



Weekly News

Sunday 19th April 2026

A family following Jesus

Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves. *Romans 12 v 10*

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

Order of Service

Welcome and notices
Call to worship
Song 1086: Light of the world
Song (mp4): Forever (Give thanks to the Lord)
Drama: Love one another
What is love? All-age heart activity
Song 1072: In Christ alone
Children to leave for their groups during song
Bible reading: John 13.33-35, John 15.9-17
Talk: Love...one another
Song (mp4): Love each other, one another
Communion
Intercessions
Hymn 200: Great is Thy faithfulness
Final prayer & blessing
The grace

Very many thanks to those who supported the **Christian Aid Lent lunch**. We raised £442 including Gift Aid, which is wonderful. *Margaret Pike*

Meet & Make resumes after its Easter break, so come and join us on **Tuesdays, 1.30 – 3.00 pm** in the Lower Hall, using the Holliday Street entrance, 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.

Notices

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.

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:

- 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
- Jams and spreads
- Toothpaste
- Laundry liquids/tabs/powder
- 2-in-1 shampoo
- Carrier bags

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Prayers

Please pray for

- the Leadership team
- peace in the Middle East
- those in our Church fellowship who are unwell
- our outreach to the local community

From BMS World Mission

Thank you, Father, for our faithful regular givers, known as 24:7 Partners. We ask that they will feel connected to the work they make possible and know that their generous gifts and prayers are appreciated.

Father God,

As one Church, united under your holy headship, and knowing that we are all one family in Christ; we pray for those who suffer in your name all over the world, our brothers and sisters, who share in that same great gift of salvation through your Son, but who face injustice, oppression and even death because of their faith in you. We want to walk with them as they journey through the valley of darkness, and we pray knowing that you are a God of compassion, comfort, and justice, who always hears their prayers, never leaves them and will forever be their fortress and shield, whatever they face.

We pray that you will grant them strength, courage, and protection from those who seek to harm them because they follow you; guidance and wisdom for

when their path seems impossible to tread, and hope for a future where they have the freedom to worship you without fear.

In the name of Jesus,

Amen

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

Lord, grant us simplicity of faith
and a generosity of service,
that gives without counting cost.
A life overflowing with Grace,
poured out from the One
who gave everything,
that we might show
the power of love
to a broken world,
and share the truth
from a living Word.

Lord, grant us simplicity of faith,
and a yearning to share it.

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

Dear Lord,

Your peace surpasses all understanding.
Like a moment of stillness within a storm,
Like a place of quiet within a crowd,
Or a soft area to rest on a hard journey.
Help me to know your peace in my heart.
Amen.

Prayer courtesy of www.prayerscapes.com

Awesome One, creator of all,
the light of your glory
fills the heavens,
the breath of your Spirit
blows through the skies,
stars above stand silent witness
to the power of our God.
By your word all things were made.
By your breath are all things sustained.
By your hand we were moulded
as a potter caresses the clay,
formed from earthly dust
into an image of the divine.
By your Grace we stand here,
your creation worshipping its creator
with this our sacrifice of praise.

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

And finally...

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. *1 Corinthians 13 v 4*

Items for the next News Sheet to Fliss Nesbitt by Thursday 23rd 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)

