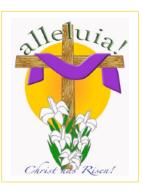


Benefice of Newport Pagnell with Lathbury and Moulsoe Pews News Easter Day 20 April 2025



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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.

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Collect for Easter Day

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

9.30am, Family Communion, St Peter & St Paul

including Sunday Club <u>Readings:</u> Acts 10.34-43 <u>Gospel:</u> John 20.1-18

11am, Family Communion, St Luke's

<u>Readings:</u> Acts 10.34-43, 1 Corinthians 15.19-26 <u>Gospel:</u> John 20.1-18 <u>Hymns:</u> All red book 73,77,501,75, 428

<u>Wednesday</u>

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

Events and Services coming up:

Sunday 27 April

4pm Confirmation Service and Holy Communion, with new Bishop David Bull presiding, St Peter & St Paul, followed by wine and Nibbles

Wednesday 30 April

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

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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EASTER BLESSINGS

Let Hope fill your Heart this Easter tide, and peace and joy Let there be thankfulness too for the price Jesus paid when He died on the cross for me and you. Man's redemption has been paid and by His stripes we are healed. Let us therefore lift our voices high and sweet Hosannas sing On this Resurrection Day it is good to praise the Lord and say Alleluía, Alleluía , for he is risen from the dead. He is risen just as He said. HE IS RISEN INDEED!



Dear friends,

I Hope you are all well and managed to set aside some time for quiet reflection during the Lenten period. I managed to get some quiet time when I could sit and enjoy the peace and quiet of the moment.... for it is in the stillness and the silence, we can feel God's presence near.

So, my friends, at this Easter time, this time of Renewal And Hope I wish you all a HAPPY EASTER and all of Easter's Blessings.

Much Love, Anthia.



Help is needed for this event on the door, bar and raffle - offers of help to Jennifer Mazzone please.

AFTERNOON TEA

Come and enjoy a delicious Afternoon Tea at this very popular annual event.

DATE: Sunday, May 18th. TIME: 3 pm to 4.30 pm VENUE: Brooklands TICKETS £6 from Jennifer Mazzone 01908 613088 PROCEEDS: Baby Basics Relief Fund.



Do come along and bring your friends.

The Benefice WhatsApp Group



Is a useful informal group for sharing information quickly and it's also very easy to use.

If you'd like to join:

Send Moira your telephone number hers is 07968-585364.

LENT LUNCHES 2025



The last of the lunches was served on 11 April and the organisers would like to thank customers, helpers and soup markers for making it such a success.



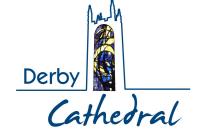
Clearly people enjoyed themselves and came back week after week.

The lunches raised £1496 for Christian Aid.





Some of the people who were involved in preparing and serving lunch on the last Friday.



A parish trip is planned for Thursday 15 May

PARISH PILGRIMAGE

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 <u>MUST</u> 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 Sort Code: 20-57-40 Account Number: 80663123 Use Reference 'DERBY'

Weekly ZOOM Prayer meeting:

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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.

First Reading: Acts 10.34-43

34 Then Peter began to speak: "I now realise how true it is that God does not show favouritism **35** but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. **36** You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. **37** You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached—**38** how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

39 "We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, **40** but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. **41** He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. **42** He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. **43** All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.19-26

19 If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

20 But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep. **21** For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. **22** For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. **23** But each in turn: Christ, the first-fruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. **24** Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. **25** For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. **26** The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Gospel Reading: John 20.1-18

20 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. **2** So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

3 So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. 4 Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5 He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. 6 Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, 7 as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. 8 Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed.
9 (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) 10 Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

11 Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb **12** and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

13 They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

"They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." **14** At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

15 He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

16 Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher").

17 Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.""

18 Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.