



# Berkhamsted Baptist Church

*A Family following Jesus*

Weekly News for

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018

‘Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?’

*Isaiah ch 6 v 8*

**Welcome to our Family Worship, with communion, led by Chris Hayward, with address by David Tester of Mission Aviation Fellowship.**

**Please join us afterwards for tea and coffee in the lower hall.**

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

## Today

Ruth is speaking, on behalf of BMS World Mission, at Theydon Bois Baptist Church, Essex.

## This Week

**Wednesday 4th** – 10.00 to 11.25 am, **First Steps** parent/carer and toddler group in the Lower Hall.

**Wednesday 4th – Men’s Group** will be meeting at The Angler’s Retreat PH, Startop’s End, near Marsworth HP23 4LJ at 6.30 pm for a circular walk followed by a meal at the pub at approx. 7.30. All men welcome; please enquire if you need a lift to/from the pub.

**Thursday 5th** – 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 6th** – 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 with Communion 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

**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*

The final total for donations to Christian Aid has gone up to £4,933.22. Many thanks to all who contributed.

*Margaret Pike*

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)
- 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 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/](http://www.berkhamstedbaptistchurch.org.uk/ministry/sermons/)

Items for the next news sheet to Chris Hayward by Thursday 5th July, please.

### **For Your Prayers**

- Our church during the interregnum
- Thanksgiving for our secure homes; remember many in the world who live in fear and are fleeing persecution
- Those with health needs
- Friends who are grieving
- Leadership team meeting on Tuesday

**Third culture kids (TCKs)** Pray for the children of BMS workers, that they would experience integration, strong and supportive friendships, and peace. Pray that they would be blessed. Pray for the faith journeys of BMS's TCKs, that they would come to know Jesus as their personal Saviour. Pray for opportunities for discipleship. Pray for our TCKs studying in secular or state schools overseas, as well as those studying in boarding schools, often a long way from their parents. Pray for BMS-supported mission schools in Nepal, Albania and Bangladesh, that they give children of all ages high-quality education and pastoral support. Pray for the unofficial 'families' our TCKs build overseas as their lives and mission paths cross. Pray that they be impactful, loving and supportive. Pray for all BMS's

**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).*

adult TCKs, grown-up and adjusting to life as it now looks. Pray especially for those who have parents currently serving overseas. Pray for families considering serving abroad with BMS, as they grapple with the impact on their children. Pray for wisdom and peace for parents. *(slightly altered from BMS Prayer Guide)*

The Annual Gathering of the Baptist World Alliance takes place this week. Baptists from all over the world will be gathering together in Zurich to pray, worship and discuss together issues affecting Baptists and our world, and to promote fellowship and cooperation.

[www.bwanet.org](http://www.bwanet.org)

*(from Baptists Together)*

If we had a fraction of the faith in you that you have in us

then this world would be transformed, Lord.

If we showed a fraction of the love that you show to us then this world would be transformed, Lord.

If we possessed a fraction of the patience that you display with us

then this world would be transformed, Lord.

If we shared just a portion of the blessings that we have received from you then this world would be transformed, Lord.

If we showed as much trust in others as you have shown in us

then this world would be transformed, Lord.

If we claimed just a fraction of the power you promised to your Church then this world would be transformed, Lord.

Transform us first, Lord, that we might transform this world

through your love and your power.

*(from www.faithandworship.com)*

Lord, help me not to compare myself to others, but to be positive about myself,

to rejoice in the gifts you have given me, and to be willing to share them with others.

Amen.

*(from www.rootsforchurches.com)*

### **And Finally**

'Go and make disciples of all nations.'

*Matthew ch 28 v 19*