



Berkhamsted  
Baptist Church

# Weekly News

## Sunday 11th May 2025

### A family following Jesus

**Here is my servant whom I have chosen, the one I love, in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will proclaim justice to the nations.**

*Matthew 12 v 18 (NIV)*

**Welcome to our Worship Service, led by Revd Karen Bugg**

### Order of Service

Welcome and notices

Call to worship

**Hymn 975:** - Before the throne of God

Video Clip – Christian Aid

**Song 1134:** My hope is built (Cornerstone)

**Song 1003:** My Jesus, my saviour

Lord's Prayer (video)

*Children to leave for their group*

Bible reading: Romans 3:21-26 (The Passion Translation)

Talk: Justice

**Response song: 1174:** God of justice, Saviour to all  
Intercessions

**Hymn 624:** Take my life and let it be

Final prayer and blessing

The grace

### Notices

There will be a **church meeting today** after the morning service. The meeting will be in the Lower Hall and open to everyone.

#### **Zoom Prayer - Wed 14th May, 7:30pm.**

This is a great opportunity to pray together for our world, community, church family and ourselves. Do join us if you can. A Zoom link will be sent via email.

Please note that an outside organisation will be using the Lower Hall on **Monday 12th May 7.00 - 9.00 pm.**

**Christian Aid Week** is 11-17th May 2025. We need more people to just deliver (not collect) envelopes. If you can help, please see me after the service. Our annual **cake stall** is on **Saturday 24th May** and I should be grateful for contributions. *Margaret Pike*

**Baptist Assembly.** Karen will be attending the Baptist Assembly on 16th-17th May.

**Ladies' Group visit to Patchwork House Garden,** Berkhamsted, on Wednesday 14th May 2pm to 4pm. Please let Vicky know if you will be able to attend.

**Men's Group.** The Men's will be meeting on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm in The Crown for a meal and chat. Just turn up.

#### **Concert - Thurs 15th May, 3:30pm**

We are hosting a concert on Thurs 15th May at 3:30pm in the Sanctuary. More details are on the attached flyer or can be found here:

<https://chilternarts.com/event/renaissance-to-today-londinum-consort/?ref=%2Fwhats-on%2F>

**Pentecost Picnic** We are joining with other Berkhamsted Churches for a picnic at the castle on Sun 8th June from 12:30-13:30. Do come if you can!

**Message from Carla:** I would like to thank all of you who prayed for me; also for the 'get well' cards, flowers and messages, all of which really helped me.

The good news is that my lump was not cancerous. Please continue to pray for my voice-box as it will take some time for full recovery.  
Thank you all again. *Carla xx*

**Meet & Make is 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** takes place every **Thursday 10.00 am until noon**. We meet in the Lower Hall. Do join us for tea/coffee and cake. We **still need more people** to come and help at Open Church. Can you help occasionally?  
*Carla*

**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 join or try 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:

- Rice
- Long life juice
- Tinned ham
- Tinned corned beef
- Cooking sauces
- Tinned/packet soup
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned sweetcorn
- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned chickpeas
- Jams/spreads
- Long life milk
- Chocolate
- Tinned spaghetti hoops
- Carrier bags
- Toilet roll
- Kitchen roll
- Laundry liquid/tabs/powder
- Washing up liquid
- Baby wipes

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

## Prayers

Please pray for

- The Open Church team
- Young people taking exams
- The work of CAP and DENS
- Our government

From BMS World Mission

Pray for BMS World Mission worker Ben Francis as he leads outreach work from Kolkata. Pray especially for Ben as he trains church planters and oversees various projects.

If it matters to you, does it matter to us?

If you hear the cries of the poor, help us to do the same.

If you see the effects of injustice, help us to do the same.

If you act to change the plight of those in dire need, help us to do the same.

Because we suffer compassion fatigue

We can no longer watch disturbing reports on our television

We must turn our eyes from images of children distorted by hunger.

We don't want to turn our eyes, but there seems so little that we can do.

Forgive us,

Restore to us the hope of the Gospel

Revive in us a passion for justice

Move us to act.

May we be a Gospel people

May our worship and our commitments and our priorities

Become signs that your Kingdom is coming.

Change the plight of those in chronic poverty,

And make us a means by which our prayers are answered.

We worship you as Lord of heaven and earth

So may we see your Lordship change the lives and the plight and the future of those trapped in poverty today.

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

## And finally...

Let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream! *Amos 5 v 24 (NIV)*

*Items for the next News by Thursday 15th May, please.*