



Weekly News

Sunday 11th January 2026

A family following Jesus

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Colossians 2 vs 6 - 7(NIV)

Welcome to our Morning Service led by Revd Karen Bugg

Order of Service

Welcome and notices

Introduction to 2026 motto text

Call to worship

Song 564: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

All age activity

Song 1100: Open the eyes of my heart, Lord

Song 1086: Light of the world (Here I am to worship)

Children leave for their group

Bible Reading - Colossians 2 vs 1 - 7

Talk

Response Song: Firm foundation (He won't)

Intercessions

Song: Yet not I but through Christ in me

Final prayer and blessing

The Grace

The funeral of Anne Winfield will take place at **Berkhamsted Baptist Church, on Monday 19th January at 1pm**. A short service of committal will follow at 2:15pm in the Milton Chapel at Chilterns Crematorium. All who knew Anne are welcome to attend.

There will be a **Church Meeting** after the morning service on **Sunday 25th January** in the lower hall. All are invited, but only church members will be able to vote.

Bobbi Milligan would like to thank everyone for their kind gifts, visits, phone calls and prayers over recent months. It is all much appreciated, and she is sorry not to be able to get to church.

Meet & Make restarts this **Tuesday, 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 takes place 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

On Sun 18th Jan a team from **The Waterways Chaplaincy** are taking part in our service. Due to the personal nature of some of the stories that they will be sharing they have asked that the service is not livestreamed. This means that in January the services that we **will be** livestreaming are: Sun 4th and 11th Jan but we **will not be** livestreaming Sun 18th or 25th Jan.

Karen will be at the Fresh Streams Conference Mon 12th - Wed 14th Jan, she will have some access to email but will be unable to take phone calls.

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.

Christmas Collection.

Our Christmas Appeal was for the Christian Aid special appeal to aid families caught up in the war-torn situation in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Our collections taken at our Carol Service and our Christingle service, together with some more donations on Christmas Day, raised £325. Our grateful thanks goes to all those who supported this cause.

John Ball Treasurer

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 ham/corned beef
- Tinned fruit
- Cooking sauces
- Long life juice/squash
- Jams and spreads
- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned sweetcorn
- Tinned fish
- Sweet and savoury biscuits
- Custard
- Nuts
- Rice pudding
- Sponge puddings
- Deodorants
- Laundry liquid/tabs/powder (small packs)
- 2-in-1 shampoo

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Prayers

Please pray for

- Those doing "hidden" jobs in the church
- Those suffering from injury or ill health
- This year to bring peace in areas of war
- Our local schools

From BMS World Mission

Praise God that through the BMS-supported gospel campaign in Cambodia, new believers are being baptised. Pray for God's wisdom for Pastor J as he leads the team to new places.

Sometimes small steps
seem like giant leaps
into the unknown
on this journey of faith.
But with you as guide
we need not fear,
for you know the path,
its beautiful views
and hidden dangers,
and you will keep us
out of harm's way
until at last we see
our glorious destination.

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

When life is tough, Lord,
grant us both strength
and peace, in knowing
you are there beside us
in darkness and in light,
never further away than
a silent prayer is heard
and arms reach out to hug.

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

I will praise the Lord, who counsels me;
even at night my heart instructs me.
I keep my eyes always on the Lord.
With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.
Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;
my body also will rest secure,
because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,
nor will you let your faithful one see decay.
You make known to me the path of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence,
with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

Psalm 16 vs 7 - 11 (NIV)

And finally...

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. *Galatians 2 v 20a (NIV)*

Items for the next News Sheet to Chris Hayward by Thursday 15th January, 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.

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