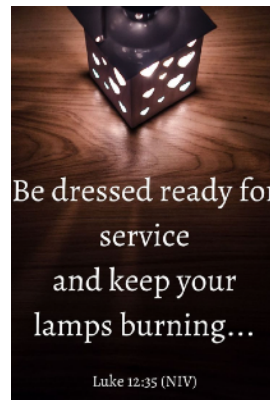




**Benefice of Newport Pagnell  
with  
Lathbury and Moulsoe  
Pews News  
8th Sunday after Trinity  
10th August 2025**



Be dressed ready for  
service  
and keep your  
lamps burning...

Luke 12:35 (NIV)

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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**

**9.30am, Family Communion, St Peter & St Paul**

**Readings** Genesis 15.1-6, Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16  
**Gospel** Luke 12.32-40

**11am, Family Communion, St Luke's**

**Readings** Genesis 15.1-6, Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16  
**Gospel** Luke 12.32-40  
**Hymns** All red book, 147, 374, 336, 262, 214

**Wednesday**

**NO SERVICE**

**Events and Services coming up:**

**Sunday 17 August**

10.30am, Family Communion, St Peter & St Paul

5pm, Evening Worship, Moulsoe, to celebrate  
the Patronal Festival of the Assumption of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary

**Wednesday 20 August**

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

**Collect for 8th Sunday after Trinity**

Lord God,  
your Son left the riches of heaven  
and became poor for our sake:  
when we prosper save us from pride,  
when we are needy save us from despair,  
that we may trust in you alone;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 weekly.**



### 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.**

## NEWPORT PAGNELL EDUCATIONAL TRUST

**Registered Charity Number 1037556**

The Newport Pagnell Educational Trust provides assistance to those parents struggling to get their children through primary or secondary education or to deserving students in tertiary education. Small grants can be made for tuition fees, or other schooling related expenses such as uniforms, books, travelling etc.

To obtain an application form please contact the Secretary at, The Parish Office, St Peter & St Paul church, High Street, Newport Pagnell, MK16 8AR or send an email to [npparish@gmail.com](mailto:npparish@gmail.com).

**Closing date for applications  
15th September 2025**



## CTNP HOLIDAY CLUB

will be held next week  
Tuesday to Friday  
10am-12.30pm  
at  
Lovett Hall

Please remember this  
event in your prayers





**Mothers' UNION**  
Christian care for families

## CREAM TEA - SUNDAY 3 AUGUST AT ST LUKE'S

Plenty of people came to St Luke's for a cup of tea, delicious scones, a good chat and a raffle. The Mothers' Union Team (pictured on the left) did an excellent job of keeping everyone well supplied and happy.



Thanks to everyone who supported this event. It raised £411.50. Half of it will be sent to MU Oxford to go towards projects such as the Away From It All (AFIA) scheme. This is one of MU's longest-running projects supporting families by providing holidays and trips, to those who are unable to afford or access them due to difficult circumstances. The families may be facing health problems, economic hardship, bereavement, or other life-changing circumstances.



The other half will be spent on new toys for CAMEO. Everyone was so generous and this substantial amount will be put to good use.





### **First Readings** Genesis 15.1-6

**15** After this, the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision:

“Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward.”

**2** But Abram said, “Sovereign Lord, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?” **3** And Abram said, “You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir.”

**4** Then the word of the Lord came to him: “This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir.” **5** He took him outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”

**6** Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

### **Second Reading** Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16

**11** Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. **2** This is what the ancients were commended for.

**3** By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God’s command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

**8** By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. **9** By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. **10** For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. **11** And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. **12** And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

**13** All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. **14** People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. **15** If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. **16** Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

### **Gospel Reading** Luke 12.32-40

**32** “Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. **33** Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. **34** For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

**35** “Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, **36** like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. **37** It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. **38** It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the middle of the night or toward daybreak. **39** But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. **40** You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.”