



Weekly News

Sunday 26th April 2026

A family following Jesus

Encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.
1 Thessalonians 5 v 11 (NIV)

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

Order of Service

Welcome and notices
Call to worship
Song 1040: Come, now is the time to worship
Song: 10.000 reasons
Words quiz
Bible reading: 1 Thessalonians 5 vs 9 - 15 Simplified version
Turn and talk
Song: Creator God
Short talk
Activities
Song 456: Make me a channel of your peace
Intercessions
Song 51: Be thou my vision
Final prayer and blessing
The Grace

Notices

Please join us if you can for our **Zoom Prayer** meeting on **Wednesday 29th April at 7.30pm**. A link will be sent nearer the time.

We are intending to **spring clean** the church in the coming weeks. There is a list of tasks to be completed on the notice board in the kitchen corridor. Please sign up to jobs you intend to do, and tick when completed.

Christian Aid Week is from the **10-16th May 2026**. If anyone could deliver only envelopes in their own road please let me know. We also need cakes for our stall on the market on 16th. I can collect if necessary. Many thanks. *Margaret Pike*

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 happens every **Thursday 10.00 am until noon**. You will find us in the Lower Hall. Do join us for tea/coffee and cake

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 try or join 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:

- 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.

Prayers

Please pray for

- The Meet and Make team
- Those struggling with finance
- Students preparing for exams
- Our local councillors

From BMS World Mission

Pray for safety for those whose homes are used as churches in persecuted countries, and pray for all whose lives are under threat today for sharing the love of Christ.

For those weighed down by ill health
bring wholeness to body, mind and spirit.

For those weighed down by worry
bring wisdom, peace and reassurance.

For those weighed down by fear
bring freedom, release and liberation.

For those weighed down by sadness
bring comfort, strength and joy.

For all whose hearts are troubled
at the start of this new day

be the voice that they hear

the warmth that they feel

the wisdom they seek

the strength they require

and the one in whose arms they rest

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

Loving God

When we are weary, give us fresh energy;

When we are sleepy, give us rest;

When we are frustrated, give us calmness;

When we are sad, give us comfort;
When we are disappointed, give us hope;
When we are happy, rejoice with us;
When we are hopeful, give us the courage to share;
In everything, turn us back to focus on you,
The One who has given us all things
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Saviour.

From <https://www.baptist.org.uk/>

Creator God,

The work of your hands is breathtaking. How vast is the beauty you display in the land and skies. Lord, come open my eyes afresh each day to take in the glory of your creative power.

Loving God,

You have designed with such care every aspect of life. Intricate yet astounding creatures come alive in your master work! And each day, moment by moment you renew and restore, making beautiful things.

Almighty God,

I surrender my life to you, because you are the giver of life! You are the master builder, the creative governor, the artistic genius, the author of love. I dwell with thanks in your Kingdom.

Amen.

Prayer courtesy of www.prayerscapes.com

Show me your ways, Lord,
teach me your paths.

Guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my Saviour,
and my hope is in you all day long.

Remember, Lord, your great mercy and love,
for they are from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth
and my rebellious ways;

according to your love remember me,
for you, Lord, are good.

Psalm 25 vs 4 - 7 (NIV)

And finally...

Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you. *2 Corinthians 13 v 11 (NIV)*

Items for the next News Sheet to Fliss Nesbitt by Thursday 30th April, 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)

