



Weekly News

Sunday 30th August 2026

A family following Jesus

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and Love your neighbour as yourself. *Luke 10 v 27 (NIV)*

Welcome to our All Age Morning Service led by Ruth Montacute

Order of Service

Call to worship

Prayer

Song 564: Praise to the Lord the Almighty

Poem

Song 411: Let there be love shared among us

Bible Reading: Luke 10 vs 25-37

Video

Story

Prayer

Song : When I needed a neighbour

Intercessions

Song 456: Make me a channel of your peace

Talk

Song 1201: Longing for light, we wait in darkness

Closing prayer

The grace

and 17th September. Do join us for tea/coffee and cake in the Lower Hall.

Meet & Make restarts on **Tuesday 1st September**. It takes place 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, has now finished for the summer term. We will be back in September.

A big 'thank you' for the cards, prayers, hospital visits, and going to my house to check on Peter and Paul. Thanks to you all, and love. *Sue and family*

2026 Daily Reflections. The Leadership Team has begun exploring how we might be able to offer different ways of helping our local community connect with God and grow in faith. So that the whole church can be involved in seeking God about this, Karen has written a series of daily reflections for each of us to use that she is hoping will help us think about who God is asking us to be and what God is asking us to do in this next season. Please use the link below to access written and audio recordings. <https://www.berkhamstedbaptistchurch.com/2026dailyreflections> If you would like a paper copy please speak to Karen or Fliss.

Notices

Karen will be on holiday Monday 24th - Monday 31st August inclusive. Whilst she is away, please contact the Leadership or Pastoral Care Team with any church-related issues.

The Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust **Bike 'n' Hike** is on 12th September. Megan and Margaret will be taking part. Please sponsor them if you can,

Open Church is on **Thursdays 10.00 am until noon**, but **only on the first and third** Thursdays of the month. Our next two meetings are therefore **3rd**

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 tomatoes
- Tinned peas
- Tinned carrots
- Tinned sweetcorn
- Cooking sauces
- Custard
- Shower gel
- 2-in-1 shampoo
- Toothpaste
- Liquid hand soap
- Laundry liquids/tabs/powder
- Carrier bags

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Prayers

Please pray for

- The First Steps team
- Teachers and pupils as the new school year starts
- Those who are unwell
- The situation in Nepal following the flash floods

From BMS World Mission

Pray for the people of Afghanistan and its leaders, the de-facto government. Please pray specifically for greater economic and educational opportunities for women and girls.

Lord, you have said
that to truly love you
then I must also
love my neighbour,
which can be difficult
when we disagree
or lifestyles clash.
Yet in overcoming
those difficulties
it is possible to see
the miracle that you
love someone like me.
Teach us to love, Lord,
as you have loved us
that this world might be
a better neighbourhood
in which to live and share.

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

Lord of all things

We thank You for the women and men You have called to work in education.

Bless their hearts with Your love, joy and peace.

Season their words with Your patience, kindness and goodness.

Fill their minds with Your faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

When they respond to a broken-hearted child

Show them how to be big-hearted.

When they reach out to a rebellious teen

Remind them to be obedient to You.

When they advise a lonely mature student

Help them to be Christ Jesus to them.

When they meet with an angry parent

Let them see a child of God.

When they give advice to a discouraged colleague

Give them helpful and encouraging words.

When they speak to visitors and strangers

Grant them the gift of hospitality.

Amen.

Prayer from prayforschools.org

Our thanks can lift our hearts each day

Our thanks can build your church

Our thanks can wave a flag to say,

On this day it was done.

Our thanks can change each circumstance

Our thanks can shift and grow

Our thanks is more than afterthought

It's kingdom work begun.

And so my heart will stretch out wide

Despite my circumstance

For on the road of thankfulness

I return to your Son.

I stand beside the empty cross

And understand again.

That I've so much to thank you for,

My Saviour and my friend.

Prayer courtesy of www.prayerscapes.com

And finally...

Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord. *Leviticus 19 v 18(NIV)*

Items for the next News Sheet to Chris Hayward by Thursday 3rd September, 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)

