



Weekly News

Sunday 19th May 2024

A family following Jesus

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. *Acts 2 v 4(NIV)*

Welcome to our Worship for Pentecost Sunday with communion led by Revd Karen Bugg

Order of Service

Welcome and notices

Call to worship

Song: Ten thousand reasons

Prayer

All age item

Song: Holy Spirit rain down

Song: There is a redeemer

Children leave for their groups

Bible reading: Acts 1 vs 1 – 10, 2 vs 1 - 41

Talk

Communion

Intercessions

Song 67: Breath on me breath of God

Closing prayer and blessing

The Grace

Open Church takes place every Thursday 10.00am until noon. When the weather is better we meet at the front of the church. Do join us for tea/coffee and cake.
Carla & Sue

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.

Copies of the new Constitution have been emailed to Church members. There will be an opportunity for questions with Karen and some of the Leadership Team after the service on Sunday 9th June. Please see Kathleen if you would like a paper copy.

Notices

The **Alpha course** continues today. The 10-week series will take place in the Lower Hall **6:45pm-8pm**. Please see Karen or Matt for more details.

On **Wednesday 22nd May at 7.30pm** there will be a **Praise session** on Zoom led by Vicky. We will be sharing worship videos and hopefully singing along! A link will be sent nearer the time. All are welcome.

Meet & Make is on Tuesdays, 1.30 – 3.00pm 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.

In 2023 we, as a church gave £3,350.00 to **BMS World Mission**. We have received a letter from BMS which says, "Thank you so much for choosing to help thousands of people in need. Because of you, their lives have changed and more people have found abundant life in Jesus Christ. All of us at BMS, our mission workers, local partners and every person you've helped are grateful for the partnership of Berkhamsted Baptist Church. We are praying earnestly that God would grant you the resources you need to sustain your own important ministry and to continue supporting world mission in 2024 and beyond."

I would be grateful for assistance with the weekly organisation of the livestream process for Sunday morning services (with the exception of the fourth Sunday). Full training and on-going assistance will be provided.

Please speak to me if you are able to help. Rob

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:

- Jars of cooking sauces
- Tinned mackerel
- Tinned ham/corned beef
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned peas/carrots
- Instant mashed potato
- Rice
- Jams and spreads
- Sponge puddings
- Tinned fruit
- Custard
- Biscuits
- Tinned spaghetti hoops

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Prayers

Please pray for

- The Pastoral Care team
- Everyone in our fellowship coping with ill health
- For refugees throughout the world
- For those who translate the Bible into languages which don't yet have it.

From BMS World Mission

God is doing amazing things in Thailand in response to our prayers. We have testimonies of people coming to faith and being baptised. We hear news of young people being trained and sent to preach the gospel and start churches. Pray for God's will to be done in Thailand. Praise God for BMS workers Wit and Helen, Paul and Sarah and Judy serving God there. Pray for protection, good health and wisdom to bear witness to Christ in the communities they serve.

Lord God, as once your Holy presence filled the temple, on Pentecost we thank you that your Holy Spirit now fills your people the Church.

Fill each of us with your Spirit that our lives are daily transformed from one degree of glory to another.

Ignite in us a passion to seek your will, a desire to know your word, and a readiness to respond. So fill us with your Spirit that our lives cannot help breathe out your praise.

Make your Church a temple of the Holy Spirit. Where there is injustice, make your church a royal priesthood and a holy nation.

Where there is violence, make your church an ambassador for Christ.

Where there is greed, hatred or pride, grant your church a truly prophetic voice.

Fill your people with your Holy Spirit, that we might be a holy presence in your world.

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Living God,
with joy and thankfulness,
awe and wonder,
devotion and dedication,
commitment and faith,
we acknowledge you.
Hear our prayer,
and receive our praise.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

From <https://nickfawcett.uk>

Your love, Lord, reaches to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the skies.
Your righteousness is like the highest mountains,
your justice like the great deep.

You, Lord, preserve both people and animals.

How priceless is your unfailing love, O God!

People take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

They feast on the abundance of your house;

you give them drink from your river of delights.

For with you is the fountain of life;

in your light we see light.

Psalm 36 vs 3 – 9

Lord God,
You promise the peace of a still lake
Even in the midst of a storm.
You promise the peace of a slumbering child
Even in the middle of tension and disagreement.
You promise the peace of a poppy field
Even in the place of heartbreak and devastation.
Your promise is a peace that surpasses our human understanding.
So I choose to rest by the still waters, to lie down and rest amongst the poppies.
Your resurrection declared peace over trauma,
power over death, and life everlasting.
I trust in you.

Prayer courtesy of www.prayerscapes.com

And finally...

'In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. *Acts 2 v 17a (NIV)*

Items for the next News Sheet to Chris Hayward by Thursday 23rd May, please.