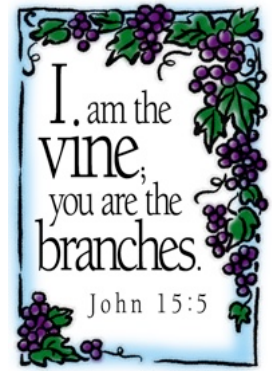




**Benefice of Newport Pagnell
with
Lathbury and Moulsoe
Pews News
28 April 2024
The Fifth Sunday of Easter**



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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 the Fifth Sunday of Easter:

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father.

9.30am, Family Communion,

St Peter & St Paul including
Sunday Club

Readings: Acts 8.26-end,
1 John 4.7-end

Gospel: John 15.1-8

11am, Family Communion, St Luke's

Readings: Acts 8.26-end, 1 John 4.7-end

Gospel: John 15.1-8

Hymns: Red book 372, Brown book 83, Red book
402, Red book 274, Red book 82

3-5pm, Afternoon Tea, Brooklands

Fundraising for MU Projects

Wednesday

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



Events and Services coming up:

Sunday 5 May 2024

8am Said Communion, St Peter & St Paul
9.15am, Morning Prayer/Rogation, Lathbury
10.30, Family Communion, St Luke's
6pm, Evening Worship, St Peter & St Paul

Thursday 9 May 2024

7pm, Ascension Day, St Peter & St Paul

Saturday 11 May - 7.30pm Live Music at SSPP

NB No 10am service on Wednesday 8 May

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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Sunday 28th April 2024

MUSIC FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9.30am FAMILY COMMUNION (at SSPP – Organist: Nick Read)

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Gathering	A&MNS 80	Alleluia, alleluia! hearts to heaven
Gradual	A&MNS 501	Now the green blade riseth (first tune)
Offertory	A&MNS 266	We hail thy presence glorious
Communion		Organ Music
Sending out	A&MNS 235	O Jesus I have promised (T. Hatherop Castle)
Mass setting	Addington Service - Richard Shephard Agnus Dei – Katherine Dienes	

**Don't forget
the Parish
WhatsApp!**



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 connected send Moira your mobile telephone number.

**Moira's number is
07968-585364.**

THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

will be held on
Monday 13th May at 7.30pm
in
St Peter and St Paul

AND

Far more exciting news!

It will be preceded by a **FREE Fish 'n' Chip**
(or alternative) **Supper**
at 6.45pm.

Sign up sheets will
be available at the back
of the churches for
those who wish to share a
Fellowship Meal before
attending the meeting.
Do come along!



**Election of Church
Wardens and Parochial
Church Council (PCC)
Members**

At our APCM, on Monday 13 May 2024, we will elect Newport Pagnell's Churchwardens and PCC members for the next year. Nomination forms for both roles are at the back of the churches.

If you would like to be nominated for the PCC please take the relevant form and find 2 members of the congregation who are on the Electoral Roll to support your nomination. Alternatively you may wish to nominate someone else, but please speak to that person first to ensure they are willing to be nominated.

Please talk to the rector first, if you would like to be nominated as a Churchwarden and if you would like to know more about either role speak to the Rector or a current PCC member.

Are you on the Electoral Roll?

In order to vote at the APCM you will need to be. Check that your name is on the list at the back of either church. If it's not there you can fill in a form to join but this is the last week for additions.

Weekly ZOOM Prayer meeting:

The Prayer Meetings are conducted by ZOOM every Thursday from 4.00-5.00pm. They begin 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 without necessarily having to speak there is no pressure to say anything.

Look out for the email with the correct link.



SAVE THE DATE - 19 SEPT



A parish trip is being planned for Thursday 19th Sept to visit Leicester Cathedral and the tomb of King Richard III. The day will start from Market Hill where we will catch our coach to Leicester. A tour of the Cathedral has been organised for the morning followed by a lunchtime Eucharist. After a break for lunch, there will be a visit to the King Richard III Visitor Centre. Then the day is rounded off with Choral Evensong before the coach home.

Cost for the trip works out at £26pp so contributions of this amount will be appreciated. However, as this is a parish pilgrimage no one should feel they cannot come because of costs, so sign up anyway and have a quiet word with one of the ministry team.

If you want to register your interest now, then let Moira know. Official sign up forms will be made available in July with a cut off at the end of August.



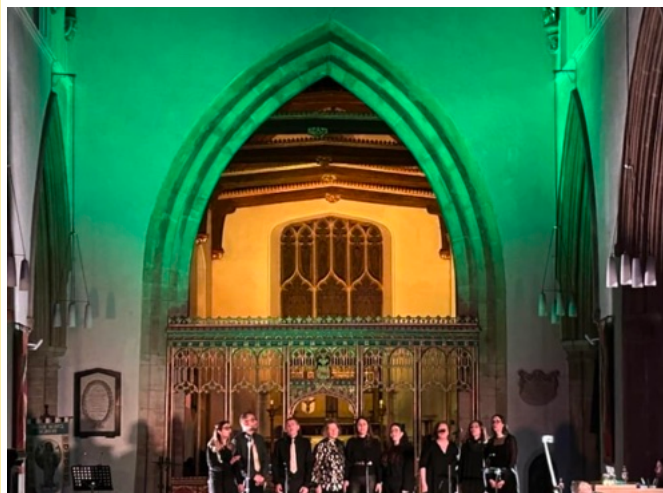
Our Branch is meeting on Thursday, May 2nd at 2.30pm at Brooklands when the speaker will be John Moffort, the Deputy Lieutenant. This should be a really interesting meeting so do join us.

All are welcome, both members and non members.

Live Music at St Peter and St Paul on Saturday 11 May 2024 starting at 7.30pm

The first fundraiser concert for St Peter & St Paul on March 2, was a huge success so don't miss this one. The first act announced is Dan Stock, lead singer from Cusp, singing solo. He's a great singer and an amazing lyrical storyteller.

Tickets £10, available at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/where-two-rivers-meet-live-music-st-peters-pauls-church-newport-p-tickets-868738840257>



Have you seen our New Website Yet???

It is primarily designed for people who are new to our Benefice or anyone who wants to find out more about who we are and what we do.

Still it would be wonderful to have some constructive feedback from our church community so please have a look and tell us what you think. The web address is:

<https://www.npparish.org.uk/>

Please give your feedback to Moira or send it to me at ollie_panic@yahoo.co.uk

First Reading: Acts 8.26-end

26 Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." 27 So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means "queen of the Ethiopians"). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, 28 and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. 29 The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it."

30 Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked.

31 "How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

32 This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading:

"He was led like a sheep to the slaughter,
and as a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

33 In his humiliation he was deprived of justice.

Who can speak of his descendants?

For his life was taken from the earth."

34 The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?" 35 Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

36 As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptised?" [37] Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." The eunuch answered, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." 38 And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptised him. 39 When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. 40 Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and traveled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

Second Reading: 1 John 4.7-end

7 Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. 9 This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. 10 This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. 11 Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

13 This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. 14 And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Saviour of the world. 15 If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. 16 And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. 17 This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. 18 There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. 19 We love because he first loved us. 20 Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. 21 And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

Gospel Reading: John 15.1-8

15 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. 2 He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes^[a] so that it will be even more fruitful. 3 You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. 4 Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. 6 If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. 7 If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

