



Weekly News

Sunday 1st November 2026

A family following Jesus

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures for ever. *Psalm 107 v 1 (NIV)*

Welcome to our Anniversary and Baptism Service led by Revd Karen Bugg

Order of Service

Welcome and notices

Opening prayer

Song 1040: Come, now is the time to worship

Song 1086: Light of the world (Here I am to worship)

Explanation of baptism

Testimonies

Song 111: Dear Lord and Father of mankind

Baptisms

Song 1072: In Christ alone

Mercy ships video

Intercessions

Song: Christ is my firm foundation (He won't)

Bible Reading - Mark 4 vs 35 - 41

Talk and response

Song 501 : O Jesus I have promised

Baptism cards

Final prayer and blessing

The grace

to come and help any time from 3.30pm to 6pm
please let Karen or Fliss know.

First Steps, our parent/carer and toddler group, is on
Thursdays 1.30 – 2.45 pm. Please pray for the
families and our small team.

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 **only on the first and third** Thursdays of the month. Our next two meetings are therefore **5th and 19th November**.. Do join us for tea/coffee and cake in the Lower Hall.

A message from **The Way Inn**

The Way Inn is so much more than a Post Office; it is a Christian presence on our High Street. Over the coming weeks we will be welcoming our Christmas stock, so why not pop in to pick up an Advent Calendar, choose your Christmas cards or select a gift? There will also be some Christmas books at bargain prices and local produce. The Way Inn is run by a Christian charity which is looking for some **new trustees**. Is this something you or someone you know might be able to do? Please pray about it and speak to The Way Inn to find out more.

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.

Notices

Today we will be having a **baptism service** during which Alice Bugg and Douglas Goss will be baptised.

Today is also our **church anniversary and gift day**. Our gift day offerings will be shared between Mercy Ships (<https://www.mercyships.org.uk/>) and the work of our church.

The Berkhamsted **Festival of Light** is on Sunday 22nd November. We will be opening the church that afternoon with the dressing up clothes for photos and for people to bring their crown stones. If you are able

Their urgent needs include:

- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned peas
- Tinned carrots
- Tinned sweetcorn
- Cooking sauces
- Custard
- 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

- Youth Alpha
- Our outreach to our town
- Those struggling with finance
- Those affected by the Spanish train crash

From BMS World Mission

Around 175 million children are affected by disasters each year, and women and children are up to 14 times more likely to die in disasters. Pray for vulnerable children and women affected: may God protect them from harm, abuse, hunger and fear, and provide safety, shelter and hope.

Heavenly Father,

We thank you for your faithfulness to this church throughout the last 286 years. We thank you for all your servants who have faithfully served you here in the past and for those who work for you here now. We ask that you might guide us into the future and that your Holy Spirit might continue to work among us and in this town.

Amen

You call us to leave all things,
you who had nothing.

You call us to be servants,
you who came to serve.

You call us to share the load,
you who carried our sin.

You call us to speak your word,
you who lived it daily.

You call us to be followers,
and in your strength, we will.

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

I will exalt you, my God the King;

I will praise your name for ever and ever.

Every day I will praise you

and extol your name for ever and ever.

Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;
his greatness no one can fathom.

One generation commends your works to another;
they tell of your mighty acts.

They speak of the glorious splendour of your majesty
and I will meditate on your wonderful works.

They tell of the power of your awesome works –
and I will proclaim your great deeds.

They celebrate your abundant goodness
and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

Psalm 145 vs 1 - 7 (NIV)

If we had a fraction of the faith in you that you have
in us then this world would be transformed, Lord.

If we showed a fraction of the love that you show to
us then this world would be transformed, Lord

If we possessed a fraction of the patience that you
display with us then this world would be transformed,
Lord.

If we shared just a portion of the blessings that we
have received from you then this world would be
transformed, Lord.

If we showed as much trust in others as you have
shown in us then this world would be transformed,
Lord.

If we claimed just a fraction of the power you
promised to your Church then this world would be
transformed, Lord.

Transform us first, Lord, that we might transform this
world through your love and your power.

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

And finally...

All of you who were baptised into Christ have clothed
yourselves with Christ. *Galatians 3 v 27 (NIV)*

*Items for the next News Sheet to Chris Hayward by
Thursday 5th November 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)

