



Berkhamsted
Baptist Church

Weekly News

Sunday 31st August 2025

A family following Jesus

For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. *2 Peter 1 v 21*

Welcome to our All-Age Service led by Revd Karen Bugg

Order of Service

Welcome and notices

Call to worship

Song 1267: Come, people of the risen King

Song 1001: Let everything that...has breath

Prayer

Pass the scroll activity

Song (mp4): Speak, O Lord

Bible reading: based on 2 Chronicles 34, 2 Kings

23.25

Talk

Response activity: Mini scrolls?

Song (mp4): King of love and grace

Intercessions

Hymn 631: Tell out, my soul

Final prayer & blessing

The grace

First Steps, our parent + toddler group, is now on its summer break and will restart in September.

Meet & Make restarts on **Tuesday 2nd September, 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.

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.

Notices

Open Church takes place every **Thursday 10.00 am until noon**. We mostly meet in the lower hall but when the sun shines you will find us outside the front of the church. Do join us for tea/coffee and cake.

HELP: can you spare two hours once a month on a Thursday from 10 to 12? Please speak to Carla as soon as possible.

Annual sponsored Bike 'n' Hike in support of the Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust. Walk or cycle between neighbouring churches and raise money for the Trust (50%) and our own church (50%). This event takes place on **Saturday 13th September**. Sponsorship forms can be obtained from our Treasurer John Ball.

Margaret and Megan are again doing the Bike 'n' Hike. Please sponsor us as generously as you can!

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:

- Baked beans
- Tinned/packet soup
- Rice
- Tinned fruit
- Tea bags
- Tinned sweetcorn
- Tinned ham
- Cooking sauces
- Tinned kidney beans
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned vegetables
- Cereal bars
- Long life juice/squash
- Tinned spaghetti hoops
- Carrier bags
- Shower gel

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Prayers

Please pray for

- the leadership team
- children and teachers as they return to school
- those who are unwell
- peace in the Middle East

From BMS World Mission

Justice Livelihoods Health's areas of work in Uganda include farming training, child protection and church and community mobilisation (CCM). Pray that this work will go well and transform the lives of the people involved. Pray that the work will continue growing, with wider networks and partnerships both locally and internationally.

Creator God, you who love us more than we can know,
Who chose us from the very beginning to be family,
We praise your holy name.
Jesus Christ, Son of God, Word become flesh,
Who dwelt among us and was sacrificed for us,
We praise your holy name.
Holy Spirit, present and power in our lives
From the moment that we first believed,
We praise your holy name.

Prayer from <https://www.faithandworship.com/>

Lord of all things,
We thank You for the women and men You have called to work in education.

Bless their hearts with Your love, joy and peace.
Season their words with Your patience, kindness and goodness.

Fill their minds with Your faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

When they respond to a broken-hearted child
Show them how to be big-hearted.

When they reach out to a rebellious teen
Remind them to be obedient to You.

When they advise a lonely mature student
Help them to be Christ Jesus to them.

When they meet with an angry parent
Let them see a child of God.

When they give advice to a discouraged colleague
Give them helpful and encouraging words.

When they speak to visitors and strangers
Grant them the gift of hospitality.

Amen.

Prayer from prayforschools.org

For the blessings of each day
we praise your holy name.

For strength to endure
in the winter of strife,
shelter from storm,
protection through life.
For the blessings of each day
we praise your holy name.

For footsteps to follow
a road that is true,
a love that endures
whatever we do.
For the blessings of each day
we praise your holy name..

For faith to believe
hope in our heart,
your Spirit enabling
as we play our part.
For the blessings of each day
we praise your holy name.

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And finally...

I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. *Joel 2 v 28a*

Items for the next News Sheet to Fliss Nesbitt by Thursday 4th September, please

