# Benefice of Newport Pagnell
with
# Lathbury and Moulsoe
# Pews News
# 1st Sunday of Advent
# 29th November 2026



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**Parish Contacts**
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 1st Sunday of Advent

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him 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 64.1-9, 1 Corinthians 1.3-9
**Gospel:** Mark 13.24-end

## 6pm, Advent Service of Light, St Luke's

## Wednesday

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

## Friday & Saturday 10am-4pm,

Christmas Tree Festival, St Peter & St Paul

## Events and Services coming up:

**Sunday 6th December**
10.30am Family Communion, St Luke's
11am - 4pm Christmas Tree Festival, St Peter & St Paul
4pm Christingle, St Peter & St Paul

**Wednesday 9th December**
10am Said Communion, St Peter & St Paul, followed by coffee, chat and healing prayer.

**Friday 11th December**
10.30am, Craft and Cake, St Luke's

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:

Olwen Smith, Pews News Editor/Compiler
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**This week's ZOOM Prayer meeting will be at 4.30pm on Thursday**

It will last an hour starting with a a song or reflection and time for silence as well as prayer. Everyone is welcome to join and you can pray silently so there is not need to speak.

Look out for the link Malcolm sends on Monday.




Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

The Mothers' Union meet on Thursday, 3rd December, 2.30 at St. Lukes. It is a members afternoon when we will be sharing Christmas readings and singing a few carols. Come and join us. All are welcome, both members and non members.

## STEWARDSHIP

The new year for Stewardship envelopes will start on Sunday 6th December and if you currently use envelopes they will be at the back of SSPP and SL from Sunday 22nd November. If you have any queries please speak to Dick Smith, by phone on 01908 730870 or contact by email to nppcc.treasurer@gmail.com . If you are a regular attendee and currently are not a member of the Stewardship scheme please consider joining. If you want to know more about the scheme and the options contact Dick Smith.






**HEART OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD:**
**how the Church is providing essential services in every part of the country**

This report was commissioned by the Prime Minister when he was Mayor of Manchester. It looked at 1,632 churches and Christian charities across 25 local authority areas representing a population of 6.1 million people.

I have seen and heard nothing about this Report in any National newspaper or on the radio or television – but it makes headlines in The Church Times 11 September 2026. The Report identified that churches provided 12,840 instances of community services, including children and family projects, and help in connection with food security, mental health, housing and homelessness.

It highlighted the work being done by churches to host parent and toddler groups. Around half of all children in this age category are attending groups that are run by churches and other faith organisations "church parent and toddler groups are really accessible, and children learn vital skills".

It is good to know that In Newport Pagnell we are contributing to this valuable work. Well done all concerned.

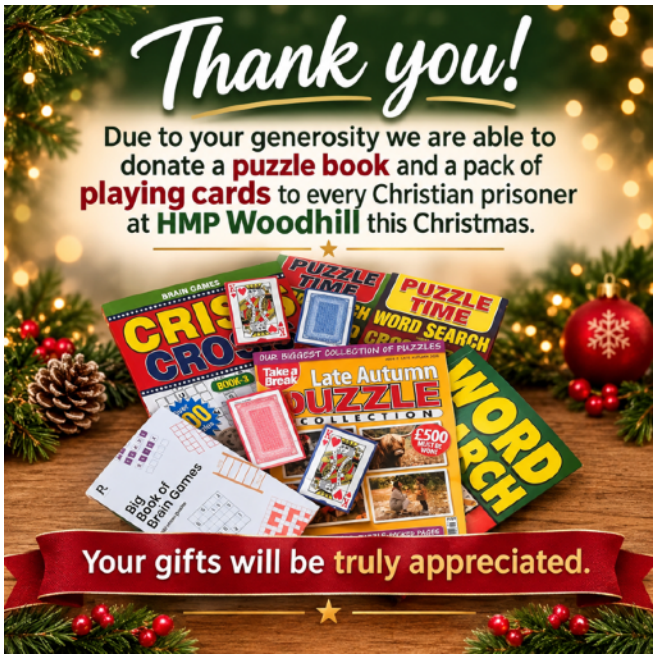
Penny Keens

## 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.**






**First Reading:** Isaiah 64.1-9

64 Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down that the mountains would tremble before you!
2 As when fire sets twigs ablaze and causes water to boil,
come down to make your name known to your enemies and cause the nations to quake before you!
3 For when you did awesome things that we did not expect, you came down,
and the mountains trembled before you.
4 Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for him.
5 You come to the help of those who gladly do right, who remember your ways.
But when we continued to sin against them, you were angry. How then can we be saved?
6 All of us have become like one who is unclean and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags;
we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away.
7 No one calls on your name or strives to lay hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us
and have given us over to our sins.
8 Yet you, Lord, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand.
9 Do not be angry beyond measure, Lord; do not remember our sins forever.
Oh, look on us, we pray, for we are all your people.

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1.3-9

**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:** Mark 13.24-end

24 "But in those days, following that distress,
"'the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light;
25 the stars will fall from the sky,
and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.'

26 "At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. 27 And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens.

28 "Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. 29 Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that it[d] is near, right at the door. 30 Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. 31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

32 "But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 33 Be on guard! Be alert[e]! You do not know when that time will come. 34 It's like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch.

35 "Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. 36 If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. 37 What I say to you, I say to everyone: 'Watch!'"