



Berkhamsted Baptist Church

A Family following Jesus

Weekly News for

Sunday 3rd June 2018

'Having loved his own who were in the world, [Jesus] now showed them the full extent of his love.'

John 13: 1 (b)

**Welcome to our Family Worship, with Communion, led by Bob Little from St Albans.
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 6th – 10.00 to 11.25 am, **First Steps** parent/carer and toddler group in the Lower Hall.

Wednesday 6th – 7.00 pm, **Men's Group**: a barbecue, by kind invitation of Doug and Gill Goss, at 18 Gaveston Drive. Bring your own drinks. Meet there at **6.30 pm** if you would like to join an optional walk beforehand.

Thursday 7th – 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 8th – 11.15 am service, 12.00 lunch, **Open Door Lunch Club**. Meals must be booked in advance with Gill Goss.

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 will be led by David Burden from Welwyn Garden City. 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 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

New rotas for June and July are now available in the vestibule. Thank you for all you do. *Margaret*
The total so far for **Christian Aid week** is £4,651.73 of which BBC raised £300, which is brilliant. Many thanks. *Margaret*

The **DENS Dacorum June 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
- Custard (tin or powder)
- Washing powder/liquid
- Cereal bars
- Cleaning sprays
- Sponge puddings
- Carrier bags
- 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/
Items for the next news sheet to Chris Hayward by Thursday 7th June, please.

For Your Prayers

- Leaders meeting on Thursday with Alice, our moderator
- Those who are unwell and all who care for them
- Young people continuing exams this week
- All our many church activities during the week
- Our church fellowship during the interregnum, that we will all work together

Bangladesh. The Bengali ethnic group is the largest unreached people group in the world. Pray for the gospel to flourish among these people. BMS partner the Bangladesh Baptist Church Sangha (BBCS) has over 350 churches across the country. Pray for their health and witness. Pray for Ashim Baroi, the General Secretary of BBCS, as he provides leadership and support for the team of regional ministers. Pray for Louise and Peter, new BMS workers, as they learn language and culture before commencing their ministry in Bangladesh. Pray for the ten BMS-supported church planters in Bangladesh, that they may “proclaim the gospel without fear” (Philippians 1: 14). Pray for Jyoti Ratna, supported by BMS and serving on the staff of the College of Christian Theology Bangladesh. BMS is committed to integral mission. Pray for the Church in Bangladesh as it makes God’s love known in both word and practical action.

(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)

We pray, Lord God, for the people who have helped us along life’s road:

those who have nurtured us and cared for us;

those who have taught us and trained us;

those who have embraced and emboldened us.

We pray for those who have a troubled road to travel:

those who find themselves lonely and friendless;

those who find themselves frail and faltering;

those who find themselves angry and aggrieved;

those who find themselves frightened and fearful;

those who find themselves disgruntled and dissatisfied;

those who find themselves empty and desolate.

I pray for those who cannot see the treasures they have; treasures that come from those around them, or from you.

For them all, Lord God, we pray. Amen.

(from Roots for Churches Ltd)

God of the journey,

you have given us the guidance we need to keep our relationship with you alive.

Deepen our desire to live

so that our life proclaims you to all whom we encounter day by day.

Transform us into living temples,

where your welcome is extended to all,

and your love draws us all to deeper prayer.

Then send us out

to work for your kingdom of justice and peace. Amen.

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And Finally

‘... For he bore the sin of many and made intercession for the transgressors.’ *(Isaiah 53: 12 (b))*

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