



Berkhamsted Baptist Church

A family following Jesus

Weekly News for

Sunday 7th October 2018

“Praise the LORD, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.” *Psalm 103:1*

Welcome to our Family Worship with communion led by Rev. Peter Swaffield from Ebbsfleet, Kent.

Please join us afterwards for tea and coffee in the lower hall.
Crèche facilities are available for 0-3 year olds every week.

Today

Ruth will be leading the service at Shaftesbury Court this afternoon at 3pm. All welcome.

This Week

Wednesday 10th - 10.00 to 11.25 am, **First Steps** parent/carer and toddler group in the Lower Hall.

Thursday 11th – 10.00 am to noon, **Open Church**, held in the Lower Hall, entrance in Holliday Street. Please come and join us for free tea/coffee and cakes. Your opportunity to pray, have a chat or ask questions; all are welcome.

Friday 12th – 11.15 am service, 12.00 lunch, **Open Door Lunch Club**. Meals must be booked in advance with Gill Goss.

Friday 12th – The **Men's Group** will meet at 5.30pm in 'The Crown' for an informal meal and chat including planning for our Christmas meal.

Our **house groups** run 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.

Next Sunday

Our 10.30 am Family Worship will be led by Maria Bond from Gold Hill Baptist Church, Chalfont St Peter. All are invited and are welcome to come and prepare for worship, with silent or open prayer, in the church office from 10.20am onwards.

Notices

I will be celebrating a **special birthday in November** and would very much like you to join me in the celebration. There will be a two course cooked meal after the morning service on **Sunday 25th November**. The menu will be on the board in the lower hall in two or three weeks' time. Please let me know if you would like to come and if you have any special dietary requirements. **No presents** please, your company will be more than enough. Thank you. *Pat Ginger*

Lesley Lynch writes: 'I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, the lovely cards and flowers and the visit from Ruth, which are helping me as I grieve the tragic loss of my niece, Louisa. I have passed on your condolences to my brother and his family in Canada. It means a lot to have your support.'

Margaret Pike and Megan Jensen report that in their 'Bike 'n' Hike' earlier this month they raised £307, half of which will come back to the church. Thanks to all those who contributed to supporting them.

J. John will be interviewing Francine Rivers, author of the best-seller 'Redeeming Love', at 7.30pm on **Wednesday 10th October** at Christchurch, Chorleywood. Tickets are £5 and available from www.facingthecanon.com

The **DENS Dacorum Harvest Food Bank** list includes:

- Milk (long life)
- Fruit juice (1l long-life)
- Rice
- Vegetables (tinned)
- Tinned cold meat
- Tinned hot meat
- Custard
- Cereal bars
- Sponge puddings
- Jam
- Fruit (tinned)
- Washing-up liquid
- Washing powder
- Toilet cleaner
- Toilet rolls
- Carrier bags
- Toothpaste
- Men's deodorants

A full DENS list is available at the front of the church.

Audio recordings of our Sunday **sermons** are available; those with internet can access them via: www.berkhamstedbaptistchurch.org.uk/ministry/sermons/
Items for the next news sheet to Fliss Nesbitt by Thursday 11th October, please.

For Your Prayers

- For all who are feeling sad and finding life difficult, for those who are anxious about them and who care for them
- Members and friends who, for whatever reason, don't come to church anymore
- Our continuing search for a new minister
- Central Baptist Association's ministers' conference this week
- Many new families at First Steps

Please pray for the South Wales Baptist Association which exists to encourage the building and development of healthy churches and to enable them to assist each other in mission in their community, Wales and the world. The Association Day was held yesterday in Bethel Baptist Church, Pontyclun.
www.southwalesbaptistassociation.org.uk
(From *Baptists Together*)

Chad is the world's third least developed country. Pray for BMS' crucial medical work, which is bringing life-saving care to many vulnerable people. In 2016, Mozambique ranked 181 out of 188 on the UN's Human Development Index. Pray for BMS work seeking to tackle the underlying causes of injustice and poverty.
Pray for Pastor Zambo. Through BMS' revolving loan fund in Mozambique, he can now buy diabetes medicine for his wife and continue in church ministry.

Conflict-affected generations in northern Uganda are slowly rebuilding their lives. Pray for BMS workers Genesis and Bernard, helping struggling farmers grow fruitful harvests. South Sudan's short history as a nation has been marred by violence, insecurity and famine. Pray for peace and openings for work within the country. Pray for BMS work in Afghanistan and Guinea, two of the least developed, least evangelised and most marginalised countries in the world. Pray for our workers who live incarnationally amongst marginalised communities, that they would convey love, integrity, faith and excellence in their witness. (*Slightly altered from BMS Prayer Guide*)

Christian Aid is working through its sister agencies in Indonesia to deliver emergency supplies to survivors of the catastrophic earthquake and tsunami. Christian Aid is supporting the delivery of food, shelter, clean water, sanitation and other relief supplies in the city of Palu and the district of Donggala in Central Sulawesi, two of the worst-hit areas.

BMS World Mission is responding to the situation in Indonesia, where hundreds of people have died after an earthquake and tsunami struck.

- Please pray for the people of Palu who are suffering unimaginable grief right now. Pray that they have the basics of food and clean drinking water, and medical help.
- Please pray for the first responders as they search for survivors. Pray they have shelter themselves and are kept safe as they work in dangerous, very difficult conditions.
- Please pray for the partners we'll be supporting. Pray they are given all the resources they need from agencies and governments from around the world.
- Please pray for the long-term response. Pray that people will remember Palu in the months and years to come, and that this city and the surrounding area would recover from this tragedy.

We pray for lives lost, families torn apart, lost and lonely, homeless, hungry, afraid.
We pray for rescuers finding survivors alongside bodies, courageous, undaunted, hopeful.
We pray for recovery in the years to come, for restoration, generosity, healing, closure.
(*Slightly altered from a prayer by John Birch from www.faihandworship.com*)

And Finally

“Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

Motto text 2018: “Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.” *Hebrews 12 : 2 (NIV).*

(Philippians 4:4-7)