



Berkhamsted
Baptist Church

Weekly News

Sunday 21st June 2026

A family following Jesus

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. *Ephesians 4 v 2*

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

Order of Service

Welcome and notices
Call to worship
Opening prayer
Father's Day gifts
Song: Praise is rising
Song: Amazing grace (My chains are gone)
All-age activity
Song: (mp4) Who am I
Children to leave for their group
Turn and talk What/Who are you thankful for today?
Bible reading: Ephesians 4.1-6
Talk
Song: This I believe (The Creed)
Communion
Intercessions
Song: Be Thou my vision
Final prayer & blessing
The grace

Notices

Community Coffee & Well-Being Morning 11 am to 12 noon **Saturday 4th July** (American Independence Day!) St Mary's Northchurch Parish Rooms. Free to anyone. Discover local care, support and well-being options for living and ageing well. Expert advice by a doctor and other speakers over coffee and cake. Event hosted by Caremark Dacorum.

Please join us if you can for our **Zoom Prayer** meeting on **Wednesday 24th June at 7.30 pm**. A link will be sent nearer the time.

The **Central Baptist Association Assembly and AGM** is on **Saturday 27th June** at Christchurch Baptist Church, Welwyn Garden City.

Ladies' Event: Meeting at **College Lake**, Tring on **Saturday 27th June 11am - 1.30pm** for a stroll and lunch. Please invite family and friends.

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 from now on will meet **only on the first and third** Thursdays of the month. Our next two meetings are therefore **2nd and 16th July**. Do join us for tea/coffee and cake in the Lower Hall.

First Steps, our parent + toddler group, meets in the Lower Hall **1.30-2.45pm on Thursdays** during term-time. We would love to have more helpers – not necessarily present every week – so please see Karen or Beth if you are able to assist.

The **Petertide Fair** will be on Sunday 28th June, 12.30 - 3.30 pm. Everyone's invited to enjoy a fun-filled family fête in the churchyard of St Peter's, Berkhamsted. Entry is free, and all proceeds go to the St Peter's Renovation Appeal, to fix the leaking church roof.

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 peas
- Coffee
- Tinned ham/corned beef
- Tinned fruit
- Cooking sauces
- Long life juice/squash
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned sweetcorn
- Tinned vegetarian meals
- Chocolate
- Custard
- Rice pudding
- Shower gel
- Soap bars
- Toothpaste
- Laundry liquids/tabs/powder
- 2-in-1 shampoo
- Carrier bags

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Prayers

Please pray for

- the Bible Study groups
- those who are recovering from surgery
- our government
- an end to war in the Middle East

From BMS World Mission

Lift up Elizabeth O'Brien, BMS's Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Officer. Pray that she will have good relationships with BMS's partners as they learn together through case studies and reporting.

When the journey is hard,
strength is failing,
we lose the path,
stumble
or fall,
you raise us up,
refresh,
encourage,
give hope.
You enable us
to continue on our way,
climb mountains,
or simply follow
day by day.

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

Thank you, Lord, that in a world where promises are two a penny,
made today and broken tomorrow,
where so little can be relied on to deliver what it purports to offer,
we can put our trust in your promises
and be confident they will be honoured.
Through the prophets you foretold the coming of the Messiah,
a Saviour and Redeemer,
and in Christ you fulfilled that pledge,
your Word being made flesh among us.
He told his followers that though he would die he would rise again,
and they met him,
just as he had said:
risen,
alive,
victorious.
You promise us in turn your guidance,
strength,
mercy
and peace;
above all, life now and for evermore.
Teach us to put our trust in you,
confident that though all else may fail,
you will not.
Amen.

From <https://nickfawcett.uk/>

Creator God,

The work of your hands is breathtaking. How vast is the beauty you display in the land and skies! Lord, come open my eyes afresh each day to take in the glory of your creative power.

Loving God,

You have designed with such care every aspect of life. Intricate yet astounding creatures come alive in your master work! And each day, moment by moment you renew and restore, making beautiful things.

Almighty God,

I surrender my life to you, because you are the giver of life! You are the master builder, the creative governor, the artistic genius, the author of love. I dwell with thanks in your Kingdom. Amen.

Prayer courtesy of www.prayerscapes.com

And finally...

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. *Colossians 3 v 12*

Items for the next News Sheet to Fliss Nesbitt by Thursday 25th June, 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)

