



**Benefice of Newport Pagnell  
with  
Lathbury and Moulsoe  
Pews News  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany  
18<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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

Almighty God,  
in Christ you make all things new:  
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches  
of your grace,  
and in the renewal of our lives  
make known your heavenly glory;  
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 Plough Service, Moulsoe**

**10.30am, Churches Together in Newport**

**Pagnell**

**Service of Christian Unity, at the**

**Baptist Church, Lovat Hall**

**6pm, Holy Communion, St Luke's**

**Readings:** Isaiah 49.1-7, 1 Corinthians 1.1-9

**Gospel:** John 1.29-42

**Hymns:** All brown book, 85, 60, 288, 38, 282

**Wednesday**

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

**Events and Services coming up:**

**Sunday - 25 January**

9.30am, Family Communion, including Sunday

Club, St Peter & St Paul

11am, Family Communion, St Luke's

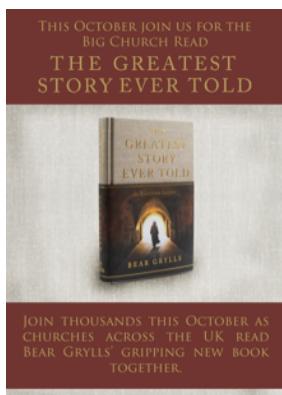
**Wednesday - 28 January**

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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## 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,**



## 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.**





## 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.



## Don't forget this Sunday - 18 January 2026

### Service of Christian Unity, at the Baptist Church, Lovat Hall

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2026 takes place from 18-25 January. Churches and Christian communities worldwide are invited to use resources prepared in various languages. This year, the prayers and reflections for were prepared by the Inter-Church Relations Department of the Armenian Apostolic Church, along with their brothers and sisters of the Armenian Catholic and Evangelical Churches. The theme comes from

Apostle Paul's letter to the Ephesians: "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling" (Ephesians 4:4). In a world with diverse and often divided traditions and expressions of Christian faith, it reminds us that all believers are part of the "one body" of Christ.

Each year Christian Aid provides the [Go and Do action points](#) for each of the daily reflections – linking into the important work of Christian Aid in the relief of poverty and advocacy of justice.



Also get ready for  
LENT LUNCHES on FRIDAYS  
from 20 February to 27 March 2026  
at the Mead Centre 12-1.30pm



Enjoy tasty homemade soup, bread, cheese and either tea or coffee in good company.

All proceeds go to Christian Aid



## 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:** Isaiah 49.1-7

**49** Listen to me, you islands; hear this, you distant nations:  
Before I was born the Lord called me; from my mother's womb he has spoken my name.  
**2** He made my mouth like a sharpened sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me into a polished arrow and concealed me in his quiver.  
**3** He said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will display my splendour."  
**4** But I said, "I have laboured in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing at all.  
Yet what is due me is in the Lord's hand, and my reward is with my God."  
**5** And now the Lord says— he who formed me in the womb to be his servant  
to bring Jacob back to him and gather Israel to himself,  
for I am honoured in the eyes of the Lord and my God has been my strength—  
**6** he says: "It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob  
and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles,  
that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."  
**7** This is what the Lord says— the Redeemer and Holy One of Israel—  
to him who was despised and abhorred by the nation, to the servant of rulers:  
"Kings will see you and stand up, princes will see and bow down,  
because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1.1-9

**1** Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,  
**2** To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be his holy people, together  
with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ—their Lord and ours:  
**3** Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
  
**4** I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. **5** For in him you have been  
enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge— **6** God thus confirming our testimony  
about Christ among you. **7** Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ  
to be revealed. **8** He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus  
Christ. **9** God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Gospel Reading:** John 1.29-42

**29** The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of  
the world! **30** This is the one I meant when I said, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was  
before me.' **31** I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptising with water was that he might be  
revealed to Israel."

**32** Then John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. **33** And  
I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptise with water told me, 'The man on whom you see  
the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptise with the Holy Spirit.' **34** I have seen and I testify that  
this is God's Chosen One."

**35** The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. **36** When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look,  
the Lamb of God!"

**37** When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. **38** Turning around, Jesus saw them following  
and asked, "What do you want?"

They said, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?"

**39** "Come," he replied, "and you will see."

So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

**40** Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus.

**41** The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is,  
the Christ). **42** And he brought him to Jesus.

Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which, when translated, is  
Peter).