



**Benefice of Newport Pagnell**  
with  
**Lathbury and Moulsoe**  
**Pews News**  
**17 March 2024**  
**Fifth Sunday in Lent**



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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 Fifth Sunday in Lent**

Gracious Father,  
you gave up your Son  
out of love for the world:  
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,  
that we may know eternal peace  
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

**9.30am Family Communion, St Mary's, Moulsoe**

**Readings:** Jeremiah 31.31-34, Hebrews 5.5-10  
**Gospel:** John 12.20-33

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**6pm, Evening Worship, St Luke's**

**Hymns:** All red book, 117, 141, 138, 137

**Wednesday**

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

**Events and Services coming up:**

**Sunday 24 March - Palm Sunday**

9.30am Family Communion at St Peter & St Paul including Sunday Club  
11am Family Communion at St Luke's

**Monday 25 March** Evening Prayer - 5pm at SSPP

**Tuesday 26 March** Evening Prayer - 5pm at SSPP

**Wednesday 27 March** Evening Prayer - 5pm at SSPP

**Thursday 28 March** - Maundy Thursday - 7pm Holy Communion at SSPP, Post Communion Vigil until 9pm

**Friday 29 March** - Good Friday at SSPP - 8am Vigil, 9am Morning Prayer, 2.15pm Walk of Witness from Boots, 2.30pm Reading of the Passion/Liturgy of the Cross

**Saturday 30 March** - Holy Saturday - 7pm Service of Light & Renewal of Baptismal Vows at St Luke's

Anyone 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, takes place every Thursday at 4.00pm.

It lasts an hour and begins 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, because you can participate in prayer without necessarily having to speak, there is no pressure to say anything.

**Everyone is welcome to join the Prayer Meeting; so look out for the email with the correct link.**

## The Church of SS Peter & Paul, Newport Pagnell, Music List Sunday 17th March 2024 PASSION SUNDAY



### 10.30am FAMILY COMMUNION (*Organist: Nick Read*)

<i>Gathering</i>	A&MNS 72	Lift high the Cross
<i>Gradual</i>	A&MNS 64	All ye who seek for sure relief
<i>Offertory</i>	A&MNS 55	Christian, dost thou see them
<i>Communion</i>	Organ Music	
<i>Sending out</i>	A&MNS 251	Souls of men, why will ye scatter (T. Daily, daily)
<i>Mass setting</i>	<i>Addington Service - Richard Shephard</i> <i>Agnus Dei - Katherine Dienes</i>	



## 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.**



## SAVE THE DATE

A parish trip is being planned for Thursday 19th Sept to visit Leicester Cathedral and the tomb of King Richard III.

We will organise a coach to and from Market Hill and advise costs in due course.  
If you want to register your interest now, then let Moira know. Official sign up forms will be made available in the summer.



## AFTERNOON TEA

Our very popular Afternoon Tea is on Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> from 3 to 5pm in Brooklands.

It is open to everyone. Tickets are £5 and all proceeds will go to Mothers' Union projects.

There will also be a raffle which will be cash only.

Tickets are available now from Jennifer Mazzone (01908613088). Do come and bring your friends.



## Welcome

We are a group of four inclusive and individual Anglican churches that serves God in the town of Newport Pagnell as well as the villages of Lathbury and Moulsoe. Whilst different, each church and congregation is friendly and welcoming and offers a place for worship, fellowship and prayer for all.

[npparish.org.uk](http://npparish.org.uk)

That's the address of the Benefice website. This has recently been redesigned with the aim of making it easier for newcomers and enquirers to find their way to relevant information. Please take some time to familiarise yourself with the site and if you spot anything that needs amending or adding, please let Malcolm, Olwen or Moira know.

Equally if you run an activity affiliated with any of the churches please let Malcolm know the dates as we'd like the diary to be full of church-led activity, not just church building usage!

## Coffee Morning for the Children's Society

This event raised an amazing total of £958.80. Of this £316.45 came from donations, £114 from the raffle, and £528.35 from the home boxes). Thanks to bakers, helpers and all who gave so generously and especially to Beth and Brian the organisers. The Children's Society will be very grateful!



## 22 March - CTNP Lent Lunches

Next Friday is the last opportunity to savour a delicious lunch at the Mead Centre in support of Christian Aid.

For £5 you can have homemade soup, bread and cheese, tea or coffee and a biscuit. Lunch starts at 12 noon and goes on to 1.15pm.



## Easter Flowers

If you would like to make a donation in the name of a loved one, at SSPP please PRINT their names on the list at the back of the church. Give the donations to Lynda Evans, June Weston or Malcolm Godwin.

At St Luke's please talk to Pat Hudson. Pat will need the donations by next Sunday at the latest.



### **Reading: Jeremiah 31.31-34**

31 "The days are coming," declares the Lord, "when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah.

32 It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them," declares the Lord.

33 "This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time," declares the Lord. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.

34 No longer will they teach their neighbour or say to one another, 'Know the Lord,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest declares the Lord. "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

### **Second Reading: Hebrews 5.5-10**

5 In the same way, Christ did not take on himself the glory of becoming a high priest. But God said to him,

"You are my Son; today I have become your Father."

6 And he says in another place,

"You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek."

7 During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. 8 Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered 9 and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him 10 and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

### **Gospel Reading: John 12.20-33**

20 Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival.

21 They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. "Sir," they said, "we would like to see Jesus." 22 Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.

23 Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. 24 Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. 25 Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. 26 Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honour the one who serves me.

27 "Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. 28 Father, glorify your name!"

Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again." 29 The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.

30 Jesus said, "This voice was for your benefit, not mine. 31 Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. 32 And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." 33 He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.

