



Benefice of Newport Pagnell
with
Lathbury and Moulsoe
Pews News
Baptism of Christ
11th 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 Baptism of Christ

Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted
children;
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 forever

9.30am, Family Communion St Peter & St Paul

including Sunday Club
Readings: Isaiah 42.1-9, Acts 10.34-43
Gospel: Matthew 3.13-end



11am, Family Communion, St Luke's

Readings: Isaiah 42.1-9, Acts 10.34-43
Gospel: Matthew 3.13-end
Hymns: All red book, 142, 526, 343, 403, 53

Wednesday

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

Events and Services coming up:

Sunday 18th January

9.30am Plough Service Moulsoe
10.30am CTNP service of Christian
Unity, Baptist Church, Lovat Hall
6pm Communion Service, St Luke's



Wednesday 21st January

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:

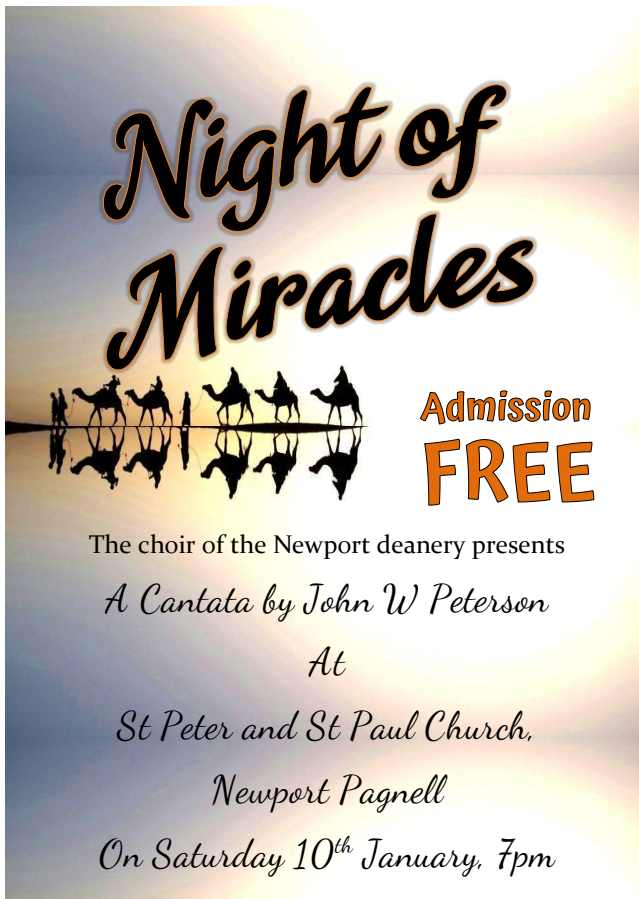
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Did you know that the Parish has a WhatsApp Group?

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.

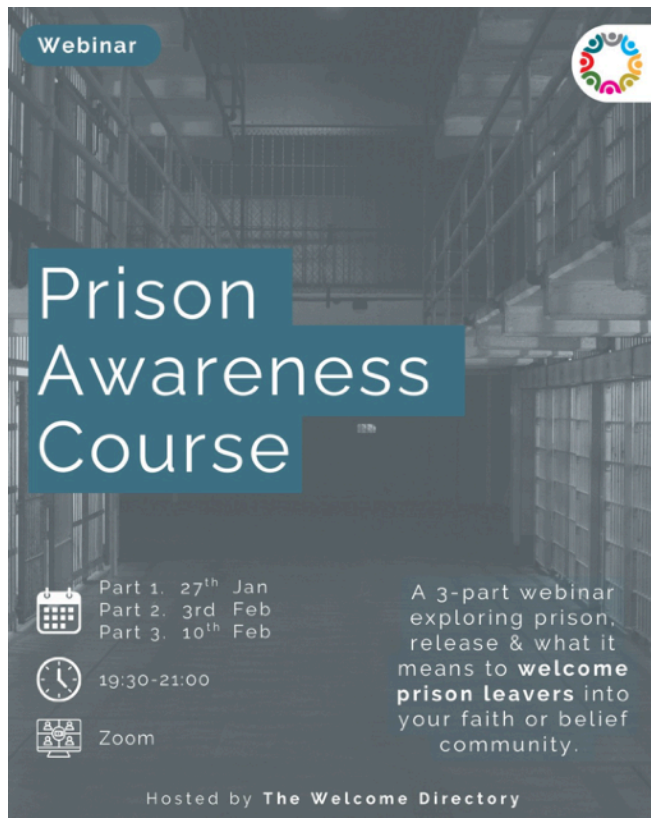
Moira's number is 07968-585364.



Night of Miracles

Admission FREE

The choir of the Newport deanery presents
A Cantata by John W Peterson
At
St Peter and St Paul Church,
Newport Pagnell
On Saturday 10th January, 7pm



Webinar

Prison Awareness Course

Part 1. 27th Jan
Part 2. 3rd Feb
Part 3. 10th Feb

19:30-21:00

Zoom

A 3-part webinar exploring prison, release & what it means to **welcome prison leavers** into your faith or belief community.

Hosted by The Welcome Directory

Use this link to book your place -
<https://www.welcomedirectory.org.uk/prison->



Next Sunday 18 January SERVICE FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 10.30 at the Baptist Church, Lovat Hall

All the churches will gather together to worship, sing and pray at the beginning of the week of prayer for Christian Unity.

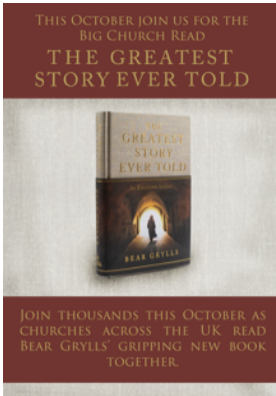
THE ZOOM PRAYER MEETING WILL BE AT THE USUAL TIME OF 4PM NEXT THURSDAY:

This is a time when we meet together to thank God for his many gifts to us, and to pray for people in need, individuals we know or who have left prayer requests on the Prayer Cross at SSPP and people in distress and danger wherever they may be. Everyone is welcome to join the meeting.

MALCOM WILL SEND OUT A LINK AT THE BEGINNING OF THE WEEK



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 or phone 07534 053204.

Sign-up sheets will be available at both churches from Sunday.



Church Fellowship lunch, Wednesday, 11th 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 (07989085318).

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



Some of last year's photos - a delicious meal and great fellowship - a good time was had by all.

First Reading: Isaiah 42.1-9

- 42** “Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight;
I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations.
2 He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets.
3 A bruised reed he will not break, and a smouldering wick he will not snuff out.
In faithfulness he will bring forth justice;
4 he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth.
In his teaching the islands will put their hope.”
5 This is what God the Lord says—the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out,
who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it, who gives breath to its people,
and life to those who walk on it:
6 “I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand.
I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles,
7 to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison
and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.
8 “I am the Lord; that is my name! I will not yield my glory to another or my praise to idols.
9 See, the former things have taken place, and new things I declare;
before they spring into being I announce them to you.”

Second Reading: Acts 10.34-43

34 Then Peter began to speak: “I now realise how true it is that God does not show favouritism **35** but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. **36** You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. **37** You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— **38** how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

39 “We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, **40** but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. **41** He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. **42** He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. **43** All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Gospel Reading: Matthew 3.13-end

13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. **14** But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptised by you, and do you come to me?”

15 Jesus replied, “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfil all righteousness.” Then John consented.

16 As soon as Jesus was baptised, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. **17** And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

