



# Weekly News

## Sunday 1st February 2026

### A family following Jesus

Whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.. *John 4 v 14 (NIV)*

**Welcome to our Morning Service with communion led by Revd Karen Bugg**

### Order of Service

Welcome and notices

Call to worship

**Song 200:** Great is your faithfulness

All age activity

*Children leave for their group*

Bible Reading - John 4 vs 1-30, 39-42

Talk

**Song 275:** I heard the voice of Jesus say

**Song 85:** We worship at your feet (Come and see)

Communion

Intercessions

**Song:** Come set your rule and reign

Final prayer and blessing

The Grace

**Meet & Make** 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.

**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.

**Help needed between 10 and 12 on:**

Thursday 5th March

Thursday 2nd April

**Please speak to Carla today** if you can help.

Thank you.

**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 ham/corned beef
- Tinned fruit

### Notices

**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.

**Thank you** to all who donated their Christmas stamps to 'Kicks count'. I've a large envelope full to send. The box is still in the Lower Hall as we collect stamps all year round too. *Maggie*

The **World Day of Prayer** will be held on **Friday 6th March at 1.30pm at Sacred Heart Catholic Church** where we will be praying with and for the Christian women of Nigeria.

- Cooking sauces
- Long life juice/squash
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned sweetcorn
- Tinned vegetarian meals
- Chocolate
- Custard
- Rice pudding
- Nappies size 5, 6, 7, 8
- Laundry liquid/tabs/powder
- 2-in-1 shampoo

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

## Prayers

Please pray for

- The Bible Study groups
- Those mourning the death of loved ones
- Our government
- The emergency services

*From BMS World Mission*

Andrea and Mark are long-term mission workers with BMS World Mission, serving as doctors in the remote Tibesti region of Chad, at the hospital in Bardaï.

Ask God for the success of an operation Mark has scheduled, and for swift recovery throughout February. Give thanks for continued health for both Andrea and Mark and their family.

Your love,  
flowing within us,  
living water  
purifying  
in that cleansing flow;  
and our worship,  
in sweet harmony  
echoing  
through the air as birdsong  
at the dawning of this day.  
Stream meets stream  
and river flows,  
emptying into Ocean's store.

Your grace,  
offering to us  
forgiveness,  
liberty  
from all that binds us;  
and our prayers,  
joining together,

rising  
as a fragrant offering  
to the heart of the divine.  
Stream meets stream  
and river flows,  
emptying into Ocean's store.

Your call,  
whispering to us,  
offering  
encouragement  
on our journeying;  
and our service,  
the only response  
we can give,  
a willing sacrifice  
to the Godhead, Three in One.  
Stream meets stream  
and river flows,  
emptying into Ocean's store.

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

Lord, I lift my eyes to focus on you. May I drink of your love and forgiveness, may I taste your beautiful words of truth. Please lift my heart today, come fill my mind with hope as I gaze upon your glorious face.  
Amen.

*Prayer courtesy of [www.prayerscapes.com](http://www.prayerscapes.com)*

Though the Lord is exalted, he looks kindly on the lowly;  
though lofty, he sees them from afar.  
Though I walk in the midst of trouble,  
you preserve my life.  
You stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes;  
with your right hand you save me.  
The Lord will vindicate me;  
your love, Lord, endures for ever –  
do not abandon the works of your hands.  
*Psalm 138 vs 6 - 8 (NIV)*

## And finally...

God is spirit, and his worshippers must worship in the Spirit and in truth. *John 4 v 24 (NIV)*

*Items for the next News Sheet to Fliss Nesbitt by Thursday 4th February, 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)

