



Berkhamsted  
Baptist Church

# Weekly News

## Sunday 12th April 2026

### A family following Jesus

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. *1 Peter 1 v 3*

**Welcome to our Morning Service led by Fliss Nesbitt**

### Order of Service

Welcome and notices

Call to worship

**Song 38:** As we are gathered

Prayer

Media clip

**Song 839:** He is risen

*Children go to their group*

Bible Reading: John ch. 21

**Song 296:** I stand amazed

Talk

**Song 760:** When we walk with the Lord

Intercessions

**Song 889:** More about Jesus

Closing prayer

Blessing

The Grace

**The funeral of Paul Altobell (Celia's husband)** will be on **Sunday 12th April at 10.30 am** at Greenacres Chiltern Park, Beaconsfield HP9 2XB. There will be a reception afterwards from 12.15 pm at The Rex Cinema, downstairs in the bar area. All church friends are invited.

We are intending to **spring clean** the church in the coming weeks. There is a list of tasks to be completed on the notice board in the kitchen corridor. Please sign up to jobs you intend to do, and tick when completed.

Very many thanks to those who supported the **Christian Aid Lent lunch**. We raised £442 including Gift Aid, which is wonderful. *Margaret Pike*

**Meet & Make** is on an Easter break, so there will be no gathering on 14th April.

**Open Church** happens every **Thursday 10.00 am until noon**. You will find us in the Lower Hall. Do join us for tea/coffee and cake

**First Steps**, our parent + toddler group, meets in the Lower Hall **1.30-2.45 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.

### Notices

Karen will be on holiday Monday 6th - Sunday 12th April inclusive. Whilst she is away, please contact the Leadership or Pastoral Care Team with any church-related issues.

**Today** the Lower Hall will be in use for a child's birthday party from **1.00 to 4.30 pm**.

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:

- 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
- Jams and spreads
- Toothpaste
- Laundry liquids/tabs/powder
- 2-in-1 shampoo
- Carrier bags

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

## Prayers

Please pray for

- the Pastoral Care team
- refugees
- all who suffer as a result of war
- our local schools

*From BMS World Mission*

Pray for Thailand: for God to move by his Spirit to bring many people to faith in Jesus. Pray especially for the Thai indigenous Buddhists and for the many unreached rural villages.

When the going gets tough  
the tough get going.  
It is easy to say 'No',  
to take the easy way out,  
easy to play safe  
and live to fight another day.  
Like Peter, who loved you  
with such a passion, Lord,  
filled with such energy,  
so impetuous,  
ready to speak first  
and ask questions later.  
Except when asked  
if he was with you, Lord,  
except when his faith  
was seriously challenged,

when the road to the cross  
became dangerous.

You knew Peter,  
knew the calibre of the man,  
what would happen  
before the cock crowed twice.  
But it didn't stop you choosing him,  
the rock upon which  
your Church would be built.  
There is comfort for us, Lord,  
in Peter's frailty,  
reassurance that your love  
and confidence extend  
to both strong and frail,  
as you look to our potential,  
and in your love forget  
our momentary weakness.

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

Help us, with simple words,  
to explain the warmth  
within our hearts  
that we experienced  
in that first encounter  
with your love and grace -  
the Spirit's flame,  
still burning bright within -  
that others, in their own  
journeys of discovery,  
might reach out and touch  
the hand that's always there,  
and be embraced by love.

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

I will shout out your greatness day after day.  
Hear the vast oceans swelling with praise.  
I will sing in my heart a sweet grace melody  
Of love overcoming and forgiving me.  
I will move in your ways, feel the rhythm of truth.  
With passion and joy, I'll rise up anew!  
I'll rest in your goodness and wonderful ways.  
For your promises keep me and hold me so safe.  
How I thank you, Lord.  
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## And finally...

These (*signs*) are written that you may believe that  
Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by  
believing you may have life in his name.

*John 20 v 31*

*Items for the next News Sheet to Chris Hayward by  
Thursday 16th April, 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)

