



Benefice of Newport Pagnell
with
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Pews News
PALM SUNDAY
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Registered Charity number 1153668

Collect for Palm Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the human race
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take upon him our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the example of his patience and
humility,
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;
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.

10.30am, Family Communion, St Peter & St Paul

Readings Isaiah 50.4-9a, Philippians 2.5-11
Gospel Matthew 21:1-11

Monday

5pm, Evening Prayer, St Peter & St Paul.

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Thursday 2nd April

7pm Maundy Thursday Service with Washing of Feet,
St Peter & St Paul followed by Easter Vigil until 9pm.

Friday 3rd April

8am Easter Vigil
9am Morning Prayer at St Peter and St Paul
2.15pm Walk of Witness (start on Market Hill)
2.30pm Liturgy of the Cross at St Peter & St Paul

Saturday 4th April

6pm Service of Light at St Luke's, followed by tasty refreshments.

Events and Services coming up:

Sunday 5th April - Easter Day

9.30am, Family Communion, St Peter & St Paul,
including Sunday Club
11am, Family Communion, St Luke's

Wednesday 8th April

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

Anyone is welcome to put an item into Pews News but **for the next few editions please email it early** - on Monday if possible but by Tuesday evening at the latest. The address is:

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ZOOM PRAYER GROUP

Normally the weekly Zoom prayer group meets at 4.30pm on the first Thursday of the month because this allows people who have been attending the MU meeting to get back home in time to join in. However as next Thursday is Maundy Thursday and there will be a special service at SSPP at 7pm please check the date and time of the next meeting.



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.

A poster for a piano recital. It features a stylized green and red piano, musical notes, and text. The text reads: 'Neil Crossland Piano Recital at 3pm, 26 April St Peter and St Paul Church, Newport Pagnell'. It also includes '£10pp', 'Followed by refreshments and homemade cake', and 'Tickets from Cambourne Travel or jennifermazzone@hotmail.com'. There is a small 'SL' in the top right corner of the poster.

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Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

The Mothers' Union meet on Thursday, April 2nd at 2. 30 pm in St. Lukes.

The speaker is from Als Pals. It should be really interesting. Do come and join us. All are welcome, both members and non members.

AFTERNOON TEA

Come and enjoy a delicious Afternoon Tea at this very popular annual event.

DATE: Sunday, May 10th.

TIME: 3 pm to 4.30 pm

VENUE: Brooklands

TICKETS £6 from Jennifer Mazzone

01908 613088

**Do come along
and bring your friends.**



PREPARATIONS FOR EASTER SUNDAY AT ST LUKE'S

Message from Pat Hudson to St Luke's Flower arrangers (and friends)

*We will be getting together at **10am on Saturday 4th** April to decorate the church and plant our Easter garden. If you are available to help and/or can donate some small plants please get in touch.*

HELP ALSO NEEDED AT ST PETER & ST PAUL EASTER SATURDAY 10 - 11.30 AM

A lot of work is needed to set the Parish Church up for Easter services during the morning of Saturday 4th April.

If you are able to help we'd be very grateful. Just turn up with brooms, dusters, and polish.
We'll make sure the kettle is on!!



LAST SATURDAY'S COFFEE MORNING

This event was a great success - lots of people came for refreshments and to sample the delicious cakes. The raffle was also very popular and a remarkable total of over £700 was raised on the day. People also brought their home-boxes for Beth to take away, empty and count at home.

THE FANTASTIC GRAND TOTAL WAS £1,535.16

Thanks to all helpers, bakers and everyone who came along on Saturday and gave so generously. Not forgetting our faithful box holders who squirrel away odd bits of cash throughout the year which really mounts up.

And extra-special thanks to Beth and Brian for organising such a lovely morning.



CRAFT AND COOKIES - THURSDAY 26 MARCH, 10.30AM-12 NOON

Another great morning!

Eighteen creative souls from the parish joined together at St Luke's to make wonderful individual Easter Gardens which Nick blessed before they were taken home. We had plenty of plants, an abundance of moss, twigs for crosses, lights to illuminate the empty tomb and a veritable feast of Bridget's delicious cookies to keep us going.

We made a bit of a mess but the results were glorious and everyone helped with the clearing up.



First Reading - Isaiah 50.4-9

4 The Sovereign Lord has given me a well-instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary.
He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed.

5 The Sovereign Lord has opened my ears; I have not been rebellious, I have not turned away.

6 I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard;
I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting.

7 Because the Sovereign Lord helps me, I will not be disgraced.
Therefore have I set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame.

8 He who vindicates me is near. Who then will bring charges against me?
Let us face each other? Who is my accuser? Let him confront me!

9 It is the Sovereign Lord who helps me. Who will condemn me?
They will all wear out like a garment; the moths will eat them up.

Second Reading - Philippians 2.5-11

5 In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

7 rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

8 And being found in appearance as a man he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death - even death on a cross!

9 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,

10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

11 and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Reading - Matthew 21:1-11

21 As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, **2** saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. **3** If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away."

4 This took place to fulfil what was spoken through the prophet:

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"Say to Daughter Zion,
'See, your king comes to you,
gentle and riding on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'"

6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. **7** They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. **8** A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. **9** The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!"

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

10 When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?"

11 The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."