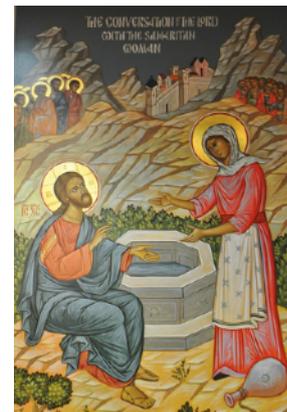




**Benefice of Newport Pagnell
with
Lathbury and Moulsoe
Pews News
3rd Sunday of Lent
8th March 2026**



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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 3rd Sunday of Lent

3rd Sunday after Lent 8.3.26

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he
suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the
cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;
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: Exodus 17.1-7, Romans 5.1-11

Gospel: John 4.5-42

11am, Family Communion, St Luke's

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Gospel: John 4.5-42

Hymns: All Brown Book, 139, 122, 85, 264, 292

Wednesday

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

Events and Services coming up:

Sunday 15th March

9.30am, Family Communion, Moulsoe
10.30am, Family Communion, at St Peter & St
Paul, Including Sunday Club
6pm, Evening Worship, St Luke's

Wednesday, 18th March

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

Saturday 21 March

10am-12, Children's Society Coffee Morning, St
Peter & St Paul

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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Weekly ZOOM Prayer meeting:

Prayer Meetings are conducted by ZOOM to enable more people to join in and take place on Thursdays at 4.00pm.

They last an hour and have a short act of worship (a song or reflection on the Bible reading of the day) with time for silence as well as prayer. Everyone is welcome to join the Prayer Meeting; you can participate in prayer without necessarily having to speak so there is no pressure to say anything.



Watch out for the email that Malcom sends out each week.



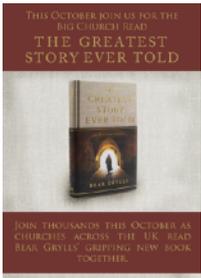
Did you know that the Parish has a WhatsApp Group?

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.

LENTEN STUDY GROUPS

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



This was last week's Monday group watching one of the videos, the theme was To'am the sceptic. The theme this week is Shimon the Fisherman.

Malcolm will send an email containing notes for the session.

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.



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



There are a few places left so contact Moira if you'd like to join in.

Moira's number is 07968-585364.

ST PETER AND ST PAUL
NEWPORT PAGNELL

COFFEE MORNING

SATURDAY 21ST MARCH
10AM-12NOON

RAFFLE



RAISING FUNDS FOR



Lent Lunches



Churches Together in Newport Pagnell

are hosting their popular

Lent Lunches

in the Mead Centre

every Friday from 20th Feb to the 27th March

12noon to 1.15pm



Homemade soup, bread, cheese and tea or coffee

for just £6pp



All proceeds are
donated to Christian Aid



Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families



ENROLLMENT

Members of the Mothers' Union welcomed a new member, Debbie McWilliams, at St Luke's last Sunday.

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

This will take place on Sunday, March 22nd from 2 to 3.30 and will be led by Nick. Tea and biscuits will be available. This is open to everyone so please sign the sheet so we know numbers.

PIANO RECITAL.

On Sunday, April 26th Neil Crossland will be giving a piano recital on our baby grand at 3pm followed by tea and cake and a raffle. Tickets are £10 available from Jennifer Mazzone or Cambourne Travel. Neil is a brilliant pianist and musician. We want a good audience so please come and support this recital, bring your friends and make it worthwhile

First Reading: Exodus 17.1-7

17 The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, traveling from place to place as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. **2** So they quarrelled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink."

Moses replied, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the Lord to the test?"

3 But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?"

4 Then Moses cried out to the Lord, "What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me."

5 The Lord answered Moses, "Go out in front of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. **6** I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink." So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. **7** And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarrelled and because they tested the Lord saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Second Reading: Romans 5.1-11

5 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, **2** through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God.

3 Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; **4** perseverance, character; and character, hope. **5** And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

6 You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. **7** Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. **8** But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

9 Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! **10** For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! **11** Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Gospel Reading: John 4.5-26 (27-42 also in the lectionary for this Sunday)

5 So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. **6** Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

7 When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" **8** (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

9 The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

10 Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

11 "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? **12** Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?"

13 Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, **14** but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

15 The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."

16 He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back."

17 "I have no husband," she replied.

Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. **18** The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true."

19 "Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. **20** Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem."

21 "Woman," Jesus replied, "believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. **22** You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews.

23 Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. **24** God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth."

25 The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us."

26 Then Jesus declared, "I, the one speaking to you—I am he."