



Berkhamsted Baptist Church

A Family following Jesus

Weekly News for

Sunday 8th July 2018

I call on the LORD in my distress, and he answers me. Save me, LORD, from lying lips and from deceitful tongues.

Psalm 120 v 1-2

Welcome to our Family Worship 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.

Today

3.00 pm - the **Thursday House Group** will be taking a service at Shaftesbury Court in Northchurch. All are welcome to come and swell the numbers.

This Week

First Steps parent/carer and toddler group is on holiday! Term resumes on 5th September.

Thursday 12th – 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 13th – 11.15 am tea/coffee, 12.00 lunch, **Open Door Lunch Club**. Meals must be booked in advance with Gill Goss.

Saturday 14th – 2.30 pm, the **Ladies' Group** at Waterside Theatre, Aylesbury, for 'Jersey Boys'. Please confirm with Lydia if you will be attending.

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 with Communion will be led by Rev. David Ronco from Hertford. 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

Tuesday 17th July – 7.30 pm, **Church Members' Meeting** in the Lower Hall. Please come to this meeting. It is really important that we seek God's will and make the right decisions together during this time of interregnum. *Pat*

Notices

'We would like to say a big "thank you" to you all for your prayers, for the many cards with lovely tributes to John, for those who visited him in hospital, but most of all for your support at his funeral which was led wonderfully by Ruth. GOD BLESS YOU ALL.'

Kathy Beeley, Kevin and Helen

On **Sunday 29th July** we will all have the opportunity to contribute something to our morning service. Please let me know if you would like to

- choose a favourite hymn/song
- lead prayers
- give a testimony
- do family time/birthday basket
- read a story for children
- choose a favourite Bible verse or reading
- preach
- do something else

Thank you. *Ruth*

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

- Milk (UHT or powdered)
- Jams & spreads

- Fruit juice (1L long-life)
- Rice
- Vegetables (tinned)
- Meat (tinned)
- Custard (tin or powder)
- Cereal bars
- Sponge puddings
- Fruit (tinned)
- Washing-up liquid
- Washing machine liquid tablets
- Cleaning sprays
- 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 Fliss Nesbitt by Thursday 12th July, please.

For Your Prayers

- Those in our fellowship working hard to keep everything going during the interregnum
- Members and friends unable to come to church
- Social workers, carers and other professionals who offer help and guidance to those who need it
- Our mission to share the good news of Jesus with those we meet day by day
- The safety and rescue of the boys trapped in a cave in Thailand

Lebanon Pray for BMS partner the Arab Baptist Theological Seminary, equipping leaders for effective service in the Church across the Middle East and North Africa. Pray for our partner SKILD, providing support to and advocating for the rights of children with additional learning needs, who are often marginalised. Pray for BMS-supported work helping Lebanese and Syrian churches to demonstrate God's love through relief and development ministries with refugees. Costa is the Executive Director of our partner the Lebanese Society for Educational and Social Development. Pray for wisdom for him and his team. Thank God for the ministry of Arthur, Louise, Claire and Michael, BMS workers serving in Lebanon. Pray for Louise and the work of the Learning Support Project (LSP). LSP

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)

provides education and life-skills training to 70 refugee children a week. Lebanon hosts huge numbers of people fleeing conflict in Syria and Iraq. Pray for the churches demonstrating God's love and for those displaced and struggling. (*slightly altered from BMS Prayer Guide*)

The Annual Gathering of the Eastern Baptist Association took place yesterday at Histon Baptist Church. The event was the culmination of a 'Wave of Prayer' around the Association. Please pray for the Association as they look to appoint new staff members, and seek to support the Baptist churches in Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex and Cambridgeshire.

www.easternbaptist.org.uk (*from Baptists Together*)

My God, my God,

how wonderful you are!

There is nothing like you in the whole earth.

I look up to the skies, and I see you there.

Babies and infants open their mouths,

and I hear them cry your name.

Compared to you, our weapons, our bombs, our power to destroy,

dwindle into insignificance.

On a starry night, with your glory splashed across the skies,

I gaze into your infinite universe, and I wonder:

Who am I?

Why do I matter?

Why do you care about mere mortals?

We humans are less than specks of dust in your universe.

We have existed less than a second in the great clock of creation.

Yet you choose us as your partners.

You share the secrets of the universe with us;

you give us a special place in your household;

you trust us to look after the earth, on your behalf -

not just the sheep and oxen,

but also the wolves that prey on our domestic animals;

the birds, the plants, and even creatures we have never seen

in the depths of the sea.

My God, my God! How amazing you are.

(*written by James Taylor, in "Everyday Psalms", from www.re-worship.blogspot.co.uk*)

And Finally

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Matthew ch 6 v 10

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