 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)

