



Berkhamsted Baptist Church

A family following Jesus

Weekly News for

Sunday 3rd February 2019

The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing. (*Psalm 23:1*)

Welcome to our Family Worship with communion led by David Burden from Welwyn Garden City.

Please join us afterwards for tea and coffee in the Lower Hall.

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

Order of Service

Welcome and Notices (Pat)

Call to worship

CMP 560 Praise my Soul the King of Heaven

Family Time/Birthday Basket (Kathleen)

Children's Talk

CMP 128 Father God I wonder

Offering and Prayer

Children leave

Intercessions

CMP 1008 The Lord's my Shepherd

Bible Reading - John 10: 1 – 18 (Pat)

Sermon

CMP 660 The Lord's my Shepherd I'll not Want

Communion

CMP 1072 In Christ Alone

Benediction and The Grace

This Week

Wednesday 6th - 10.00 to 11.25 am, **First Steps** parent/carer and toddler group in the Lower Hall.

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. Your opportunity to pray, have a chat or ask questions; all are welcome.

Friday 8th – 11.15 am tea/coffee, 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, Sandra Wotton or Alun Sainsbury if you wish to join or try a group.

Next Sunday

Our 10.30 am Family Worship with communion will be led by Rev. Ray Thomas from Barnet. All are invited and are welcome to come and prepare for worship, with silent or open prayer, in the church office from 10.20 am.

After the service, there will be a **special church members meeting** to consider the appointment of a new moderator who will help us in the search for a new minister.

Notices

Church Annual Report: could all who usually write articles to go in this document please get them to Chris Hayward not later than **20th February**. Chris will then send them to Rob Goss for compilation ready for the AGM on 21st March. If for any reason you are unable to write 'your' report this time, please let Pat Ginger know as soon as possible.

The **DENS Dacorum January/February High Needs list** includes:

- Milk (long life)
- Cereal bars
- Sponge puddings
- Jams and spreads
- Long life fruit juice
- Cleaning sprays

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Treasurer: John Ball, tel: 01442 863250.

Visit our Church Website: www.berkhamstedbaptistchurch.org.uk

Items for inclusion on weekly news sheets need to be given by Thursday (latest) to either Chris Hayward, tel: 01442 866996, e-mail: cjhayward@talktalk.net or Fliss Nesbitt, tel: 01442 876119, e-mail: flissnesbitt@virginmedia.com

- Tinned cold meat
- Peas (tinned)
- Vegetables (tinned)
- Chocolate
- Washing up liquid
- Liquid hand soap
- Carrier bags
- Sellotape

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 7th February please.

For Your Prayers

- Our Government in these uncertain days
- The cold weather, give thanks for warm homes
- Families grieving the loss of loved ones
- Our continuing search for a new minister
- Friends unable to come to church

People in Nepal continue to rebuild their lives following the devastating 2015 earthquakes. You've stood alongside them with your support for BMS' work in this beautiful country, helping to provide new homes, healthcare and ways to earn income. Our workers are also training teachers so that children receive a better education, equipping them for a brighter future. Pray for Nepal this week. Pray for BMS worker Angus Douglas, Deputy Director of the Kathmandu International Study Centre (KISC) where mission workers' children are taught. Pray for the ongoing development of the school's new site and for new teachers to work there. Pray for BMS doctor Helen Douglas and her colleagues as they inspire and train a new generation of doctors to deliver compassionate healthcare to patients. Give thanks for the continued growth of the Nepali Church, and ask for wisdom, discernment and protection in sharing Christ's love in an increasingly restricted political environment. Pray for BMS partner the Nepal Baptist Bible College (NBBC) as it seeks to buy land. Having its own building is crucial for long-term financial sustainability. Give thanks for the united and hardworking staff team at NBBC. Pray that the Principal, Santosh, will know God's strength and wisdom. Pray for the suicide prevention programmes run in communities and schools by BMS partners. Pray also for the growth of peer supervision groups helping counsellors improve in Kathmandu. Pray for Chris and Debbie Drew as they prepare to leave Nepal in the summer. Pray that they finish well in their respective roles, and pray too for their children as they contemplate country, school and

home moves. *(Slightly altered from BMS World Mission Prayer Guide)*

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(From Baptists Together)

Father, thank you for loving each of us as if there was only one to love, and for calling us together to serve a greater love.

Lord Jesus, thank you for becoming one of us in order to lead us to the unity of being members of your Church.

Holy Spirit, thank you for our various gifts and roles, and the way we can work together in service.

(From Roots for Churches Ltd)

Father, we pray for all who are lacking in love; for those who do not receive the love they need; for those who cannot show love to others. Shine your love upon us, Lord, so that we might reflect it out into the world. Help us to live your love in our actions, especially towards those we find hard to love. As we bring before you those who are sick in body or mind, or bereaved, or lonely, or lost, we pray that you will enable us to share love that is appropriate – the right kind of love for the person in their situation. So, may love be the force that drives us, and the power that binds us.

Amen.

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And Finally

Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever. *(Psalm 23:6)*

Motto text 2019: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11 *(NIV)*.