



**Benefice of Newport Pagnell
with
Lathbury and Moulsoe
Pews News
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Luke the Evangelist**



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The parish has set up various electronic means of contact and information. All details of which can be obtained from the parish office.

Registered Charity number 1153668

Collect for Luke the Evangelist

Almighty God,
you called Luke the physician,
whose praise is in the gospel,
to be an evangelist and physician of the soul:
by the grace of the Spirit
and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel,
give your Church the same love and power to heal;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

**10.30am, St Lukes Patronal Festival,
St Luke's Church**

followed by the traditional Bring and Share Lunch

Readings Acts 16.6- 12a, 2 Timothy 4.5-17,

Gospel Luke 10.1-9

Hymns 508, 363, 85, 223, 305

**5pm, Harvest Festival,
Moulsoe** - donations to

MKFoodbank



Wednesday

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

Events and Services coming up:

Sunday 26 October 2025

9.30am, Family Communion, St Peter & St Paul
including Sunday Club.

11am, Family Communion, St Luke's

Wednesday 29 October 2025

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

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

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CHRISTMAS FAIR

29th November
10am till Lights Switch On

We will be having our usual stalls and so we are looking for donations as shown in the list below:

Tombola – Bottles and Jars. Everything from soy sauce to bath salts! If it's in a bottle or a jar, it's what we're looking for.

Children's Chocolate Tombola – it's in the name and all donations welcome.

Books and Puzzles - don't keep them, donate them!

Raffle Prizes – for the ever-popular MU raffle with red, green and gold as the theme so any donations that might fit would be gratefully received.

Cake Stall – We always need lots of delicious goods for this stall. We welcome cakes of all sorts as well as homemade chutneys and jams.

Refreshments – As this runs all day, we need a large supply of cakes to keep our visitors happy. The bigger the selection, the better. On the day, we'll need lots of volunteers.

WE NEED YOU!

But, most of all we need help. So give some thought as to how you would like to support and contribute to this hugely enjoyable day. It might be by contributing items, helping on the day, or just coming along to enjoy the choirs and the cake.

The day will end in the traditional way with carols and mulled wine.

Sign up sheets for volunteers will be at the back of the churches.

Please donate yourself for an hour or two!

St Peter & St Paul Church, High St, Newport Pagnell

ALL SOULS' DAY SERVICE

To remember those no longer with us

Sunday 2nd November

4pm

St Peter and St Paul Church,

High St, Newport Pagnell

During the service a moment of special prayer will be shared as we remember our departed loved ones by name and everyone is invited to light a candle on the altar in their memory.

Names can be added to the list at the back of the churches in advance of the service or can be sent to the Parish Office (npparish@gmail.com).

Names can also given on arrival at the church just prior to the service.

Refreshments will be served afterwards.

THE BIG CHURCH READ

This year and into 2026 we are joining 11,203 other churches in taking part in 'The Big Church Read'. The Big Church Read brings people together to read the same book at the same time. Then there will be opportunities in the New Year to watch short videos from and discuss each chapter. This very readable book would make an ideal Christmas present as a way of introducing the person of Jesus and the Christian faith.

The more books we order the cheaper the book becomes. If we order between 10 and 49 the cost is £8.99. Between 50 and 99 it would be £7.99. The Greatest Story Ever Told is also available on Kindle:

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Greatest-Story-Ever-Told-ebook/dp/B0DQGJ24LC?dplinkId=9b1e1454-7da2-4a7e-8ede-4364d229c932&nodl=1>

There are sign-up sheets at the back of the Parish Church and St Luke's for those who would like to order a copy (or two) of the book and look out for further information in the next few months. If you need further information please contact Karen Goff.

The Zoom Prayer Group

Will be held at 4pm on Thursday afternoon.

Malcolm will send the link as usual.



Keep informed with the Benefice WhatsApp

If you haven't yet joined just send your mobile number to Moira on:

07968-585364

and she will add to to the group.



CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

St Peter & St Paul Church

Friday 5th Dec 10am-4pm

Saturday 6th Dec 10am-4pm

Sunday 7th Dec 11am-4pm

The weekend after the Lights we will be holding our Christmas Tree Festival. Last year over 1,000 people visited over the three days to admire the over 65 trees provided by local businesses and organisations.

We will need volunteers to act as stewards and to provide refreshments (more cakes please!).

Put the dates in your diary and take part in this popular event.

Sign up sheets are at the back of the churches.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



SAVE THE DATE

After feedback from the congregation survey regarding events, the first

CRAFT & CAKE

event will be on the

12th Dec at 10.30am at St Luke's

This will be designing your own Christmas table decoration and can be as elaborate or simple as you wish. More details on cost, what will be provided and what you might like to bring will be circulated in due course as will sign up sheets for participation but for now—save the date!



GOLDEN OCTOBER

In the golden month of October

In the season of the "fall"

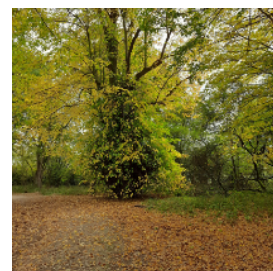
Bright colours are everywhere.

When the autumn leaves fall

Covering the woodland floor

It's like walking on a carpet of gold.

How beautiful is nature.



*Photo by Pat Hudson,
words by Anthia Haynes*

What is your favourite time of year? Although I love autumn my favourite time of year is spring.

Spring

Summer

Autumn

Winter

*For the beauty of the earth
For the beauty of the sky
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies
Christ our Lord to Thee we raise
this our hymn of thankful praise.*

LIGHT SPACE

A drop-in for families with primary school children

Games, Bible stories, Crafts, Snacks

Come and play

Trick-or-treaters welcome

Portfields Community Centre, Newport Pagnell

5 to 7pm, Friday 31st October

Organised by Portfields Community Centre Newport Pagnell

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN NEWPORT PAGNELL

First Reading Acts 16.6- 12a

6 Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia. **7** When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to. **8** So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas. **9** During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." **10** After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

11 From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace, and the next day we went on to Neapolis. **12** From there we traveled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district[a] of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days.

Second Reading 2 Timothy 4.5-17

5 But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

6 For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. **7** I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. **8** Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

9 Do your best to come to me quickly, **10** for Demas, because he loved this world, has deserted me and has gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, and Titus to Dalmatia. **11** Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, because he is helpful to me in my ministry. **12** I sent Tychicus to Ephesus. **13** When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, and my scrolls, especially the parchments.

14 Alexander the metalworker did me a great deal of harm. The Lord will repay him for what he has done. **15** You too should be on your guard against him, because he strongly opposed our message.

16 At my first defence, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them. **17** But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth.

Gospel Reading Luke 10.1-9

10 After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. **2** He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. **3** Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. **4** Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road.

5 "When you enter a house, first say, 'Peace to this house.' **6** If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you. **7** Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house.

8 "When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you. **9** Heal the sick who are there and tell them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'