



**Benefice of Newport Pagnell
with
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Pews News
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Christ the King**



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obtained from the parish office.

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Collect for Christ the King

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended
to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all
things as Lord and King:

keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in
the bond of peace, and bring the whole created
order to worship at his feet;

who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of
the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

9.30am, Family Communion,

St Peter & St Paul including

Sunday club

Readings Jeremiah 23.1-6,
Colossians 1.11-20

Gospel Luke 23.33-43



11am, Family Communion, St Luke's

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Hymns All red book, 115, 210, 170, 416, 214

Wednesday

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

Saturday

10am till Lights Switch-on, Christmas Fair, St Peter &
St Paul

Events and Services coming up:

Sunday 30th November 2025

10.30am, Family Communion, St Peter & St Paul
6pm, Advent Service of Light, St Luke's

Wednesday 3rd December 2025

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

Friday 5 - Sunday 7 December 2025

10am-4pm Fri-Sat, 11am-4pm Sunday, Christmas Tree
Festival, St Peter & St Paul

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 AND HMP WOODHILL

We are collecting blank Christmas cards again this year to donate to the prison. They can be any style as the non religious also send them!



These cards enable prisoners to maintain their relationships with their family and friends and are much appreciated by the men. Please give any donations to Moira or put in the box at St Peter & St Paul.

The 'Greatest Story Ever Told' books have arrived, so if you put yourself down to purchase a copy they are now available in the Parish Office. Cost £7.99.



Payment can be made by cash, cheque or Bank Transfer to Sort Code: 20-57-40, Account No: 80663123, account name: Newport Pagnell Parochial Church Council

STEWARDSHIP

The new year for Stewardship envelopes will start on Sunday 7th December and if you currently use envelopes they will be at the back of SSPP and SL from Sunday 23rd November. If you have any queries please speak to Dick Smith, by phone on 01908 730870 or contact by email to nppcc.treasurer@gmail.com.

If you are a regular attendee and currently are not a member of the Stewardship scheme please consider joining. If you want to know more about the scheme and the options contact Dick.


Reverse Advent Campaign

- Find a box & decorate it or borrow one of our crates
- Fill it with long life food items and Christmassy treats throughout November
- Deliver it back to us beginning of December
- We will distribute food to people in need in time for Christmas! ❤️



mkfoodbank.org.uk/latest_appeals/reverse-advent-appeal/
01908 322800


Reverse Advent Shopping List

• Long Life Milk	• Tea/Coffee	• Pasta
• Juice or Squash	• Tinned Vegetables	• Cereal
• Jam	• Tinned Fruit	• Dried Rice
• Biscuits	• Rice Pudding/Custard	• Pasta Sauce
• Tinned Meat/Fish	• Tinned Tomatoes	

And don't forget to include....

- Small Chocolates/sweets
- Christmassy snacks
- Mini Christmas cakes
- Crisps and Nuts





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





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

You can take donations (books, puzzles, chocolates and bottles) to St Peter & St Paul, from this Sunday, 23 November.

The stalls will be set up from 2pm on Friday 27 November so you can either deliver your cakes then or bring them early on Saturday morning.

CHRISTMAS CRACKED VOLUNTEERS

Each year, Lovat Hall hosts our four Primary schools to teach their year 6s about the first Christmas.

A team of volunteers is needed for each session and volunteers are especially needed for the session on

Wednesday afternoon 26th November at 1pm
when Portfields are visiting.

You would spend most of the time watching but will be needed to sit with a small group of supervised children in a simple craft activity. Full training is given!! The event is over by around 2.40pm but you will need a valid DBS certificate. These sessions are great fun so please let me know if you can spare the time. Geoff Morris :

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CRAFT AND CAKE

12 December 10.30am

at

St Luke's

Come and design a table decoration for your Christmas celebration.

Look out for further information about cost, what will be provided and what you might like to bring, but for now - just:

save the date!



Join the Newport Pagnell Parish WhatsApp Group!

You'll be able to share information quickly and it's really easy to use!

Just send your mobile phone number to Moira on:
07968-585364.

PRAYER MEETINGS 4pm on THURSDAYS via ZOOM

They last an hour, begin with a short time of reflection (a song or consideration of the Bible reading of the day) followed by thanksgiving, intercessions and prayers from the Prayer Cross.

Everyone is welcome to join in and since you can participate in prayer silently there is no pressure to say anything.

Look for the email link which Malcolm sends out each week.



First Reading Jeremiah 23.1-6

23 “Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of my pasture!” declares the Lord. **2** Therefore this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says to the shepherds who tend my people: “Because you have scattered my flock and driven them away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done,” declares the Lord. **3** “I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. **4** I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing,” declares the Lord.

5 “The days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land.

6 In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety.
This is the name by which he will be called: The Lord Our Righteous Saviour.”

Second Reading Colossians 1.11-20

11 being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, **12** and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. **13** For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, **14** in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

15 The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. **16** For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. **17** He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. **18** And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. **19** For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, **20** and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Gospel Reading Luke 23.33-43

33 When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. **34** Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

35 The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.”

36 The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar **37** and said, “If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.”

38 There was a written notice above him, which read: this is the king of the Jews.

39 One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!”

40 But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? **41** We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.”

42 Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

43 Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”