



**Benefice of Newport Pagnell  
with  
Lathbury and Moulsoe  
Pews News  
Conversion of St Paul  
25<sup>th</sup> January 2026**



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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 the Conversion of St Paul**

Conversion of St Paul  
Almighty God,  
who caused the light of the gospel  
to shine throughout the world  
through the preaching of your servant Saint Paul:  
grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion  
may follow him in bearing witness to your truth;  
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.

**9.30am, Family Communion, St**

**Peter & St Paul** including Family Club



**Readings:** Jeremiah 1.4-10 & Acts 9.1-22

**Gospel:** Matthew 19.27-end

**11am, Family Communion, St Luke's**

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**Gospel:** Matthew 19.27-end

**Hymns:** All brown book, 85, 246, 13, 23, 296

**Wednesday**

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

**Events and Services coming up:**

**Sunday 1st February**

9.15am, Family Communion, Lathbury

10.30am, Family Communion, St Luke's

6pm, Evening Worship, St Peter & St Paul

**Wednesday 4th February**

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

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. The address is:

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# Lent Lunches



in the Mead Centre

on

Fridays from February 20<sup>th</sup> to  
March 27<sup>th</sup>  
from 12.00 to 1.15pm

Soup, bread, cheese,  
with tea or coffee **£6**



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## SOME OF LAST YEAR'S HELPERS



Helpers are needed again this year, to help in the kitchen, serve the lunches, and particularly to make soup. The more offers we have the less pressure there is on everyone.

Offers of help to Pat Parker, tel 01908 610837, [contactpatparker@gmail.com](mailto:contactpatparker@gmail.com)

or to Ruth Tompsett [ruth.tompsett@gmail.com](mailto:ruth.tompsett@gmail.com).



## Church Fellowship lunch, Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> February at 12 noon at the Swan Revived Hotel

Everyone is welcome, the more the merrier!

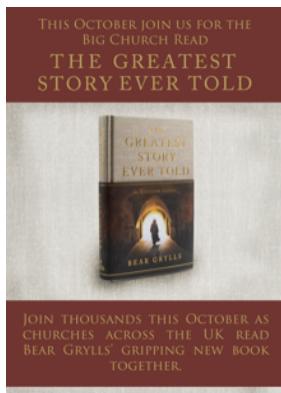
Sign-up forms are now available at the back of the churches. Please sign up and indicate food choices on the form as soon as possible so that we know numbers.

Payment can be made by BACS transfer to NPPCC 20-57-40, a/c 80663123 quoting the reference 'lunch'; or by cheque payable to NPPCC; or by cash. Cash or cheque must be sealed in a clearly marked envelope which can be put in the church collection plate or handed to Dick Smith, Brian Hunt or Beth MacKay, or to Malcolm in the church office. Total cost will depend on individual food choices. Any queries, ask Brian (01908 612875) or Beth (07989 085318).

**To make it easier on the day we ask for payment in full (to the church) by no later than Sunday 8th February.**



## THE BIG CHURCH READ



Lots of us ordered 'The Greatest Story Ever Told' by adventurer and survival expert Bear Grylls. He retells the gospel through the eyes of those who knew Jesus best— Myriam (his mother Mary ), Ta'om (Thomas), Shimon ( Simon Peter), Yohanan (friend) & Myriam of Magdala (Mary Magdalene) bringing the story to life with intensity, warmth, and deep reverence. Jesus' own words, taken directly from the Bible, are at the heart of the book, letting the greatest story ever told speak for itself.

As promised the Mission Group has arranged a number of opportunities to watch short videos and discuss aspects of the book. There are five sessions in all, starting on week beginning 23 February and running through Lent up to Holy Week. Each week there will be a Monday afternoon session at St Luke's from 2.00-3.30pm, a Friday morning session also at St Luke's from 10.30am-12 noon, and a Monday evening Zoom session from 7.30-9.00pm.

If you'd like to be involved, need to attend an evening session but aren't sure about managing Zoom, Lynda and Mervyn will happily come round to set it up and show you how it works.

Karen is co-ordinating the programme so you have any questions or issues please contact her. Her email is [karengoff2000@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:karengoff2000@yahoo.co.uk) or phone 07534 053204.

**Sign-up sheets are available at both churches,**

### CRAFT & COOKIES

26<sup>th</sup> March

10.30-12.15 at St Luke's



We will be creating our own individual Easter Gardens.

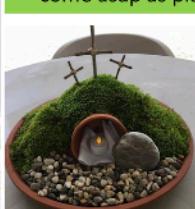
You'll need to bring:

- Bowl (shallow-ish, not necessarily a garden pot)
- Tomb stone (flat)
- Any other personal touches
- Something to carry it away in!!!

Soil, plants, gravel, crosses, cloth will be provided.

Let Moira or Lynda know if you wish to come asap as places are limited.

£5



### IF YOU'D LIKE TO JOIN THE BENEFICE WHATSAPP GROUP

just send your mobile number to Moira on:

07968-585364



### ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A NEW ROLE IN CHURCH?

### DO YOU ENJOY WORKING WITH FIGURES AND MONEY?

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

### Weekly ZOOM Prayer meeting:

The Prayer Meetings are conducted by ZOOM every Thursday from 4.00-5.00pm. They begin with a short act of worship (a song or reflection on the Bible reading of the day) and there is time for silence as well as prayer. Everyone is welcome to join and as you can participate in prayer without necessarily having to speak there is no pressure to say anything.

**Look out for the email with the correct link.**



**First Reading:** Jeremiah 1.4-10

4 The word of the Lord came to me, saying,

5 "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."

6 "Alas, Sovereign Lord," I said, "I do not know how to speak; I am too young."

7 But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am too young.' You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. 8 Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the Lord.

9 Then the Lord reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, "I have put my words in your mouth. 10 See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant."

**Second Reading:** Acts 9.1-22

9 Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest 2 and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. 3 As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. 4 He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"

5 "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked.

"I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. 6 "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."

7 The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. 8 Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus.

9 For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything.

10 In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, "Ananias!"

"Yes, Lord," he answered.

11 The Lord told him, "Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. 12 In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight."

13 "Lord," Ananias answered, "I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem. 14 And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name."

15 But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. 16 I will show him how much he must suffer for my name."

17 Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit." 18 Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptised, 19 and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus. 20 At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God. 21 All those who heard him were astonished and asked, "Isn't he the man who raised havoc in Jerusalem among those who call on this name? And hasn't he come here to take them as prisoners to the chief priests?" 22 Yet Saul grew more and more powerful and baffled the Jews living in Damascus by proving that Jesus is the Messiah.

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 19.27-end

27 Peter answered him, "We have left everything to follow you! What then will there be for us?"

28 Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. 29 And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife[e] or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life. 30 But many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first.