



Weekly News

Sunday 10th May 2026

A family following Jesus

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. *Micah 6 v 8*

Welcome to our Morning Service led by Margaret Pike and Revd Karen Bugg

Order of Service

Welcome and notices
Call to worship
Introduction to service
Hymn 528: O worship the King vs 1,2,3,6
Two-minute city activity
Christian Aid Week video
Song (mp4): Gonna trust in God (How great is the love of God)
Song 1003: My Jesus, my Saviour
Children to go out to their group
Belinda's story
Bible reading: Acts 17.22-31
Talk
Song: Jesus, Jesus, fill us with your love
Intercessions
The Lord's prayer
Song (mp4): God of Justice
Final prayer & blessing
The grace

Notices

There will be a **church meeting** in the lower hall after the morning service today. All are welcome to attend but only members may vote.

We are in the process of **spring cleaning** the church. There is a list of tasks to be completed on the notice board in the kitchen corridor. Please sign up to jobs you intend to do, and tick when completed.

Chris Hayward would like to thank the many people who have helped him with prayers, lifts, cakes, cards and much else since his recent accident. It has been hugely appreciated, and his recovery is continuing.

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.

Christian Aid Week is from **10th-16th May 2026**. If anyone could deliver only envelopes in their own road, please let me know. We also need cakes for our stall on the market on 16th. I can collect if necessary. **If you can't make a cake, please come and buy one.** Many thanks. *Margaret Pike*

Open Church is on **Thursdays 10.00 am until noon**, but from now on will meet **only on the first and third** Thursdays of the month. Our next three meetings are therefore **21st May**, 4th and 18th June. Do join us for tea/coffee and cake in the Lower Hall.

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 peas
- Coffee
- Tinned ham/corned beef
- Tinned fruit
- Cooking sauces
- Long life juice/squash
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned sweetcorn
- Tinned vegetarian meals
- Chocolate
- Custard
- Rice pudding
- Shower gel
- Soap bars
- Toothpaste
- Laundry liquids/tabs/powder
- 2-in-1 shampoo
- Carrier bags

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Prayers

Please pray for

- the Meet & Make team
- peace in the Middle East
- our local schools
- the Baptist Assembly

From BMS World Mission

Pray for Ingrid and Roger Hamlet as they contend with their second hot season in Chad. Temperatures consistently over 40 degrees sap your energy and make most aspects of life harder.

Like bees to nectar
you draw us to yourself,
the sweetness of your love
bringing healing,
comfort and peace;
the power of your love
transforming hearts,
souls and lives.
Spirit of love and power,
touch our lives
with sweetness
and grace,
touch our hearts
with healing
and peace.

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

Breathe your peace within me, Lord,
peace such as only you can give.
When I fret about tomorrow,
when I worry about my loved ones,
when I question whether I can cope,
when my stomach feels knotted and panic rises
within me,
help me to hear your still small voice
rebuking the wind and waves,
stilling the storm,
calming the roiling waves,
and in place of turmoil bring tranquillity,
in place of chaos, quietness,
in place of a troubled, anxious spirit,
rest for my soul.

Amen.

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

Almighty God,
Author of life, Lord of all creation, from whom comes
the beauty of each flower bud and every new-born
child. Thank you for your everlasting forgiveness and
eternal hope. You turn the pages of our lives, filling
every day with forgiveness, erasing our failings and
encouraging us to try again. You are the author of
life, who brings fresh expectation into each day.
Come, flood this heart with your hope.

Amen.

Prayer courtesy of www.prayerscapes.com

How can we not sing your praise
with heart and soul
and proclaim your name
throughout the world?

God of creation,

Awesome in power,

Sustainer,

Provider,

Saviour,

Father of all,

there is none like you!

How can we not declare your glory

through all that we are,

and proclaim your name

throughout this world?

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

And finally...

The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has
anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.

Luke 4 v 18

*Items for the next News Sheet to Fliss Nesbitt by
Thursday 14th May, 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)

