



**Benefice of Newport Pagnell
with
Lathbury and Moulsoe
Pews News
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11th Sunday after Trinity**



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The parish has set up various electronic means of
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obtained from the parish office.

Registered Charity number 1153668

10.30am, Family Communion, St Peter & St Paul

Readings Jeremiah 2.4-13
Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16
Gospel Luke 14.1, 7-14

Wednesday

10am Said Communion, St Peter & St Paul, followed by coffee, chat and healing prayer.

Events and Services coming up:

Sunday 7 September

9.15am, Family Communion, Lathbury
10.30am, Family Communion St Luke's
6pm, Evening Worship, St Peter & St Paul

Wednesday 10 September

10.30am Morning Prayer, St Peter & St Paul,
followed by coffee, chat and healing prayer.

Collect for 11 Sunday after Trinity

God of glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Everyone is welcome to put an item into Pews
News but please email it by 2pm on the
Thursday before you want it to appear.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

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Weekly ZOOM Prayer meeting:

This week the prayer meeting will be **Thursday at 4.30pm** to allow people to get home after the Mothers' Union meeting.

As usual it will last an hour and start with a short act of worship (a song or reflection on the Bible reading of the day). There will be time for silence as well as prayer and as you can participate in prayer without necessarily having to speak, there is no pressure to say anything. Everyone is welcome to join the Prayer Meeting.



Watch for the email with the link that Malcolm sends out weekly.



Did you know that the Parish has a WhatsApp Group?

It is a very useful way to share information quickly and you don't need to be a techno whizz to use it! If you'd like to be added to the Newport Pagnell Parish WhatsApp group just send Moira your mobile telephone number.

Moira's number is 07968-585364.



The Mothers' Union meets on Thursday September 4th at 2.30pm in Brooklands. Paul Hawkes will be giving a hands on talk about Rocks and Fossils.
All are welcome, both members and non members. We look forward to seeing you.



SUNDAY CLUB

The long summer holidays are drawing to a close and we are looking forward to welcoming the children back to Sunday Club, which resumes on 14th September.

Please note the different time of 10.30am on that date (14 September)

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A NEW ROLE IN CHURCH? DO YOU ENJOY WORKING WITH FIGURES AND MONEY?

This could be for you.

Dick Smith, who has been our treasurer for many years, is retiring from the role at the APCM in May. If you are interested in this important role, please speak to Dick Smith or Jennifer Mazzone.



SONGS OF PRAISE



Sunday 21st Sept

5pm

**St Peter and St Paul Church
High Street, Newport Pagnell**

**Come along and sing a selection of hymns and
worship songs, chosen and introduced by
members of the Christian churches in the town.**



**Refreshments will be
served after the service.**

THANK YOU

**to all of you who completed
the Events Committee's
Survey of Activities**

We reviewed the results at the Events' committee meeting this morning (27 August) and hopefully some of your ideas can be implemented over the next few months.

DON'T FORGET

The purpose of this committee is to support someone organising an event.

No-one should feel overwhelmed by details or the amount of work involved.

It has been agreed that every organiser should be asked whether they need a working group so that one could be formed from members of the congregation as well as the committee.

This also obviates the problem of 'no-one else knows how to manage the event' if the need should arise.

If you would like to organise a church event talk to any of the following members of the Events' Committee: Lynda Evans, Moira Evans, Julie Eldridge, Beth Mackay, Jennifer Mazzone or Olwen Smith.

NEWPORT PAGNELL EDUCATIONAL TRUST

Registered Charity Number 1037556

The Newport Pagnell Educational Trust provides assistance to those parents struggling to get their children through primary or secondary education or to deserving students in tertiary education. Small grants can be made for tuition fees, or other schooling related expenses such as uniforms, books, travelling etc.

To obtain an application form please contact the Secretary at, The Parish Office, St Peter & St Paul church, High Street, Newport Pagnell, MK16 8AR or send an email to npparish@gmail.com.

**Closing date for applications
15th September 2025**



CAN YOU HELP?

You may not be aware that a lot of duties performed around the church are carried out by a small band of volunteers and I regret to say that this pool of help is shrinking dramatically. We are looking for fresh volunteers to join the sides-people rota, the folk at the door on a Sunday who hand out the books and clear them away afterwards. We also need people to join the cleaning and the coffee rotas.

These are all duties at St Peter & St Paul. Needless to say the more people we have on these rotas the longer the gap between duties.

If you feel that you could help out on any/all of these rotas then please let me know or indeed if you require more information, contact me.

Malcolm Godwin, Parish Administrator

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First Reading Jeremiah 2.4-13

4 Hear the word of the Lord, you descendants of Jacob, all you clans of Israel.

5 This is what the Lord says:

“What fault did your ancestors find in me, that they strayed so far from me?

They followed worthless idols and became worthless themselves.

6 They did not ask, ‘Where is the Lord, who brought us up out of Egypt and led us through the barren wilderness, through a land of deserts and ravines, a land of drought and utter darkness, a land where no one travels and no one lives?’

7 I brought you into a fertile land to eat its fruit and rich produce.

But you came and defiled my land and made my inheritance detestable.

8 The priests did not ask, ‘Where is the Lord?’

Those who deal with the law did not know me; the leaders rebelled against me.

The prophets prophesied by Baal, following worthless idols.

9 “Therefore I bring charges against you again, declares the Lord.

“And I will bring charges against your children’s children.

10 Cross over to the coasts of Cyprus and look send to Kedar and observe closely; see if there has ever been anything like this:

11 Has a nation ever changed its gods? (Yet they are not gods at all.)

But my people have exchanged their glorious God for worthless idols.

12 Be appalled at this, you heavens, and shudder with great horror,” declares the Lord.

13 “My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water.

Second Reading Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16

13 Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. **2** Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. **3** Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

4 Marriage should be honoured by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. **5** Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said,

“Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.”

6 So we say with confidence,

“The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?”

7 Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. **8** Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Gospel Reading Luke 14.1, 7-14

14 One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched.

7 When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honour at the table, he told them this parable: **8** “When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honour, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. **9** If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, ‘Give this person your seat.’ Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. **10** But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, ‘Friend, move up to a better place.’ Then you will be honoured in the presence of all the other guests. **11** For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

12 Then Jesus said to his host, “When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbours; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid.

13 But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, **14** and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”