



# Berkhamsted Baptist Church

*A Family following Jesus*

Weekly News for

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018

“Don’t be alarmed,” he said. “You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him.”

*Mark 16:6*

**Welcome to our Easter Sunday worship, with communion, led by Rev. Peter Swaffield, from Ebbsfleet Baptist Church, Kent.**

**Please join us afterwards for tea and coffee in the lower hall.**

**Crèche facilities are available for 0-3 year olds every week.**

## This Week

**Wednesday 4th** – No First Steps parent / carer and toddler group - **on holiday** for two weeks.

**Thursday 5th** – 10:00am to 12 noon, **Open Church**, held in the lower hall, entrance in Holliday Street. Please come and join us for free tea/coffee and cakes. Activities will be available during holiday times. Your opportunity to pray, have a chat or ask questions; all are welcome.

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup>** – 11.15 am tea/coffee, 12.00 lunch, **Open Door Lunch Club**. Meals must be booked in advance with Gill Goss.

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> – 5.30 pm**, the **Men’s Group** will be meeting at The Crown for a relaxed meal and get-together. All welcome.

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 or Sandra Wotton if you wish to join or try a group.

## Next Sunday

Our 10:30am Family Worship will be led by Bob Little from St Albans. 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.

## Future Events

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April – 10.00 am to noon**, an opportunity to meet with our moderator, Rev. Alice McDermott, and to pray together. Please put this important date in your diary. *Pat Ginger*

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April – 8.00 pm, Pastoral Coordinators’ meeting** at All Saints’ Church, Cross Oak Road. Speaker is Jacqui Sheppard, Dementia Friends Champion with the Alzheimer’s Society. Please see Pat Ginger if you would like to attend.

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April – Ladies’ Evening:** quiz night with fish and chips. Please let Vicky know if you will be attending.

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May – Baptist Assembly** at Peterborough.

## Notices

**New rotas** are now available. Please note there are some significant changes. Thanks for all you do. Thanks also to all who supported **Christian Aid Lent lunches**. On the second Monday we raised £452, much of which was Gift Aided. This brings the total for the two lunches to £670, which is fantastic. *Margaret Pike*

The **DENS Dacorum April Food Bank** list is:

- Milk (UHT or powdered)
- Jams and spreads

- Fruit juice (1L long-life)
- Vegetables (tinned)
- Meat (tinned)
- Custard (tin or powder)
- Cereal bars
- Sponge puddings
- Carrier bags
- Washing-up liquid
- Washing powder/liquid
- Cleaning sprays
- Toothpaste
- Bath towels

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/) or ask John Beeley for CD copies.

Items for the next news sheet to **Chris Hayward** by Thursday 29th March, please.

### For Your Prayers

- Those in hospital relying on the care and skill of hospital staff
- Our friends unable to come to church, friends, relatives and carers looking after them
- Those missing and grieving for loved ones
- Children and school staff enjoying the Easter holidays
- Continuing prayer for God's guidance during the interregnum

Pray for security and peace in Chad, especially in those areas affected by Islamist extremist groups. Pray for wisdom for President Déby. Pray for inpatients at the BMS-supported Guinebor II Hospital (G2). Pray that they would be healed and inspired to become followers of Jesus. Pray for Juliette and her team of community maternal health workers who are helping women in the communities surrounding G2 deliver their babies safely. Pray for BMS pharmacist Claire as she continues to head up the pharmacy work at G2, while supporting the leadership of the hospital. Pray for the BMS-supported malnutrition workers at G2. Pray for healing for those they treat and for positive, long-lasting change in the families they train. Pray for BMS doctors Andrea and Mark as they seek to bring excellent medical care to a community in northern Chad. Praise God for the surgical centre at G2. Pray that it would be a place of wonderful training,

**Interregnum Prayer:** Heavenly Father we thank you for the ministry of Stephen, our previous minister, and we pray your presence and blessing upon him. We ask now that you will help us to share responsibility, grow in faith, love one another, care for those in need, reach out to others, and welcome newcomers. Lord Jesus, guard and grow this church as we serve you together in this period without a minister. Please guide those who are seeking the right minister for us, and those who are seeking the right church for their ministry, that together we may discover your way for the future and see your kingdom grow. Amen.

(From [www.cpas.org.uk](http://www.cpas.org.uk))

expertise, healing and miracles. (slightly altered from BMS Prayer Guide)

We pray that the Easter light of life, hope and joy will live in us each day; and that we will be bearers of that light into the lives of others.

(from [www.baptist.org.uk](http://www.baptist.org.uk))

On this the first day of the week, we gather to take one final look into the tomb: see, he is not there. He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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For the signs of new life that come with the spring: *give thanks to the Lord.*  
*His steadfast love endures for ever.*

For Easter cards and Easter eggs: *give thanks to the Lord.*  
*His steadfast love endures for ever.*

For songs of resurrection and hope: *give thanks to the Lord.*  
*His steadfast love endures for ever.*

For forgiveness and the renewed life that it brings: *give thanks to the Lord.*  
*His steadfast love endures for ever.*  
Amen.

(from *Roots for Churches Ltd*)

Step out into the day, into resurrection light. Feel the joy that new life brings, accept the peace that it offers, and share the love that it gives.  
**Amen.**

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

## **And Finally**

But go, tell his disciples and Peter, “He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.”

*Mark 16:7*