



# Berkhamsted Baptist Church

*A Family following Jesus*

Weekly News for

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2017

**Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously!**

*2 Corinthians ch 9 v 6*

**Welcome to our Harvest Celebration which will include communion led by our minister Rev. Stephen Ashby. Please join us afterwards for tea and coffee in the lower hall. Crèche facilities are available for 0-3 year olds every week.**

## Today

**Our Harvest appeal** this year, for disabled children in Thailand, is from BMS and is called '**Wonderfully made**'. Envelopes are in the pews and there is also a coin appeal – stickers to put on your glass jars are at the front of the church.

## This Week

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> – 9.30am Leaders' Meeting** at Ruth's home.

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> – 10 until 11.25am, First Steps** parent / carer and toddler group in lower hall. Please note the new time.

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> – 10:00am to 12 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 6<sup>th</sup> – 11:15am tea/coffee, 12noon 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 Stephen Ashby if you wish to join or try a group.

## Next Sunday

Our 10:30am Morning Service will be led by our minister Rev. Stephen Ashby. All are invited and are welcome to come and prepare for worship, with silent or open prayer, in the church office from 10:15am onwards.

## Notices

**Urgent regarding PowerPoint** – We need help with the PowerPoint presentation **on Sunday mornings**. Damien has offered to compile the presentation each week, but we need help on a monthly basis in presenting during the service. For more details see Stephen.

**New rotas** are available at the front of the church. Thanks to all who help with these jobs. *Margaret Pike*

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

- Milk (UHT)
- Fruit juice (long life)
- Peas/vegetables (tinned)
- Tomatoes (tin or carton)
- Cold meat (tinned)
- Potatoes (tinned or inst.)
- Hot puddings (tinned)
- Rice pudding/custard
- Fruit (tinned)
- Cereal bars
- Shower gel
- Washing powder/liquid
- Washing-up liquid
- Hand wash/bar soap
- Deodorants
- Toilet rolls
- J cloths
- Cleaning sprays
- Socks & underwear (men and women)

**A full DENS Harvest 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/) or ask Stephen Ashby or John Beeley for CD copies.

Items for the next news sheet to **Stephen Ashby** by Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October, please.

### Prayers

- The work of Hope Home in Thailand
- Members and friends with health concerns
- Those struggling to cope day by day
- Those recently bereaved
- New families at First Steps
- Nick, Fiona and Tom settling into their new home

**Pray for Pastor Julio Montalvo** as he leads the Peruvian Evangelical Baptist Convention (CEBP) and encourages local churches, sponsored by BMS World Mission. Ynes Palácios runs the BMS-funded National Baptist Theological Institute ministerial training courses. Pray for the more than 50 students.

**Local BMS workers Amilcar, Denisse and Rosmeri** work with around 100 families through El Puente Baptist Church and social projects in Cusco. **Pastors Julio, Ramon and Pedro, with Mirabel**, lead the Lima Evangelical Baptist Seminary's MA and mission courses, sponsored by BMS. BMS funds CEBP's Social Action Department which trains and resources local churches for community social action. Pastor Homer co-ordinates this work. Pastor Luis leads Loreto Baptist Association's mission work. Sara and Pedro work at the Nauta Integral Mission Training Centre. (slightly altered from BMS Prayer Guide)

Please pray for the Heart of England Baptist Association as they seek to stimulate and assist their region's Baptist churches for their God-given task of sharing the good news of Jesus Christ. [www.baptist-heartofengland.org](http://www.baptist-heartofengland.org) (from Baptists Together)

**Prayers for BMS World Mission's appeal 'Wonderfully Made'**

**Pray for Sam and the children and team at Hope Home**

- Pray for Sam to be happy and healthy.

•Pray for all seven children who live at Hope Home, that they would encounter the love of God as they are cared for by Judy and her team.

•Pray for the children who come to Hope Home for respite care. And pray for strength for their families, as they look after children with complex needs.

•Pray for energy, strength and patience for Judy and her team. Pray that they would be filled with the joy and love of the Lord as they serve the children at Hope Home, and that they would find time to rest.

•Pray for our 'Wonderfully Made' appeal, that thousands of Christians would be encouraged by it, and that it will help us to transform even more lives.

•Pray for all the people, in Thailand and beyond, who will be helped by the money raised by 'Wonderfully Made'. Pray that they might experience fullness of life.

(from [bmsworldmission.org.uk](http://bmsworldmission.org.uk))

**Let us pray for all our fellow men and women whose pain and misery comes to us every day in the newspapers, on the television, and face to face:**

for the millions who are starving to death,  
for those who are without adequate shelter,  
for those who lack clothing,  
for those whose human rights are ignored,  
for all who suffer from illness,  
for refugees who have had to flee from their lands,  
for all who are chronically hungry,  
for greater action on our part to feed the hungry,  
for all who have to live with injustice,  
for those who have seldom known peace,  
for all who have lost hope,  
for those who harden their hearts against the poor,  
for all who work to eliminate world hunger,  
for the unity of the human family.

May your mercy be on all of us, Lord, as we search for better ways to heal and serve your people.

**Give us insight, sensitivity, creativity, strength and courage as together we seek ways to end hunger in the world.** Amen.

(from Banquet of Praise (1990), published by Bread for the World)

### Finally

**Remember this:** Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.

### **Motto text 2017**

For with you is the fountain of life;  
in your light we see light! *Psalm 36 v9. (NIV)*

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

2 Corinthians ch 9 v 6-8.