



# Weekly News

## Sunday 3rd August 2025

### A family following Jesus

"The Lord your God is God in heaven above and on the earth below." *Joshua 2 v 11*

**Welcome to our All-Age Service, with communion, led by Revd Andrew Openshaw**

### Order of Service

Welcome and notices

Call to worship

**Song 1086:** Light of the world

Prayers: Adoration and confession

All-age intro to theme: waiting / hiding / hoping

**Song 843:** He is the Lord (Show your power)

Dramatised reading based on Joshua 2

Reflection: Cords of hope

**Song:** Yet not I but through Christ in me

Membership welcome

Communion

Intercessions

**Song 1072:** In Christ alone

Final prayer and blessing

The grace

### Notices

**Karen will be on holiday** Friday 8th - Sunday 17th August. Whilst she is away, please contact the Leadership or Pastoral Care Team with any church-related issues.

**Val Dell** is now comfortably settled living at the home of her son Chris and daughter-in-law Dawn in Hemel Hempstead. She is presently confined to bed in a downstairs room and would be very pleased to see anyone who is able to visit for a little while. Please ring Dawn beforehand to arrange a suitable time. Kathleen and Sandra have the telephone number and address so please ask but do not pass these on to others without Chris or Dawn's permission.

This Wednesday, 7:30pm, we have our opportunity to **pray together on Zoom**. A link will be sent out via email nearer the time. I hope you can join me as we pray for ourselves, our church and our community.

*Karen*

**Meet & Make** will be happening this Tuesday but then taking a **break for the rest of August**. We will return in September with lots of new crafts to try.

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

The **John Sayer Almshouses** are having another Open Day on Saturday 16th August 10am - 2pm. Come and have a look behind the scenes at this historic building, learn about the restoration project and meet the residents. Tea and cake in the garden. Entry free, donations welcome! [235-241](tel:235241) [High Street Berkhamsted](#) (opposite the post office)

**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.

The **Men's Group** will be having a barbecue at the Tring home of Alun and Vicky Sainsbury at **6.30 pm** on **Wednesday 13th August**. Please let me know by next Sunday if you are planning to be there.  
*Chris Hayward*

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

**An outside organisation** is using our Upper Hall **7.00 to 8.00 pm** (not 8.00 to 9.00 pm as stated last week) on **Tuesdays** until the end of August.

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
- Sanitary towels

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

## Prayers

Please pray for

- the Meet and Make team
- our outreach to those around us
- refugees around the world
- Christians in the public eye

*From BMS World Mission*

Remember Roger and Ingrid Hamlet, and their children Mark and Joel, as they settle into their new life in Chad. Pray for good relationships with colleagues and all Chadian staff, for continued language study in French and Arabic and for wisdom as they begin to set up a new Prosthetics and Orthotics Department.

Lord God,

You promise the peace of a still lake  
Even in the midst of a storm.

You promise the peace of a slumbering child  
Even in the middle of tension and disagreement.

You promise the peace of a poppy field  
Even in the place of heartbreak and devastation.

Your promise is a peace that surpasses our human understanding.

So I choose to rest by the still waters, to lie down and rest amongst the poppies.

Your resurrection declared peace over trauma,  
power over death, and life everlasting.

I trust in you.

*Prayer courtesy of [www.prayerscapes.com](http://www.prayerscapes.com)*

Bless all whose journey,  
that search for faith,  
acceptance and identity,  
is made more difficult  
by circumstance, doubt,  
diversions, exhaustion,  
stumbles along the road,  
and the load they carry.  
May they hear your voice,  
and see your footsteps,  
know how close you are,  
lay down their burden,  
reach for your hand  
and allow you to lead  
them into their promised land.

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

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...

By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient.

*Hebrews 11 v 31*

*Items for the next News Sheet to Fliss Nesbitt by Thursday 7th August, please.*

**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)

