



Berkhamsted  
Baptist Church

## Weekly News

### Sunday 4th May 2025

#### A family following Jesus

Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

*Ephesians 5 vs 1 -2*

Welcome to our Worship Service, with Communion, led by Revd Karen Bugg

#### Order of Service

Welcome and notices

Call to worship

**Song** (mp4): Come, let us worship our King (Great things)

Prayer

**Hymn:** To God be the glory

Story: The Garden, the curtain and the cross

*Children to leave for their group*

Turn and talk: What does the word sacrifice means to you?

Bible readings: 1 John 4.9-10, Hebrews 10.5-23, Romans 12.1

Talk: Sacrifice

**Response songs:** 795: You laid aside Your majesty

990: I will offer up my life

Communion

Intercessions

**Hymn 755:** When I survey the wondrous cross

Final prayer and blessing

The grace

#### Notices

There will be a **church meeting on Sunday 11th May** after the morning service. The meeting will be in the Lower Hall and open to everyone.

Please note that an outside organisation will be using the Lower Hall on **Monday 12th May 7.00 - 9.00 pm.**

**Christian Aid Week** is 11-17th May 2025. We need more people to just deliver (not collect) envelopes. If you can help, please see me after the service. Our annual **cake stall** is on **Saturday 24th May** and I should be grateful for contributions. *Margaret Pike*

**Message from Carla:** I would like to thank all of you who prayed for me; also for the 'get well' cards, flowers and messages, all of which really helped me. The good news is that my lump was not cancerous. Please continue to pray for my voice-box as it will take some time for full recovery. Thank you all again. *Carla xx*

**Ladies' Group visit to Patchwork House Garden,** Berkhamsted, on Wednesday 14th May 2pm to 4pm. Please let Vicky know if you will be able to attend.

**Meet & Make is 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** takes place every **Thursday 10.00 am until noon.** We meet in the Lower Hall. Do join us for tea/coffee and cake. We **still need more people** to come and help at Open Church. Can you help occasionally? *Carla*

**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.

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.

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:

- Rice
- Long life juice
- Tinned ham
- Tinned corned beef
- Cooking sauces
- Tinned/packet soup
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned sweetcorn
- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned chickpeas
- Jams/spreads
- Long life milk
- Chocolate
- Tinned spaghetti hoops
- Carrier bags
- Toilet roll
- Kitchen roll
- Laundry liquid/tabs/powder
- Washing up liquid
- Baby wipes

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

## Prayers

Please pray for

- The First Steps team
- Those struggling with finance
- Those no longer able to come to church
- Those affected by war and unrest

*From BMS World Mission*

Thank God for BMS mission worker Kalbassou Doubassou, who leads Guinebor II Hospital in Chad. Pray for BMS workers Ingrid and Roger Hamlet as they settle into the team and commence their much-needed orthotics and prosthetics clinic

We give thanks for generosity!  
For billionaires giving of their wealth  
to establish research programmes

**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)

for the eradication of disease;  
volunteers giving of their time  
to help those less fortunate  
in their neighbourhood, city

or in some remote disaster zone;  
and, of course, the widow's mite,  
given without counting cost  
and no less generous a gift.

For all such generosity,  
which comes from one heart  
and flows freely to another,  
as does your love for us,  
we thank you, generous God!  
May lives be blessed, Lord,  
wherever generosity is shown.

The giving of time to help  
when someone is in need.  
The always-being-there  
as children finally leave home.  
That spontaneous purchase  
as a token of someone's love.  
The sharing of resources  
with those who do not have.

The freewill offering  
for the ministry of your Church,  
and the digging deep  
for a charitable cause.

Wherever generosity is shown,  
may lives be blessed, dear Lord.

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

This world is yours, planned in eternity,  
created in a moment of sheer exuberance,  
permeated with love,  
well made.

This place is yours, in its simplicity,  
blue sky and countryside, pure creativity,  
painted with care,  
well made.

This day is yours, pure generosity,  
given for moments of gentle reflection,  
in the bustle of a day,  
well made.

This moment is yours in its entirety,  
a drop of time in an ocean of history,  
gifted with joy,  
well made.

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## And finally...

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God — this is your true and proper worship. *Romans 12 v 1*

*Items for the next News Sheet to Matt Bugg  
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