



**Benefice of Newport Pagnell
with
Lathbury and Moulsoe
Pews News
The First Sunday of Lent
22th February 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 First Sunday of Lent

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
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 Sunday Club

Readings: Genesis 2.15-17, 3.1-7, Romans 5.11-19

Gospel: Matthew 4.1-11

11am, Family Communion, St Luke's

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Hymns: 56, 113, 129, 138, 224

Wednesday

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

Events and Services coming up:

Sunday, 1st March 2026

9.15am, Holy Communion, Lathbury

10.30am, Family Communion, St Luke's

6pm, Evening Worship, St Peter and St Paul

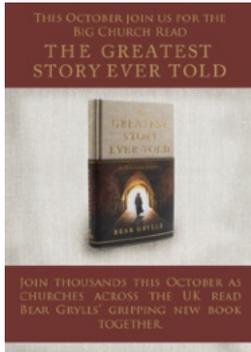
Wednesday, 4th March 2026

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 - starts week beginning Monday 23rd February (First week of Lent)

Over 40 people from our church family are taking part in The Big Church Read based on Bear Grylls' Book 'The Greatest Story Ever Told'. Through watching video clips and discussion we hope to gain a greater insight into the person of Jesus and reflect on what this means for our lives today.

If you would still like to join in please contact Karen at karengoff_2000@yahoo.co.uk or 07534053204.

You are welcome to attend a mixture of days and times if it suits you best. If you need help managing Zoom Mervyn or Lynda will happily come round and show you how it works.

Sessions are : Monday afternoon at St Luke's from 2pm till 3.30pm (refreshments available from 1.40)
Monday evening by Zoom from 7.30pm till 9pm
Friday morning at St Luke's from 10.30am till 12 noon (refreshments available from 10.10)

Each week an email will be sent containing the section of the book we will be concentrating on and some questions for you to think about before the session.

If you have any questions please contact Karen 07534053204

A LETTER FOR LENT

Dear Fellow Pilgrim Traveller,
Remember as you journey through the Lenten season to take time out to Relax, Reflect, and Meditate during this special time of year.

Forage for food for thought that will feed your mind, your spirit and uplift your soul.

May God bless you, keep you, walk with you and grant you a deeper understanding of his word at this time of refreshing, as you spend some quiet time with him in this Season of Renewal.
The Season of Lent.

Be still and know that I am God!
Psalm 46 verse 10

May every Blessing be yours.
Anthia



WEEKLY PRAYER MEETINGS:

These take place on Thursdays at 4pm, last an hour and are conducted by ZOOM to include more people.

Everyone is welcome to join and because you can participate in prayer without having to speak there is no pressure to say anything.

Watch for the email with the correct link



**JOIN THE BENEFICE
WHATSAPP GROUP**
It's free to join and provides lots of information about what's going on in.

Just send Moira your mobile phone number. Her number is - 07968-585364.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
A service for everyone!
Friday 6 March
I will give you rest, come

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INFORMED PRAYER PRAYERFUL ACTION
24-7 365 Days a year Prayer movement Ecumenical International Women-led
wwdp.org.uk Registered Charity Number 233242

**Churches Together in
Newport Pagnell
will be holding a service
at 2pm
in St Peter & St Paul
everyone is welcome**



Lent Lunches



in the Mead Centre
on
**Fridays from February 20th to
March 27th
from 12.00 to 1.15pm**

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



All proceeds to Christian Aid

**ST PETER AND ST PAUL
NEWPORT PAGNELL**

**COFFEE
MORNING**

**SATURDAY 21ST MARCH
10AM-12NOON**

RAFFLE



RAISING FUNDS FOR 

CRAFT & COOKIES
26th 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.

£5

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



First Reading: Genesis 2.15-17, 3.1-7

15 The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. **16** And the Lord God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; **17** but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die."

3 Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"

2 The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, **3** but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'"

4 "You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman. **5** "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

6 When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realised they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

Second Reading: Romans 5.11-19

11 Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

12 Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned—

13 To be sure, sin was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not charged against anyone's account where there is no law. **14** Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come.

15 But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! **16** Nor can the gift of God be compared with the result of one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. **17** For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!

18 Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people. **19** For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

Gospel: Matthew 4.1-11

4 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted^[a] by the devil. **2** After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. **3** The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

4 Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. **6** "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written:

"He will command his angels concerning you,
and they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'^[c]"

7 Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'^[d]"

8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. **9** "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me."

10 Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'"

11 Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.