



# Berkhamsted Baptist Church

*A family following Jesus*

Weekly News for

Sunday 14th October 2018

“Are you the One who is to come or are we to wait for another?” *Luke 7:19*

Welcome to our Family Worship led by Maria Bond from Gold Hill Baptist Church, Chalfont St Peter.

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 is leading the service at Weston Turville Union Chapel this morning

## This Week

**Wednesday 17th** - 10.00 to 11.25 am, **First Steps** parent/carer and toddler group in the Lower Hall.

**Thursday 18th** – 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 19th** – 11.15 am tea/coffee, 12.00 lunch, **Open Door Lunch Club**. Meals must be booked in advance with Gill Goss.

**Saturday 20th** – 7.45am. Prayer Breakfast at The Way Inn for the town. See Pat Ginger for more details.

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 Harvest Thanksgiving Service with communion will be led by Ruth Montacute.

## Future Events

**Friday 26th** – 7.30pm. **Ladies Group** - games evening in the lower hall.

## Notices

A very valued and loved member of our Lunch Club, dear Ruth Hales, passed away peacefully last Sunday, October 7th, and we ask you to remember her lovely family at this sad time in your prayers. Details of her funeral service will be available soon.

“Life’s first cry” envelopes from BMS World Mission are available in the pews. We are supporting this BMS appeal for work in Afghanistan. It will feature in our Harvest service next Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October

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*

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

- Milk (long life)
- Jam

- Fruit juice (1l long-life)
- Rice
- Vegetables (tinned)
- Tinned cold meat
- Tinned hot meat
- Custard
- Cereal bars
- Sponge puddings
- 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/](http://www.berkhamstedbaptistchurch.org.uk/ministry/sermons/)  
Items for the next news sheet to Chris Hayward by Thursday 18th October, please.

### **For Your Prayers**

- For members and friends unable to come to church
- Thanksgiving for all those who work hard behind the scenes to keep all our church activities going
- Friends living with ongoing health conditions and those who care for them
- Our local council and borough council, pray for wisdom in making decisions

**Peru** Pray for Neil and Lori, short-term volunteers serving in Nauta and assisting with the activities of the BMS-supported Nauta Integral Mission Training Centre (NIMTC). Give thanks for supported partner workers Pastor Luis, Judith and Pedro, in Iquitos and Nauta, running NIMTC alongside BMS mission workers. Praise God for the National Baptist Theological Institute, a roaming BMS supported programme training pastors from the coastal and Andean regions of the country. Give thanks for the BMS partnership with the Peruvian Baptist Convention and for all the ministries made possible by this relationship across the country. Pray for Regiane working with the Social Action Department of the Peruvian Baptist Convention, and for Daniel training Baptist pastors at Lima Baptist Seminary. Please pray for safe travel for our workers as they seek to serve the Lord in different parts of Peru. Thank the Lord for Laura, co-ordinating NIMTC activities, expanding environmental projects, and leading the BMS Peru team.  
*(Slightly altered from BMS Prayer Guide)*

This week is Prisons Week. Pray for prisoners and their families, for prison staff and those who work in the criminal justice system, and for victims of crime and all

those wounded by the actions of others.  
[www.prisonweek.org](http://www.prisonweek.org) (*From Baptists Together*)

Lord, forgive us,  
when we have made treasures out of trinkets.  
Forgive us when we have clung to possessions as if they define us, as if we find our worth in them, whether we do this consciously or not.  
Forgive us when we treat luxuries as necessities, and neglect to thank the giver for all that is provided for us.

We confess we so often hold too tightly to material things.

We understand too well the lure of riches – seeking our security in something other than you.

Forgive us, God of the poor,  
when we close our eyes to the needs of others because we are too comfortable,  
and do not like to be made uncomfortable.

Rearrange our priorities where they have become skewed.

May we treat what we have as a gift, not as our right, and not allow our possessions to become our possessors.

Help us to find our treasure in you.

For Jesus' sake. (*From Roots for Churches Ltd*)

Giver of life,  
we think of our world today –  
where there can be so much greed  
and so little justice.

We pray for those for whom money is their great motivator,  
while other concerns get pushed aside.

We ask for a renewed compassion  
among those whose hearts seem so focused  
on their own gain, to the detriment of others.

We pray for situations we have heard about this week,  
where wickedness and corruption hold sway,  
and where those who have little are trampled  
under the heels of the powerful.

We ask for your light to spread into the darkest places –  
the remote areas scarred by suffering we know nothing about,  
the anguish behind closed doors of respectability,  
the evil that can lurk within human hearts.

Jesus, you defeated darkness by confronting it on the cross,

and then rising to brilliant life again.

May we be your torch bearers,  
showing those around us a better way of living.

In your name. **Amen** (*From Roots for Churches Ltd*)

## **And Finally**

“Go and tell John what you have seen and heard; the blind receive sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have good news brought to them.” *Luke 7:22*