



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

Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's
sufferings,
and by following in his Way
come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

9.30am, Morning Prayer, St Mary's, Moulsoe

10.30am, Family Communion, St Peter & St Paul

Readings: Genesis 15.1-12, 17-18, Philippians 3.17-4.1

Gospel: Luke 13.31-end

6pm, Evening Worship, St Luke's

Hymns: All red book, 336, 217, 178, 205

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, 23 March

9am, Family Communion, St Peter & St Paul including Sunday Club

11am Family Communion St Luke's

2-4pm Pause for Thought in Lent, Brooklands

Wednesday, 26 March

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

Friday, 28 March

12 noon - 1.30pm Lent Lunch, Mead Centre

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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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 start 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 the Prayer Meeting; you can participate in prayer without necessarily having to speak so there is no pressure to say anything.



Watch for the email with the correct link.



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.

LENT PAUSE FOR THOUGHT.

This will take place next Sunday, March 23rd, from 2pm to 4pm in Brooklands. The session will be led by Nick. Tea and cake will be provided.

Please sign the list in church so there is some idea of the number attending.

EASTER AT HMP WOODHILL

It would be really wonderful if we can raise enough money to give each Christian prisoner a copy of this easy read Bible for Easter.

These books are only £1 each but there are 230 men plus p&p!

So we need to raise £250.

Then we could put a sticker in each saying donated by the Parish of Newport Pagnell.

What a wonderful Easter gift it could be!

Moira will have her collecting tin at the ready for the next few weeks.



Lent Lunches



Churches Together in Newport Pagnell

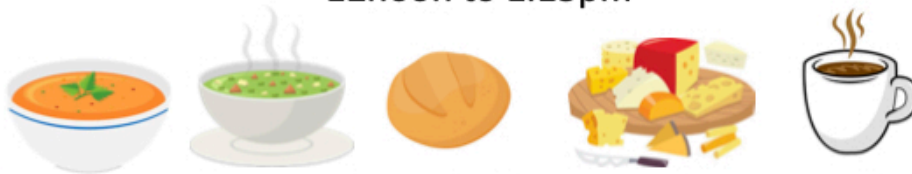
are hosting their popular

Lent Lunches

in the **Mead Centre**

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

12noon to 1.15pm



Homemade soup, bread, cheese and tea or coffee

for just **£6pp**



All proceeds are
donated to Christian Aid



CONFIRMATION SERVICE

4PM, 27 APRIL

ST PETER & ST PAUL

Holy Communion St Peter & St Paul
With new Bishop David Bull
presiding & confirming
several candidates from the
Deanery followed by wine and
nibbles.

Milton Keynes City Church
of Christ the Cornerstone
300 Saxon Gate West, Central Milton Keynes, MK9 2ES



BACH:

ST JOHN PASSION

The Cornerstone Chamber Choir,
Orchestra & Soloists
Directed by
Adrian Boynton

Sunday 13th April 2025
7pm

Tickets £22, £15 (under 18 yrs £5)



available by Email: boyntonmusic@btinternet.com Tel: 01908 546097
<https://www.kharmos.org.uk/cornerstone-music/> after 1/2/25 (fees apply)

First Reading: Genesis 15.1-12, 17-18

15 After this, the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision:

“Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward.”

2 But Abram said, “Sovereign Lord, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?” **3** And Abram said, “You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir.”

4 Then the word of the Lord came to him: “This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir.” **5** He took him outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”

6 Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

7 He also said to him, “I am the Lord, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to take possession of it.”

8 But Abram said, “Sovereign Lord, how can I know that I will gain possession of it?”

9 So the Lord said to him, “Bring me a heifer, a goat and a ram, each three years old, along with a dove and a young pigeon.”

10 Abram brought all these to him, cut them in two and arranged the halves opposite each other; the birds, however, he did not cut in half. **11** Then birds of prey came down on the carcasses, but Abram drove them away.

12 As the sun was setting, Abram fell into a deep sleep, and a thick and dreadful darkness came over him.

17 When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, a smoking firepot with a blazing torch appeared and passed between the pieces. **18** On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram and said, “To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates

Second Reading: Philippians 3.17-4.1

17 Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. **18** For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. **19** Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. **20** But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, **21** who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

4 Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

Gospel: Luke 13.31-end

31 At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, “Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you.”

32 He replied, “Go tell that fox, ‘I will keep on driving out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.’ **33** In any case, I must press on today and tomorrow and the next day—for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem!

34 “Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. **35** Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

Front Page image - from Wikimedia Commons - depicts Jesus weeping over Jerusalem and shows the siege of Jerusalem foretold in his prophecy. The illumination is from the evangelistary of Otto III ca.1000 C.E.