



Benefice of Newport Pagnell
with
Lathbury and Moulsoe
Pews News
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Mothering Sunday



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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

10.30am Family Communion, St Peter & St Paul with distribution of daffodils

Readings: 1 Samuel 1, 20-end, Colossians 3, 12-17

Gospel: John 19, 25b-27 or Luke 2, 33-35

Wednesday

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

Friday

12 noon - 1.30pm Lent Lunch, Mead Centre

Events and Services coming up:

Sunday 6 April

9.15am, Family Communion, Lathbury
10.30am, Family Communion, St Luke's
6pm, Evening Prayer, St Peter & St Paul

Wednesday 9 April

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

Friday 11 April

12 noon - 1.30pm Lent Lunch, Mead Centre

Collect for Mothering Sunday

God of love,
passionate and strong,
tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us
all the days of our life;
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:

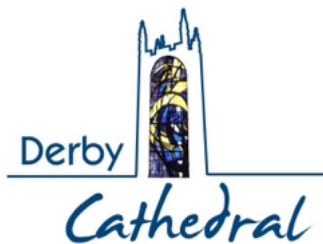
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The Mothers' Union meet on
Thursday April 3rd in Brooklands at 2.30pm
The speaker is Carolyn Green from Camphill. This should be really interesting so do come along.
All are welcome both members and non-members.
We look forward to seeing you.

This Week's ZOOM Prayer meeting will be at 4.30 on Thursday

It is later than usual allow people to get back from the Mothers' Union meeting. It will still last an hour and start with a short act of worship (a song or reflection on the Bible reading of the day). There will be time for silence as well as prayer and because you can participate in prayer without having to speak there is no pressure to say anything.

Everyone is welcome to join the Prayer Group so look out for the email link Malcolm sends out each week.



PARISH PILGRIMAGE

A parish trip is planned for Thursday 15 May
to visit Derby Cathedral

The day will start from Market Hill where we will catch our coach to Derby. A tour of the Bridge Chapel (the site of the first chapel and the Padley Martyrs) has been organised for the morning

followed by a lunchtime Eucharist. After a break for lunch and some free time, we will have our tour of the Cathedral including their vestments. There is also a photographic display and embroidery exhibition to enjoy. Then the day is rounded off with Choral Evensong before the coach home.

Cost for the trip works out at £33pp so contributions of this amount will be appreciated. It is a bit further than our previous trips hence the increased cost. 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.

Sign up sheets are at the back of the churches—you **MUST** sign up even if you expressed an interest to Moira! More details with timings etc will be circulated to the participating pilgrims in due course. Your contribution can be given in cash or by cheque to Dick Smith or Moira or online via :

Account Name: Newport Pagnell Parochial Church Council
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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.

LIAM'S VISIT TO ST PAUL'S

'We are delighted to share that our son, Liam, was recently given an incredible opportunity to visit St Paul's Cathedral for a personal tour of the bell tower, guided by Simon, the son of the church's very own Nick. Liam had the privilege of witnessing the bells being rung up close, including the magnificent Great Paul bell—the largest church bell in Britain. It was an experience that my husband, eldest son, and I also thoroughly enjoyed.

The only way I've been able to describe it to others is that it's something you don't even realise you want to do until you've done it! It was a truly rare and special experience, one that few people ever get the chance to have, and we feel incredibly lucky to have been part of it. The kindness and generosity of both Nick and Simon made the day all the more memorable, and it's safe to say that a certain little someone's week, month, and year have been made!

If you see Liam (he often rings the bell at St Luke's) I'm sure he'll be more than happy to give you a full rundown of his adventure—this has only strengthened his dream of becoming a bellringer when he's older!

Hanna McWilliams



SUNDAY 27 APRIL 2025
A SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION
and
HOLY COMMUNION
at 4pm in St Peter and St Paul

Lent Lunches



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every **Friday** from 7th March to the 11th April

12noon to 1.15pm



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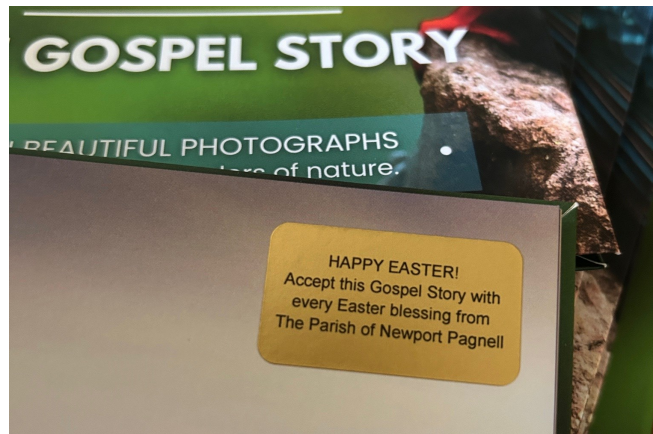
All proceeds are
donated to Christian Aid



EASTER and HMP WOODHILL

A huge thank you to all of you who donated to enable the parish to gift The Gospel Story to the Christian prisoners at HMP Woodhill.

I spent a happy afternoon attaching a small sticker in each book that said 'Happy Easter ... from the Parish of Newport Pagnell'. In fact you were so generous I was also able to add a few little chocolate treats to each pack!



We must also thank **Bible Trust** who published the books. They are themselves a charitable organisation who rely on gifts and donations to enable such high quality books to be made available so cheaply. Check them out bibletrust.org.uk

Further thanks go to **Christian Education** who, through a family member in our congregation, are going to send a Bible Reading/Reflection Book to Woodhill to be included in every pack. You can read about them at ibraglobal.org

This is all fabulous mission work, so thank you everyone.

Moira



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First Reading: 1 Samuel 1, 20-end

20 So in the course of time Hannah became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel,^[b] saying, "Because I asked the Lord for him."

21 When her husband Elkanah went up with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfill his vow, **22** Hannah did not go. She said to her husband, "After the boy is weaned, I will take him and present him before the Lord, and he will live there always."

23 "Do what seems best to you," her husband Elkanah told her. "Stay here until you have weaned him; only may the Lord make good his^[d] word." So the woman stayed at home and nursed her son until she had weaned him.

24 After he was weaned, she took the boy with her, young as he was, along with a three-year-old bull,^[e] an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh. **25** When the bull had been sacrificed, they brought the boy to Eli, **26** and she said to him, "Pardon me, my lord. As surely as you live, I am the woman who stood here beside you praying to the Lord. **27** I prayed for this child, and the Lord has granted me what I asked of him. **28** So now I give him to the Lord. For his whole life he will be given over to the Lord." And he worshiped the Lord there.

Second Reading: Colossians 3, 12-17

3 Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. **2** Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. **3** For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. **4** When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

5 Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. **6** Because of these, the wrath of God is coming.

7 You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. **8** But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. **9** Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices **10** and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. **11** Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

12 Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. **13** Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. **14** And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. **16** Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. **17** And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Gospel Reading: John 19, 25b-27 / Luke 2, 33-35

25 Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

26 When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, "Woman, here is your son," **27** and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

33 The child's father and mother marvelled at what was said about him. **34** Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, **35** so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."