



**Benefice of Newport Pagnell
with
Lathbury and Moulsoe
Pews News
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2nd Sunday before 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 Second Sunday Before Lent

Almighty God,
give us reverence for all creation
and respect for every person,
that we may mirror your likeness
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

9.30am, Family Communion,

St Peter & St Paul including
Sunday Club

Readings Genesis 2.4b-9, 15-
end, Revelation 4

Gospel Luke 8.22-25

11am, Family Communion, St Luke's

Readings Genesis 2.4b-9, 15-end, Revelation 4

Gospel Luke 8.22-25

Hymns All Brown Book, 174, 64, 262,23, 101

Wednesday

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

Saturday

7.30pm Jazz Concert, St Peter & St Paul

Events and Services coming up:

Sunday 2 March

9.15am, Holy Communion, Lathbury
10.30am, Family Communion, St Lukes
6pm, Evening Worship St Peter & St Paul

Wednesday 5 March - Ash Wednesday

7pm, Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes, St
Peter & St Paul

Friday 7 March

Lent Lunch, Mead Centre from 12-1.30pm

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:

Olwen Smith, Pews News Editor/Compiler



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 weekly email with the link from Malcolm.

A poster for a 'Jazz Swing Evening' featuring 'Tad Newton's Jazzfriends'. The event is on Saturday 1st March at 7.30pm at St Peter & St Paul Church, High St, Newport Pagnell. The poster lists the band members: Tad Newton (trombone), Gary Wood (trumpet), Tomas Pedersen (bass), Alan Haughton (piano), Ronnie Fene (drums), and Richard Exall (clarinet/sax). It also mentions 'Making funds for church development' and provides contact information for the church office.

JAZZ SWING EVENING with **TAD NEWTON'S JAZZFRIENDS**
Making funds for church development

Saturday 1st March
7.30pm
St Peter & St Paul Church
High St, Newport Pagnell

Tad Newton (trombone)
Gary Wood (trumpet)
Tomas Pedersen (bass)
Alan Haughton (piano)
Ronnie Fene (drums)
Richard Exall (clarinet/sax)

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Licensed bar,
refreshments & raffle

DON'T FORGET THE CONCERT NEXT SATURDAY - 1st March 7.30pm at St Peter & St Paul TAD NEWTON AND HIS JAZZFRIENDS

This is an important fundraiser for the development of St Peter and St Paul so please come and encourage your friends and neighbours to join you.

SPREAD THE NEWS



The World Day of Prayer Friday 7 March 7pm at St Bede's

The service has been prepared by the women of the Cook Islands. The Day of Prayer service starts in the Pacific Islands and travels around the world to end again in the Pacific Islands.

Everyone is welcome to attend our local service. It will be held upstairs at St Bede's but if anyone cannot use the stairs there will be a screen and sound in the Chapel downstairs so no one needs to miss the service.



LENT LUNCHESES Fridays from 7 March to 11 April at the Mead Centre 12-1.30pm

Enjoy tasty homemade soup, bread, cheese and either tea or coffee in good company.

The meal costs £6.00 and all proceeds go to Christian Aid.





**Coffee Morning
in aid of the Children's Society
on Saturday, 15th March
from 10am to 12 noon
at St Peter and St Paul.**



Bring your Children's Society collection box along (if you have one) and come along for an enjoyable Saturday morning with a cuppa, excellent cakes, a raffle and good company.

All donations from the event (by cash or card) will go towards the work of the Children's Society.



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.

First Readings _ Genesis 2.4b-9, 15-end

4 This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, when the Lord God made the earth and the heavens.

5 Now no shrub had yet appeared on the earth and no plant had yet sprung up, for the Lord God had not sent rain on the earth and there was no one to work the ground, **6** but streams came up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground. **7** Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

8 Now the Lord God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed.

9 The Lord God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

15 The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. **16** And the Lord God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; **17** but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die."

18 The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."

19 Now the Lord God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. **20** So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals.

But for Adam no suitable helper was found. **21** So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh.

22 Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

23 The man said,

"This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh
she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man."

24 That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

25 Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

Second Reading Revelation 4

4 After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, 'Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.' **2** At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it. **3** And the one who sat there had the appearance of jasper and ruby. A rainbow that shone like an emerald encircled the throne. **4** Surrounding the throne were twenty-four other thrones, and seated on them were twenty-four elders. They were dressed in white and had crowns of gold on their heads. **5** From the throne came flashes of lightning, rumblings and peals of thunder. In front of the throne, seven lamps were blazing. These are the seven spirits of God. **6** Also in front of the throne there was what looked like a sea of glass, clear as crystal.

In the centre, round the throne, were four living creatures, and they were covered with eyes, in front and behind. **7** The first living creature was like a lion, the second was like an ox, the third had a face like a man, the fourth was like a flying eagle. **8** Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all round, even under its wings. Day and night they never stop saying:

“Holy, holy, holy
is the Lord God Almighty,”
who was, and is, and is to come.’

9 Whenever the living creatures give glory, honour and thanks to him who sits on the throne and who lives for ever and ever, **10** the twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne and worship him who lives for ever and ever. They lay their crowns before the throne and say:

11 ‘You are worthy, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honour and power,
for you created all things,
and by your will they were created
and have their being.’

Gospel Reading Luke 8.22-25

22 One day Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us go over to the other side of the lake.' So they got into a boat and set out. **23** As they sailed, he fell asleep. A squall came down on the lake, so that the boat was being swamped, and they were in great danger.

24 The disciples went and woke him, saying, 'Master, Master, we're going to drown!'

He got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters; the storm subsided, and all was calm. **25** 'Where is your faith?' he asked his disciples.

In fear and amazement they asked one another, 'Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him.'