



# Berkhamsted Baptist Church

*A Family following Jesus*

Weekly News for

Sunday 10th June 2018

Your love, LORD, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies. Your righteousness is like the highest mountains, your justice like the great deep.

*Psalm 36:5-6*

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.

## This Week

**Wednesday 13th** – 10.00 to 11.25 am, **First Steps** parent/carer and toddler group in the Lower Hall.

**Thursday 14th** – 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 15th** – 11.15 am tea/coffee, 12.00 lunch, **Open Door Lunch Club**. Meals must be booked in advance with Gill Goss.

**Saturday 16th** – 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.

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 Brian Pratt from Croxley 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

**Friday 22nd – Ladies' Group:** stroll to The Boat PH for drinks and/or a meal, meeting at the pub at 7.30 pm. Please let Vicky Sainsbury know if you will be attending.

**Tuesday 17th July** – 7.30 pm, **Church Members' Meeting** in the Lower Hall.

## Notices

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard behind the scenes to make the visit of The Messenger Choir such a good occasion. I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did! Thank you for the many gifts and cards. The collection taken on the day, along with other gifts received, now totals £900.00. This money will be used for educational projects in the Democratic Republic of Congo. *Ruth*

**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)
- Fruit juice (1L long-life)
- Vegetables (tinned)
- Meat (tinned)
- Custard (tin or powder)
- Cereal bars
- Sponge puddings
- Rice
- Jams & spreads
- Fruit (tinned)
- Washing-up liquid
- Washing powder/liquid
- 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/](http://www.berkhamstedbaptistchurch.org.uk/ministry/sermons/)

Items for the next news sheet to Fliss Nesbitt by Thursday 14th June, please.

### **For Your Prayers**

- Thanksgiving for the life of John; pray for the family and us all as we mourn his passing
- All who are concerned about their own health and that of their loved ones
- CBA Assembly on Saturday
- The devastation caused by the volcano in Guatemala; families who have lost loved ones, their homes and their communities
- Our church services; all the planning and preparation

**Education** Pray for wisdom and energy for BMS partners committed to quality early years' education in communities lacking in hope or opportunity for the young. Pray for BMS work in mission schools. Pray that they would be places of learning and nurture for the next generation of kingdom-change activists. Pray for creativity and inspiration for BMS teacher Gemma as she teaches mission workers' children and other international children in Dhaka, Bangladesh. Praise God for progress in developing schools in India. Pray that our partners would continue to provide excellent education for many vulnerable children. Please pray for BMS teacher trainers Annie, Simon and Wendy as they work to improve the quality of schools and mentor

**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.

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

teachers in Nepal. Pray for BMS work providing education to Syrian refugee children in Lebanon. Pray for a generation that seeks peace and returns to rebuild its country. Pray for BMS teachers based at a mission school in Tirana, Albania. Pray they would be a strong inspiration and consistent witness to those they teach. *(slightly altered from BMS Prayer Guide)*

Our General Secretary, Lynn Green, is currently on sabbatical until the end of the month. Please pray that this will be a time of refreshment and renewal for her and her family. *(from Baptists Together)*

Into the daily cycle of our lives  
When all seems well  
With us and with the world,  
When our yoke is easy  
And the burden light,  
You break in,  
And scatter our complacency.

Into the daily cycle of our lives  
When we are comfortable  
And at our ease,  
When the fire is lit  
But eyes are closed,  
You break in,  
And challenge our dependency.

You break into  
Our daily prayers,  
You humble hearts,  
Lay souls bare,  
You break in.

You break in,  
When defences are down,  
With an Angel's shout,  
Or the quietest sound  
You break in.  
And we change,  
And all things change ,  
When you break in.  
*(slightly altered from www.faithandworship.com)*

### **And Finally**

But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body. *Philippians 3:20-21*