



Berkhamsted
Baptist Church

Weekly News

Sunday 13th April 2025

A family following Jesus

Say to Daughter Zion, 'See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey. *Matthew 21 v 5 (NIV)*

Welcome to our Morning Service led by John Carter

Order of Service

Welcome and notices

Call to worship

Song 9: All glory, laud and honour

All age talk

Song 790: You are the king of glory

Song 242: Hosanna, hosanna

Prayer and Lord's prayer

Children leave for their group

Introduce talk

Bible reading - Matthew 21 vs 1 - 11

Talk + Responsive prayer

Song 580: Ride on, ride on in majesty

Intercessions

Song 457: Make way, make way

Final prayers and blessing

The grace

A big thank you to all who supported our **Lent lunches**. The second one raised £445 which with the first one and Gift Aid brings the total to nearly £1,000. A truly magnificent result. *Margaret Pike*

Open Church takes place every **Thursday 10.00 am until noon**. We meet in the Lower Hall. Do join us for tea/coffee and cake.

We really need more people to come and help at open church as Carla will be unable to do so for several weeks.

Meet & Make is 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.

First Steps

There will be no First Steps on Thursday 10th and 17th April as we will be taking a break for the Easter holidays.

Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday (17th) - Simple supper and communion service - 7pm, Lower Hall

Good Friday (18th) - Service of Witness - 10am, outside Tesco

Easter Sunday (20th) - 'Sunrise' service - 7am, Berkhamsted Castle Grounds

Easter Sunday (20th) - All-age service - 10:30am, church sanctuary

Maundy Thursday Simple Supper - 17th April

Notices

Karen will be on holiday **Mon 7th - Sun 13th April**. While she is away, please contact the Leadership or Pastoral Care Team with any church-related issues.

Please take care around the Holliday Street side of the church building as scaffolding has been erected for our window repairs.

If you would like to attend the Maundy Thursday simple supper, there is a sign-up sheet in the Lower Hall. This year we are asking for a voluntary donation of £2.50 per person to cover the cost of the food.

We are in the **season of Lent**. I am engaging with the Bible Society's Lent Encounter - Through the Wilderness, which is exploring the book of Exodus. If you haven't already found resources to engage with through Lent, I encourage you to join me. Sign up here: <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/resources/the-lent-encounter>
Karen

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 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:

- Rice
- Long life juice
- Tinned ham
- Tinned corned beef
- Cooking sauces
- Tinned/packet soup
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned sweetcorn
- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned chickpeas
- Jams/spreads
- Long life milk
- Chocolate
- Tinned spaghetti hoops
- Carrier bags
- Toilet roll
- Kitchen roll
- Laundry liquid/tabs/powder
- Washing up liquid
- Baby wipes

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Prayers

Please pray for

- The Pastoral Care team
- Easter services in our town
- Those suffering as a result of the Myanmar earthquake
- Our Christian brothers and sisters who are unable to worship as we do.

From BMS World Mission

Motto text 2025: 'When you call out to me and come to me in prayer, I will hear your prayers. When you seek me in prayer and worship, you will find me available to you. If you wholeheartedly seek me, I will make myself available to you,' says the LORD.
Jeremiah 29 vs 12-14 (NET)

Give thanks for the BMS volunteers who tirelessly inspire their own or other churches by sharing BMS news. Their talks keep their church family connected

and engaged. Please pray for God's wisdom to guide them as they continue this vital role.

Your love,
which breathed this world into being,
established a covenant people,
brought them out of captivity
and into a promised land.
Hallelujah!

Your love,
which from the moment of our birth
has known and called us by name
from out of this world's slavery
into the kingdom of God.
Hallelujah!

Your love,
poured into the heart of Jesus
who endured the nails of our sin,
defeated death to rise again
and causes our hearts to sing
Hallelujah!
From <https://www.faihandworship.com/>

Praise the Lord, my soul.
Lord my God, you are very great;
you are clothed with splendour and majesty.
The Lord wraps himself in light as with a garment;
he stretches out the heavens like a tent
and lays the beams of his upper chambers on their
waters.
He makes the clouds his chariot
and rides on the wings of the wind.
He makes winds his messengers,
flames of fire his servants.
May the glory of the Lord endure for ever;
may the Lord rejoice in his works –
he who looks at the earth, and it trembles,
who touches the mountains, and they smoke.

I will sing to the Lord all my life;
I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.
May my meditation be pleasing to him,
as I rejoice in the Lord.
But may sinners vanish from the earth
and the wicked be no more.
Praise the Lord, my soul.
Praise the Lord.
Psalm 104 vs 1 4, 32 - 35 (NIV)

And finally...

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Matthew 21 v 9b (NIV)

*Items for the next News Sheet to Fliss Nesbitt by
Thursday 17th April, please*