



Weekly News

Sunday 24th August 2025

A family following Jesus

In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas); she was always doing good and helping the poor. Acts 9 v 36

Welcome to our All-Age Service led by Revd Karen Bugg

crafts to try.

Order of Service

Welcome and notices

Call to worship

Song 1086: Light of the world

Song 1003: My Jesus, my Saviour

Things Jesus did

Prayer

Story: Tabitha wakes up

Song (MP4): All though history

Bible reading: Acts 9.32-43

Talk

Activities

Song 1101: Over all the earth (Lord, reign in me)

Intercessions

Song 1265: Come, set your rule and reign (Build your kingdom here)

Final prayer & blessing

The Grace

Notices

Open Church takes place every **Thursday 10.00 am until noon**. We mostly meet in the lower hall but when the sun shines you will find us outside the front of the church. 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.

Meet & Make is taking a **break for the rest of August**. We will return in September with lots of new

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

Ladies' August pub lunch. Please let Vicky Sainsbury know if you would like to meet in the week commencing 25th August for a pub lunch in Berkhamsted. Invite a friend.

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.

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.

Margaret and Megan are again doing the Bike 'n' Hike. Please sponsor us as generously as you can!

An outside organisation is using our Upper Hall **7.00 to 8.00 pm** 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

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Prayers

Please pray for

- the Pastoral Care team
- young people connected to our church
- just and fair peace in Ukraine
- our government

From BMS World Mission

Pray for Baptist churches in north-east India. Pray that God would raise a great missional movement there, and that BMS will have a helpful role to play in this.

Almighty God, Father of all creation, Lord of love and light,
we open our minds to the wonders of the universe.
We give praise for the beauty and grace your spirit brings,
and for the miracle of life, in all its variety and abundance.

As we pray for the world, we ask that you awaken our souls,
And lead us to understand your heart for all you have made.

Father, there is such suffering, such sorrow and distress across humanity.

May your Spirit move across the lands to bring change and transformation.

Lord, help us to engage with the issues in the world and be part of the change you seek to bring.

May we see justice for the poor, freedom for those in chains and peace in lands torn apart by war and conflict.

Help us to work and pray so that your love and truth break through every stronghold and overcome every darkness.

O Holy One, we pray that you would bring your light and life into every nation across this Earth, until the day that your glory covers the lands, as the waters cover the seas.

We ask all this in the wonderful name of Jesus.

Amen.

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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

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

For the joy of your presence
Changing and renewing us
Day by day,
We offer you our praise.
For the blessing you bring us,
The outpouring of your love
Day by day,
We offer you our praise.
For peace beyond understanding,

Blessèd assurance

Day by day

We offer you our praise.

For the Word that endures,

Teaches and challenges,

Generation to generation,

We offer you our praise.

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And finally...

The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.

Luke 4 v 18a

Items for the next News Sheet to Chris Hayward by Thursday 28th 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)