



Berkhamsted Baptist Church

A family following Jesus

Weekly News *for*

Sunday 7th May 2023

Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. *Hebrews 12 v 1c (NIV)*

Welcome to our Worship Service with communion led by our minister Revd Karen Bugg.
Sunday school will be held in the Lower Hall.

Order of Service

Welcome and notices

Call to worship: Psalm 47.6-9

Prayer

Hymn 560: Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

Hymn 1259: 10,000 reasons (Bless the Lord, O my soul)

Interview with John Carter

Children to leave for their groups

Bible reading: Hebrews 12.1-2a; James 1.2-4

Talk: Run with perseverance the race marked out for us

Hymn 825: Faithful One, so unchanging

Communion

Intercessions

Hymn 463: May the mind of Christ my Saviour

Blessing and The Grace

Notices

Today's Events

Coronation-themed church lunch after morning service

Ecumenical service at St Peter's for the Coronation of His Majesty the King: 6pm

Zoom prayer - Wednesday 10th May 7.30 pm. This is a wonderful and important opportunity to pray together for our world, our community and our church family. A Zoom link will be sent via email nearer the time, but if you don't receive it and would like to join then do contact Karen who will be leading this time of prayer.

Open Church takes place every Thursday **10.00 am until noon**. When the weather is cold, we are indoors and the main church is a designated 'warm space'. Come and have tea/coffee and cake with us.
Carla and Sue

Wendy Bridges, a valued Lunch Club member, formerly of William Fiske House, passed away peacefully at Watford General Hospital aged 99. Her funeral is at Amersham Crematorium on Tuesday 9th May at 10.45 am. Please remember her daughter and family in your prayers.

Help needed! Cakes wanted for the **Christian Aid stall on 20th May** outside Tesco between 9 am and 12 approx, and any preserves. If you can spare half an hour to help with selling that would be great. Customers wanted too. Also, people needed to **deliver only** envelopes 14th-20th May. Please see Margaret Pike if you can help.

Note that our next **church meeting** will take place after morning service on **Sunday 21st May**.

Because of ill health our church cleaner is no longer able to clean for us. While we search for a new one, if you see something that needs doing, e.g. bins emptying, surfaces wiping, etc., please play your part in helping us stay clean and tidy.
Karen

Our **Small Groups** run 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.

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 fish (not tuna)
- Long life milk
- Long life juice/squash
- Tinned potatoes
- Instant mash
- Small jars of coffee
- Tinned ham/corned beef
- Rice
- Tinned vegetables
- Carrier bags
- Shampoo
- Black refuse sacks (large)
- Washing up liquid (small)
- Deodorants
- Laundry liquid/tabs/powder (small packs only)
- Sanitary products

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Prayers

Please pray for

- King Charles III and the royal family
- Our church Bible study groups
- Our brothers and sisters who can't worship God openly
- People suffering mental health problems
- A peaceful solution to the unrest in Sudan

From BMS World Mission

BMS responds to disasters through the Baptist Forum for Aid and Development. Pray for post-Covid, post-war and earthquake responses in Ukraine, Türkiye-Syria and beyond.

As the number of people displaced increases, please pray for UK churches as we welcome the rich diversity of God's families within our local communities.

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness, bless our Sovereign Lord, King Charles, and all who are in authority under him; that they may order all things in wisdom and equity, righteousness and peace, to the honour of your name, and the good of your Church and people; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

(from <https://www.churchofengland.org>)

Motto text 2023: Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.

Dear Lord,

You have placed a helmet of salvation on my head - that I might have peace of mind.

You have placed a breastplate of righteousness upon my chest - so that my heart may be protected and safe.

You have placed a shield of faith in my hand - so that as I journey no evil can stand against me.

You have placed the sword of the spirit in my hand - that I may release those in need. You are with me.

Thank you. Amen.

(prayer courtesy of www.prayerscapes.com)

Give strength to those who have grown weary, doubtful or disillusioned along the road of faith, now wanting to rest awhile or take a different route.

Open their eyes again as with those two disciples on the Emmaus road.

Let them hear your word, feel your gentle touch and know that it is you still walking by their side.

Resurrect their faith, bring to them new life, living God, we pray.

(from <https://www.faithandworship.com>)

Almighty God,

I bow before your throne.

May I be a good servant. I promise to live well within your word.

May I speak with love. I commit my life to the work of your kingdom.

May I be led on paths of justice and peace. I am willing to learn and grow.

May I be more like you, Lord.

Amen.

(prayer courtesy of www.prayerscapes.com)

And finally...

Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him. *James 1 v 12 (NIV)*

Items for the next News Sheet to Fliss Nesbitt by Thursday 11th May, please.

Hebrews 12 v 1-2a