



Berkhamsted
Baptist Church

Weekly News

Easter Sunday 20th April 2025

A family following Jesus

The men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!" *Luke 24 vs 5b & 6a (NIV)*

Welcome to our Easter Sunday All Age Service with communion led by Revd Karen Bugg

Order of Service

Welcome and notices
Call to worship
Opening prayer
Song: Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia
Drama
Talk - part 1
Song 1224: The greatest day in history
Talk - part 2
Bible reading Acts 10 vs 34 - 43 (NCV)
Talk - part 3
Response
Song 937: Thank you for saving me
Talk - part 4
Song 849: How wonderful, how glorious
Communion
Intercessions
Talk - part 5
Song 689: Thine be the glory
Blessing
The grace

Notices

Please take care around the Holliday Street side of the church building as scaffolding has been erected for our window repairs.

A big thank you to all who supported our **Lent lunches**. The second one raised £445 which with the first one and Gift Aid brings the total to nearly £1,000. A truly magnificent result. *Margaret Pike*

Ladies Group Dockey Woods trip.

New date is Friday 9th of May from 2-4pm.

Please let Carla know if you are going and would like a lift.

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 really need more people to come and help at open church as Carla will be unable to do so for several weeks.

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.

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 Leadership team
- God to raise up more helpers for our church activities
- A lasting and just peace in Ukraine
- Children and teachers returning to school.

From BMS World Mission

Pray for a just peace for Lebanon and the region.
Pray for peace between countries and peace between communities. Pray for physical and emotional rebuilding and restoration.

Love overcame

Emerging from a cold tomb

All the truth, majesty and creativity of a living God

Transforming a broken heart

Making a quiet return, in a still and sorrowful garden

The grave stone rolled away, to release redemptive love

Jesus resurrected and restored

Comforts a weeping woman

Speaks with travellers on a journey

Meets with his faithful friends

And they bow down before Christ alive
And acknowledged that the Saviour has arrived
That the word of God has come alive
And that the extraordinary transformation of heaven
and earth is complete

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Rejoice!

The stone is rolled away,
grave clothes neatly folded,
no more the smell of death,
behold the empty tomb!
Halleluia! He is risen!

Rejoice!

Scripture has been fulfilled,
the sting of death is gone,
the victory has been won,
behold the risen Christ!
Halleluia! He is risen!

Rejoice!

The curtain's torn in two,
our God invites us in,
Christ's sacrifice enough
to wash away our sins!
Halleluia! He is risen!

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

Lord, we would grow with you,
New shoots reaching out,
Hands stretched upward,
Like leaves newly formed,
Soaking up your light and warmth.
Lord, we would grow with you

Lord, we would grow with you,
In sunshine and rain,
In darkness and light,
In cold days and summer days,
From Springtime to Winter.
Lord, we would grow with you

Lord, we would grow with you,
And bring forth fruit,
That is pleasing to you,
Fed by your living water,
Giving sustenance to others.
Lord, we would grow with you
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And finally...

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)

Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." *John 20 v 21 (NIV)*

Items for the next News Sheet to Chris Hayward by Thursday 24th April, please