



**Benefice of Newport Pagnell  
with  
Lathbury and Moulsoe  
Pews News  
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Patronal Festival of St Luke**



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obtained from the parish office.

**Registered Charity number 1153668**

**Collect for St Luke**

Almighty God,  
you called Luke the physician,  
whose praise is in the gospel,  
to be an evangelist and physician of the soul:  
by the grace of the Spirit  
and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel,  
give your Church the same love and power to heal;  
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 Luke's**

followed by a Bring and Share Lunch

**Readings** Acts 16.6-12a, 2 Timothy 4.5-17

**Gospel** Luke 10.1-9

**Hymns** All red book, 508, 345, 249, 403,  
305.

**Wednesday**

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

**Events and Services coming up:**

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2026**

9.30am, Family Communion, St Peter & St Paul

11am, Family Communion, St Luke's

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October 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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## Weekly ZOOM Prayer meetings:

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

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



Watch for the email with the link that Malcolm sends out each



**We Need More VOLUNTEER DRIVERS FOR NP MATS!**

NP MATS relies on volunteer drivers to provide safe, reliable transportation for those in our community who need it most.

- Help people get to medical appointments
- Make a difference in your community

**You can make a difference!**

**INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING? BECOME A DRIVER TODAY!**  
Join the NP MATS team and help keep our community moving.

CONTACT DAVE MAYNARD  
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## REQUEST FOR FIRST AIDERS

You will be pleased to know that Pauline Middleton is recovering well after her fall at SSPP. However this event indicated that we need a list of qualified first aiders in the church. You may remember that Jennifer put a note in Pews News to this effect a couple of weeks ago.

John Cheasman has now taken on this task and would like to know:

- who is qualified in (any aspect of) first aid
- who is interested in doing a first aid at work course.

If you fit into either of these categories please message him on 07415615570.

## CHRISTMAS AT WOODHILL

This year we are aiming to put a puzzle book in each of the Christmas packs we send to Woodhill and we will need about 250.

Many of you have already contributed to the Christmas Puzzle Box Fund Skye set up a to take advantage of a cheap on-line bulk buy but if you haven't done that yet and want to contribute please do so by the end of October. The order will go in at the beginning of November.

*Donations can be given to Skye on a Wednesday or Jennifer, Moira, Beth & Olwen on a Sunday.*



**CHRISTMAS AT HMP WOODHILL**

Over recent years everyone has been very generous supporting the Christian prisoners at Woodhill and this year they need our support again.

**Puzzle** It can be a very lonely and isolating time for prisoners as they are separated from their loved ones at the festive period. To give them something to do to divert their minds, I thought we might try and collect as many puzzle books as we can to try and put one in each of their Christmas packs.

As there are approximately 250 Christians in Woodhill we need that many!

So, if you are shopping or browsing on Amazon in the next months, consider buying one or two to add to the mix. You can drop them at the Rectory or give me them in church and I'll store the collection.

Thank you, Moira

Please don't buy any with wire binding as it's not allowed!



**LIGHT SPACE**

A drop-in for families with primary school children

Games, Bible stories, Crafts, Snacks

Come and play

Trick-or-treaters welcome

Portfields Community Centre, Newport Pagnell

5 to 7pm, Saturday 31st October

Organised by

Portfields Community Centre Newport Pagnell

**CHURCHES TOGETHER** IN NEWPORT PAGNELL

## HARVEST FESTIVALS IN THE BENEFICE

All the churches in the benefices have had services of thanksgiving for the harvest in the last two weeks. Newport Pagnell and Moulsoe celebrated Harvest Festival last Sunday and Lathbury's was the week before. All the churches were beautifully decorated for the occasion and the congregations' generous harvest donations gifted to Milton Keynes Foodbank.

October 11th -17th was also Prisons Week when we are all asked to pray to the Lord, "Support with your love prisoners and their families and friends, prison staff and all who care. Heal those who have been wounded by the actions of others, especially the victims of crime." (*from the Prisons' Week's Prayer*)

Nick's sermon linked Prisons Week with the Harvest Festival, reflecting on the King's Wedding Feast in Matthew's gospel where "All are Invited" and the congregation were invited to take home and use the daily prayers printed on the reverse of a flyer which was handed out to everyone who came.



### HARVEST FESTIVAL LUNCH AT ST PETER & ST PAUL

After the service over 55 people stayed for a delicious lunch with a choice of soups, French bread and cheeses followed by tasty apple crumble cake and a choice of custard or cream. There was conversation and laughter as people enjoyed the food and fellowship. The donations came to £235 so after expenses we were able to contribute £184 to church funds.



### TO JOIN THE BENEFICE WHATS'APP GROUP

just send Moira your mobile phone number and she'll add you to it.

Her number is 07968-585364.

### **First Reading** Acts 16.6-12a

**6** Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia. **7** When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to. **8** So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas. **9** During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." **10** After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

**11** From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace, and the next day we went on to Neapolis. **12** From there we traveled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district of Macedonia

### **Second Reading** 2 Timothy 4.5-17

**5** But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

**6** For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. **7** I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. **8** Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

**9** Do your best to come to me quickly, **10** for Demas, because he loved this world, has deserted me and has gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, and Titus to Dalmatia. **11** Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, because he is helpful to me in my ministry. **12** I sent Tychicus to Ephesus. **13** When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, and my scrolls, especially the parchments.

**14** Alexander the metalworker did me a great deal of harm. The Lord will repay him for what he has done. **15** You too should be on your guard against him, because he strongly opposed our message.

**16** At my first defense, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them. **17** But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth.

### **Gospel Reading** Luke 10.1-9

**10** After this the Lord appointed seventy-two[a] others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. **2** He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. **3** Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. **4** Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road.

**5** "When you enter a house, first say, 'Peace to this house.' **6** If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you. **7** Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house.

**8** "When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you. **9** Heal the sick who are there and tell them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'