Berkhamsted Baptist Church

Weekly News
Sunday 8th November 2026

A family following Jesus

Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. *John 15 v 13*

Welcome to our Remembrance Sunday Service with Communion led by Revd Karen Bugg

Order of Service

Welcome and notices
Call to worship and Opening prayer
Hymn 560: Praise, my soul, the King of heaven
Reading 1: John 15.12-13
Intro and explanation: Love is… cartoons
Stories: Ronald and Walter
Short all-age talk: Remembering (being thankful)
All-age responsive prayers
Song (mp4): God, I look to you
Children to go to group
Remembrance activity
Act of remembrance
Hymn 498: O God, our help in ages past
Bible reading: Romans 12.9-21
Talk 2 Responding (Peace Making and peace keeping)
Communion
Intercessions
Hymn 428: Lord, for the years
Blessing and Grace

Notices

Christmas services and events

Sunday 22nd November	Festival of Light
Sunday 13th December	Christingle service
Friday 18th December	Glee Club concert
Sunday 20th December	Carol service
Friday 25th December	Christmas Day service
Sunday 27th December	Informal service

From Douglas Goss
I felt overwhelmed by the love, encouragement and support last Sunday on the occasion of my baptism, and this message comes to say thank you to you all for making the day so memorable for me. Thank you too to Alice for letting me share the day with her.

There will be a **church meeting on Sunday 15th November** in the lower hall after the morning service. All are invited to attend, but only members may vote.

The Berkhamsted **Festival of Light** is on **Sunday 22nd November**. We will be opening the church that afternoon with the dressing-up clothes for photos and for people to bring their crown stones. If you are able to come and help any time from 3.30 to 6.00 pm please let Karen or Fliss know.

We will be supporting the **Salvation Army Christmas present appeal** to help children in need. If you would like to contribute a gift there will be a collection box on the table next to the crèche area in church. All gifts should be new and unwrapped. See Kathleen for further information about appropriate toys and gifts. All donations will be taken to the Salvation Army in Hemel Hempstead to be distributed locally.

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 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 **19th November and 3rd December**. Do join us for tea/coffee and cake in the Lower Hall.

First Steps, our parent/carer and toddler group, is on **Thursdays 1.30 – 2.45 pm**. Please pray for the families and our small team.

The Way Inn is so much more than a Post Office; it is a Christian presence on our High Street. Over the coming weeks we will welcoming our Christmas stock, so why not pop in to pick up an Advent Calendar, choose your Christmas cards or select a gift? There will also be some Christmas books at bargain prices and local produce.

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
- all those who mourn
- our local councillors
- those affected by war and violence

From BMS World Mission
Pray for communities in Ireland who seek to offer welcome and support to refugees from the Middle East.

You are our strength,
the light by which we walk,
the truth by which we talk.

You are our hope,
the promise to which we hold,
the story that must be told.

You are the peace
this world cannot provide,
that overcomes our pride.

You are our God,
the One whose name we praise
to whom our hands are raised. Amen
From https://www.faithandworship.com/

This is your world
These are your people
and I bring them to you now

To the powerful bring humility
To the rich bring generosity
To the influential bring opportunity
To the oppressor bring understanding
To the hard-hearted bring compassion
To the suffering bring perseverance
To the hungry bring sustenance
To the grieving bring comfort
To the sick bring wholeness
And to all your people bring love
That binds all these together
In cords that cannot be broken

This is your world
These are your people
and I leave them in your hands.
From https://www.faithandworship.com/

I do not walk in darkness
But in your light and love.
You carry me when my feet fail,
And hold me high above.

And I do not drift in every tide
But stand upon your truth.
You are my map, my friend, my guide;
I put my trust in you.

So as I walk, a shield of faith
Surrounds my every move.
You are my quiet fortress,
I know I'm safe in you.
Prayer courtesy of www.prayerscapes.com

And finally…

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles.
Hebrews 12 v 1

Items for the next News Sheet to Fliss Nesbitt by Thursday 12th November, 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)