



Weekly News

Sunday 19th July 2026

A family following Jesus

Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. *Galatians 6 v 2 (NKJV)*

Welcome to our Morning Service led by Revd Karen Bugg

Order of Service

Welcome and notices

Call to worship

Opening prayer

Song 1086: Light of the world

Song 1079: Jesus, hope of the nations

All-age slot: The friends who lowered the paralysed man (Mark 2.1-12)

Song 1168: Everyone needs compassion

Children go to their group

Bible reading: Galatians 6.1-5

Talk

Song 1261: Brother, sister, let me serve you

Communion

Intercessions

Song 673: There is a Redeemer

Final prayer and blessing

The grace

Our church picnic is after the service on **26th July**. Bring your lunch to 72 Bridgewater Road from 12:30 and enjoy some fun and fellowship. Ice creams/iced lollies will be provided!

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. We will meet on **21st and 28th July** but there will be **no sessions in August**. The team will be taking a well-earned break.

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 **6th and 20th August**. Do join us for tea/coffee and cake in the Lower Hall.

First Steps, our parent + toddler group, has now finished for the summer term. We will be back in September.

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

Notices

There will be a **church meeting this Sunday** in the Lower Hall after the morning service. All are invited to attend, but only members can vote.

This Wednesday (22nd July) at 7:30 pm we have our opportunity to **pray together on Zoom**. A link will be sent out via email nearer the time. I hope you can join me.

Karen

- 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 work behind the scenes in church
- children and parents as the school holidays start
- our local councillors
- those who suffer as a result of the hot weather

From BMS World Mission

The African Oasis Hub is a mission training centre in Ghana created to mobilise and equip African Christians for cross-cultural mission. Pray that Ghana will become a sender of young, well-trained African mission workers to Europe, Asia and beyond.

Creator God,
 who breathed this world into being,
 who is discernible within
 the harmony of nature,
 the perfection of a butterfly's wing,
 the grandeur of a mountain range,
 the soaring eagle and humming bird,
 thank you for this world
 which you have created.
 Thank you for summer sun,
 which reminds us
 that your creative breath
 is still alive and active.
 Thank you for the warmth of your love,
 sustaining this world,
 your garden

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

Dear Lord,
 Your peace surpasses all understanding.
 Like a moment of stillness within a storm,
 Like a place of quiet within a crowd,
 Or a soft area to rest on a hard journey.
 Help me to know your peace in my heart.
 Amen.

Prayer courtesy of www.prayerscapes.com

Lord, as we approach summer breaks of various kinds, we pray for ourselves and for our world. We thank you for the luxury of holiday, for refreshment and rest from work.

We pray for those whose lives are made harder and busier by long summer breaks, and we pray for those without the luxury of a holiday. May your peace be made known in their daily life.

We think of the damage our travel creates in our world, and we pray for motivation and help in tackling the climate chaos now beginning to engulf the planet. We pray for those whose holiday will be blighted by the anxiety of what awaits their return.

We pray for health, for all whose holiday is an escape from over-busy or unfulfilled lives.

We pray for justice and fairness for those in our world who scratch a living from the tourist industry.

Lord God of Sabbath rest, make yourself known to us afresh, that all our days may become holy days, to the glory of your name.

From <https://www.baptist.org.uk/>

The Lord is our salvation,
 the rock upon which we stand,
 the light by which we walk,
 the strength by which we overcome.
 Therefore we shall live by faith
 and fear no one,
 for the Lord our God is with us,
 walking beside and before us,
 sheltering us from harm.
 It is the Lord's song that we sing,
 his praise within our hearts,
 his word upon our lips,
 and the reason that we live.

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

O God, we thank you for this earth, our home; for the wide sky and the blessed sun, for the salt sea and the running water, for the everlasting hills and the never-resting winds, for trees and the common grass underfoot. We thank you for our senses by which we hear the songs of birds, and see the splendour of the summer fields, and taste of the autumn fruits, and rejoice in the feel of the snow, and smell the breath of the spring. Grant us a heart wide open to all this beauty, and save our souls from being so blind that we pass unseeing when even the common thornbush is aflame with your glory. O God our creator, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

From <https://prayerist.com/>

And finally...

A friend is always loyal, and a brother is born to help in time of need.
Proverbs 17 v 17

Items for the next News Sheet to Chris Hayward by Thursday 23rd July, 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)