

Benefice of Newport Pagnell with Lathbury and Moulsoe Pews News The 2nd Sunday of Epiphany 19th January 2025



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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 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free

to praise you in Christ our Lord.

9.30am, Communion, Moulsoe

10.30am, CTNP service, St Peter & St Paul



<u>6pm, Communion, St Luke's</u> <u>Readings:</u> Isaiah 62.1-5, 1 Corinthians 12.1-11 <u>Gospel:</u>John 2.1-11 <u>Hymns:</u> RB 115, BB 246, RB 224, BB 13, BB 85

<u>Wednesday</u>

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

Events and Services coming up:

Sunday 26th January 9.30am, Family Communion, St Peter & St Paul 11am, Family Communion, St Luke's

Wednesday 29th January

10am Said Communion, St Peter & St Paul, followed by coffee, chat, a church clean-up and of course healing prayer.

If you would like to join the Benefice WhatsApp group just send Moira your mobile phone number. Moira's number is 07968-585364.



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:

The Prayer Meeting, conducted by ZOOM to enable more people to join in, will take place on Thursday at 4.00pm.

It will last an hour start with a short act of worship (a song or reflection on the Bible reading of the day) and there is time for silence as well as prayer. Everyone is welcome to join and as you can participate in prayer silently there is no pressure to say anything.



Malcolm sends out a weekly email link.



This Sunday, 19 Jan Service for Christian Unity

10am

All the churches in Newport Pagnell are coming together at the parish church to worship, sing and pray for Christian Unity.

> Come and join in and meet new friends. Refreshments will be served after the service



Weds 29th Jan

11am St Peter and St Paul

The wonderful addition of the new toilets and servery mean that there has been a fair bit of building dust floating about in the church. Add in the hundreds and hundreds of folk who visited at all the Christmas events and services, in all sorts of weather, and you get the picture! The church needs a deep clean and everyone is invited to help!

We need to return St Peter and St Paul to a bright and sparkling place of worship and activity. Please give an hour or two of your time to help - the more people who volunteer the easier it is for all of us. Pews can be polished whilst sitting down, not all tasks need great strength so there are jobs for everyone.

There will be a sign up sheets in the churches so we know how many helpers to look forward to!





THERE'S STILL TIME TO JOIN THIS DISCOVERY GROUP We meet once a fortnight on Tuesday from 7.15-9.15 and would welcome one or two new members.

If you would enjoy a relaxed evening discovering and discussing our Christian faith with a group of like-minded people, contact Hazel on 07518412389 or email hazel_reynolds@hotmail.co.uk.

Don't worry if you need a lift - group members are usually able to help!

You may even get a cup of tea.



Don't forget to sign-up for THE CHURCH FELLOWSHIP LUNCH Wednesday, 12th February at 12 noon at the Swan Revived Hotel

No deposit required but full payment is needed by Sunday 2nd February.

Payment can be made by BACS transfer to NPPCC 20-57-40, a/c 80663123 quoting the reference 'lunch'; or by cheque payable to NPPCC; or by cash. Cash or cheque must be sealed in a clearly marked envelope which can be put in the church collection plate or handed to Dick Smith, Brian Hunt or Beth MacKay, or to Malcolm in the church office. Total cost will depend on individual food choices.

Any queries, ask Brian (01908 612875) or Beth (07989085318).



First Reading: Isaiah 62.1-5

62 For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet, till her vindication shines out like the dawn, her salvation like a blazing torch.
2 The nations will see your vindication, and all kings your glory; you will be called by a new name, that the mouth of the Lord will bestow.
3 You will be a crown of splendour in the Lord's hand, a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
4 No longer will they call you Deserted, or name your land Desolate.
But you will be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah; for the Lord will take delight in you, and your land will be married.
5 As a young man marries a young woman, so will your God rejoice over you.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12.1-11

12 Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. **2** You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols. **3** Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

4 There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. 5 There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. 6 There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

7 Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. 8 To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, 10 to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. 11 All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

Gospel Reading: John 2.1-11

2 On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, 2 and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. 3 When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

4 "Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come."

5 His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

6 Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.

7 Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.

8 Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet."

They did so, 9 and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realise where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside 10 and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."



11 What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.