



# Berkhamsted Baptist Church

*A Family following Jesus*

Weekly News for

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2018

**God of all goodness, you offer us gifts beyond our dreams, if we will only trust in your love, as taught by your son Jesus.**

*(from A thousand and one prayers by Gerald O'Mahony published by Keven Mayhew)*

**Welcome to our Family Worship led by Maria Bond from Gold Hill Baptist Church.  
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 9th** – 10.00 to 11.25 am, **First Steps** parent/carer and toddler group in the Lower Hall.

**Thursday 10th** – 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. Activities will be available during holiday times. Your opportunity to pray, have a chat or ask questions; all are welcome.

**Friday 11th** – 11.15 am worship, 12.00 lunch, **Open Door Lunch Club**. Meals must be booked in advance with Gill Goss.

**Saturday 12th** – **Baptist Assembly** at Peterborough. 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 10.30 am Family Worship for Christian Aid Sunday will be led by Abi Emmens-Green. 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 19th May** - The annual cake stall for Christian Aid will be outside Tesco from 9am-12 noon. Please let me know if you can provide a cake.

*Margaret Pike*

**Saturday 16th June** – the **Central Baptist**

**Association Assembly** at Whaddon Way Church, Bletchley, Milton Keynes. The main speaker for the day will be Rev. Dr David Gregory, President of the Baptist Union of Great Britain. All are welcome. Please see Pat Ginger for more details.

## Notices

The new General Data Protection Regulations come into force soon. Because of this, we are asking everyone to sign a permission form for personal information in our church address list. The form includes a section giving permission for using photographs.

It's a significant birthday for me on 1<sup>st</sup> June. I hope you'll come and celebrate, in church, on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, where from 3pm until 4pm The Messenger African Choir will be singing. Open invitation. All welcome. There will be tea and cake afterwards. *Ruth*



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

- Milk (UHT or powdered)
- Rice
- Fruit juice (1L long-life)
- Jams & spreads
- Vegetables (tinned)
- Fruit (tinned)
- Meat (tinned)
- Washing-up liquid
- Washing powder/liquid
- Cleaning sprays

- Custard (tin or powder)
- Carrier bags
- Cereal bars
- Toothpaste
- Sponge puddings
- 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/)

Items for the next news sheet to Chris Hayward by Thursday 10th May, please.

### **For Your Prayers**

- For those who lead our services during the interregnum
- The Baptist Union National Settlement Team as they consider our church profile
- For Maria and Josh and the fellowship at Gold Hill Baptist Church
- The annual Baptist Assembly in Peterborough on Saturday. Pat, Lydia, Maggie and Ruth will be attending
- Continuing prayer for those with health needs
- For strength, goodwill and understanding for those in the fellowship doing their best to hold things together in the interregnum

Pray for Irish Baptist Networks as they seek to encourage fellowship, dialogue and interaction within the Irish Baptist family and beyond. Pray for Baptist colleges in the UK, preparing women and men for the mission of planting and growing churches across the country. Pray for Baptist Union of Wales churches as they are challenged to be missional communities in the valleys of the south and the mountains of the north. Pray for UK Baptists as they look for and implement wise solutions in response to the challenges posed by pension funds. Pray for the Baptist Union of Scotland's leadership team, Alan, Jim, Martin, Ali and Council convener Frances, as they steer churches towards growth and depth. Pray for outgoing Baptists Together President Dianne Tidball, giving thanks for encouragement and challenge brought over the past year. Pray for the Baptist Assembly meeting on Saturday in Peterborough, that delegates will have a rich time of fellowship, returning home to inspire their churches. *(slightly altered from BMS Prayer Guide)*

**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)*

This week we pray for Dave Gregory, who will be inducted as Baptist Union President at the Baptist Assembly on 12 May. Dave's theme for his Presidency is 'Divine Windows – Glimpses of God through life, the universe and everything'. How might our lives be Divine Windows through which others glimpse God? [www.baptist.org.uk/president](http://www.baptist.org.uk/president) *(from Baptists Together)*

Creator God, you made us in your image and provide us with all we need:  
a world with plenty for all to share and delight in.  
**For this we give you thanks and praise.**  
Saviour God, you came to forgive us our sins and to show us the path we should follow through the highs and lows of all that life throws at us.  
**For this we give you thanks and praise.**  
Holy Spirit, you were sent to equip us for the task ahead and to get us into shape for the journey ahead, challenging us, pruning us and encouraging us.  
**For this we give you thanks and praise.**  
**Amen.** *(from Roots for Churches Ltd)*

To all those in need of love:  
let the love of God be known.  
To a world in need of love:  
let the love of God be shown.  
To those in need of food:  
let the love of God be shared.  
By those in need of healing:  
let the love of God be experienced.  
By those in need of peace:  
let the love of God be felt.  
By those in need of hope:  
let the love of God be seen.  
To those in need of joy:  
let the love of God be sung.  
By those in need of justice:  
let the love of God be heard.  
By all those in need of love:  
let the love of God be known.  
**Amen.** *(from Roots for Churches Ltd)*

### **And Finally**

Father in heaven, only your Son could reveal you to us. We are amazed at your goodness to us, and at the lengths your Son went to, to make you known to us. *(from A thousand and one prayers by Gerald O'Mahony published by Keven Mayhew.)*

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