



Weekly News

Sunday 5th July 2026

A family following Jesus

Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. *Colossians 3 vs 9,10(NIV)*

Welcome to our Morning Service with communion led by Revd Karen Bugg

Order of Service

Welcome and notices
Call to worship
Opening prayer
Song 1267: Come people of the risen King
Call your bluff quiz
All Age story
Song 69: Change my heart, O God
Song 321: I'm accepted
Children go to their group
Bible Reading : Colossians 3 vs 9 - 10, John 21 vs 15 - 19
Talk
Reflective song: O come to the altar
Communion
Intercessions
Song 1072: In Christ alone
Final prayer and blessing
The grace

Notices

There will be a **church meeting on 19th July** in the lower hall after the morning service. All are invited to attend, but only members can vote.

On **Wednesday 8th July**, the **Men's Group** will be having a country walk. Please meet at the front of the church for a **7.00 pm** start. All men welcome.

We will be having a **Zoom Praise meeting** on this **Wednesday, 8th July at 7.30pm** A link will be sent

nearer the time.

Our **church picnic** is after the service on **26th July**. Bring your lunch to 72 Bridgewater Road from 12:30 and enjoy some fun and fellowship. Ice creams / ice lollies will be provided!

The final total for **Christian Aid Week** is £3,174, so thanks to anyone who contributed in any way .

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 from now on will meet **only on the first and third** Thursdays of the month. Our next two meetings are therefore **16th July and 6th August**. Do join us for tea/coffee and cake in the Lower Hall.

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

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:

- Tinned peas
- 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
- Shower gel
- Soap bars
- Toothpaste
- Laundry liquids/tabs/powder
- 2-in-1 shampoo
- Carrier bags

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

To the powerful bring humility
 To the rich bring generosity
 To the influential bring opportunity
 To the oppressor bring understanding
 To the hard-hearted bring compassion
 To the suffering bring perseverance
 To the hungry bring sustenance
 To the grieving bring comfort
 To the sick bring wholeness
 And to all your people bring love
 That binds all these together
 In cords that cannot be broken
 This is your world
 These are your people
 and I leave them in your hands.

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Prayers

Please pray for

- The leadership team
- Those affected by the Venezuelan earthquake
- Our local councillors
- Those recovering from surgery

From BMS World Mission

The People Pool is a group of volunteers with specific skills from across the global Church. It enables us to be responsive, drawing on expertise to provide targeted support to organisations and networks for a short period of time. We have seen volunteers sent from Indonesia to Uganda, Uganda to Ghana, India to other parts of India. Praise God for his faithful leading in the connections we create for each assignment.

Creator God

who breathed this world into being,
 who is discernible within
 the harmony of nature,
 the perfection of a butterfly's wing,
 the grandeur of a mountain range,
 the soaring eagle and humming bird,
 thank you for this world
 which you have created.

Thank you for summer sun,
 which reminds us

that your creative breath
 is still alive and active.

Thank you for the warmth of your love,
 sustaining this world,
 your garden

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I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart;
 before the 'gods' I will sing your praise.

I will bow down towards your holy temple
 and will praise your name

for your unfailing love and your faithfulness,
 for you have so exalted your solemn decree
 that it surpasses your fame.

When I called, you answered me;
 you greatly emboldened me.

May all the kings of the earth praise you, Lord,
 when they hear what you have decreed.

May they sing of the ways of the Lord,
 for the glory of the Lord is great.

Though the Lord is exalted, he looks kindly on the
 lowly;

though lofty, he sees them from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
 you preserve my life.

You stretch out your hand against the anger of my
 foes;

with your right hand you save me.

The Lord will vindicate me;

your love, Lord, endures for ever –

do not abandon the works of your hands.

Psalm 138 (NIVUK)

And finally...

He said to his disciples, 'Why are you so afraid? Do
 you still have no faith?' *Mark 4 v 40 (NIV)*

*Items for the next News Sheet to Fliss Nesbitt by
 Thursday 9th July, 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)

