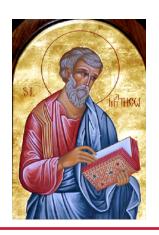


Benefice of Newport Pagnell with Lathbury and Moulsoe Pews News 7th September 2025 St Matthew



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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 St Matthew

O almighty God,

whose blessed Son called Matthew the tax collector to be an apostle and evangelist:

give us grace to forsake the selfish pursuit of gain and the possessive love of riches

that we may follow in the way of your Son Jesus Christ,

who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

9.15am, Family Communion, Lathbury

<u>Readings</u> Proverbs 3.13-18, 2 Corinthians 4.1-6 **Gospel** Matthew 9.9-13

10.30am, Family Communion, St Luke's

Readings Proverbs 3.13-18, 2 Corinthians 4.1-6 **Gospel** Matthew 9.9-13 **Hymns** All red book, 305, 508, 345, 529, 458

6pm, Evening Worship, St Peter & St Paul

Wednesday

10am Morning Prayer, St Peter & St Paul, followed by coffee, chat and healing prayer.

Events and Services coming up: Sunday 14 September

10.30am, Morning Prayer, St Peter & St Paul including Sunday Club



Wednesday 17 September

10am Morning Prayer, St Peter & St Paul, followed by coffee, chat and healing prayer.

I'm going to be away next week so I need to compile Pews News for 14 September by this Saturday (6 September). If you need to include a notice please get it to me by 4pm at the latest.

Thanks

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 week.



SUNDAY CLUB STARTS AGAIN NEXT WEEK SUNDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

Don't forget it will be at the later time of 10.30am



SONGS OF PRAISE



Sunday 21st Sept 5pm

St Peter and St Paul Church

High Street, Newport Pagnell

Come along and sing a selection of hymns and worship songs, chosen and introduced by members of the Christian churches in the town.





Refreshments will be served after the service.

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.

> Closing date for applications 15th September 2025







11 October, 7pm
Jazz & Swing Concert
Tad Newton's Jazzfriends
at
St Peter & St Paul



27 September, 7pm
Concert
Where Two Rivers
Meet
at
St Peter & St Paul

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A NEW ROLE IN CHURCH? DO YOU ENJOY WORKING WITH FIGURES AND MONEY?

This could be for you.

Dick Smith, who has been our treasurer for many years, is retiring from the role at the APCM in May. If you are interested in this important role, please speak to Dick Smith or Jennifer Mazzone.

A plea for help please

You may not be aware that a lot of duties performed around the church are carried out by a small band of volunteers and I regret to say that this pool of help is shrinking dramatically. We are looking for fresh volunteers to join the sides-people rota, the folk at the door on a Sunday who hand out the books and clear them away afterwards. We also need people to join the cleaning and the coffee rotas.

These are all duties at St Peter & St Paul. Needless to say the more people we have on these rotas the longer the gap between duties.

If you feel that you could help out on any/all of these rotas then please let me know or indeed if you require more information, contact me.

Malcolm Godwin, Parish Administrator, St Peter and St Paul Church Office hours 09.30 to 13.30 Monday to Friday, Tel:- 01908 611145



🞄 Planning Meeting for Christmas Events 🎄



It might feel early, but the Christmas Fair and Christmas Tree Festival will be here before we know it and now's the perfect time to start planning these important local events...

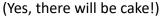


Planning Meeting Details

Join us in the Parish Church vestry on

Saturday, 27th September at 10:00 AM

If you have ideas or want to offer to run a stall, then please do come along.





Sign-Up Sheets

From late October, sign-up sheets will be available in both churches for those who'd like to help out at the events.



Can't Make the Meeting?

No worries! If you're interested in lending a hand but can't attend on the 27th, please reach out to Mervyn, Julie Eldridge, or Lynda with your thoughts and suggestions.

St Luke's Patronal Festival - 19 October

One of the items on the recent Events Committee Agenda was the traditional bring and share lunch we have held to celebrate St Luke's Patronal since 2002, when the church reached its centenary.

We wondered if the bring and share aspect of lunch was beginning to be a problem for some members of the congregation and whether people would prefer to have food provided for them. After a bit of a discussion we recognised that the best thing to do would be to ask the congregation.

Please let Beth, Bridget or me (Olwen) know what you would prefer.

First Readings Proverbs 3.13-18

13.Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding,

14 for she is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold.

15 She is more precious than rubies; nothing you desire can compare with her.

16 Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honour.

17 Her ways are pleasant ways, and all her paths are peace.

18 She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her; those who hold her fast will be blessed.

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 4.1-6

4 Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. 2 Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. 3 And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. 4 The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. 5 For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. 6 For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

Gospel Reading Matthew 9.9-13

9 As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

10 While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. **11** When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

12 On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. **13** But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

