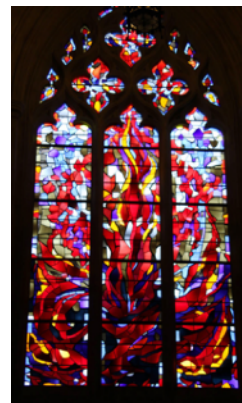




**Benefice of Newport Pagnell
with
Lathbury and Moulsoe
Pews News
17th August 2025
9th Sunday after Trinity**



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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 9th Sunday after Trinity

Gracious Father,
revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy, strong and faithful,
for your glory's sake
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

10.30am, Family Communion, St Peter & St Paul

Readings Jeremiah 23.23-29, Hebrews
11.29-12.2

Gospel Luke 12.49-56

5pm, Evening Worship, Moulsoe, to
celebrate the Patronal Festival of the
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday

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

Events and Services coming up:

Sunday 24 August 2025

9.30am, Family Communion, St Peter & St Paul
11am, Family Communion, St Luke's

Wednesday 27 August

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 WEDNESDAY THIS WEEK

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 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 email with the link that Malcolm sends out weekly.

NEWPORT PAGNELL EDUCATIONAL TRUST

Registered Charity Number 1037556

The Newport Pagnell Educational Trust provides assistance to those parents struggling to get their children through primary or secondary education or to deserving students in tertiary education. Small grants can be made for tuition fees, or other schooling related expenses such as uniforms, books, travelling etc.

To obtain an application form please contact the Secretary at, The Parish Office, St Peter & St Paul church, High Street, Newport Pagnell, MK16 8AR or send an email to npparish@gmail.com.

**Closing date for applications
15th September 2025**



**THIS SUNDAY
17 AUGUST
PATRONAL FESTIVAL AT
MOULSOE**

**There will be a
5pm service of
evening worship
to celebrate the feast of
THE ASSUMPTION OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN
MARY**

Everyone is welcome



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.



CAMEO

Come And Meet Each Other and play, every Monday morning from 09.30 - 11.30am in St Peter & St Paul. Parents, grandparents or other carers can have a much needed coffee or tea whilst youngsters get to play!

This regular event will meet on Monday, 18 August but not on the 25 (the bank holiday). As always offers of help will be gratefully accepted! Talk to Nick or Jennifer about joining the rota.

Milton Keynes Food Bank Shopping List

Tinned Meat, Tinned Fish, Tinned Pulses, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Tomatoes
Long Life Milk, Juice or Squash, Tea, Spreads - Jams, Peanut Butter
Tinned Pasta, Tinned Vegetables, Pasta Sauce,
Dried Rice (500g or 1Kg), Rice Pudding/Custard,
Cereal, Biscuits, Soup, Loo Roll.

There is a collection point at the back of SSPP



PHOTO ALBUMS (OR VIDEOS) FOR THE PARISH WEBSITE

I've been collecting photos of church events for a while. I use some of them in this news sheet and have been adding them to the parish website. The idea is to show people who visit the site the kinds of things we do and hopefully to encourage them to join in.

Lots of the photos come from Moira on Facebook (and if you use social media you'll have seen them before) some I take myself and occasionally people kindly take some for me (or send me some they've taken).

The only video we have on the website at the moment is one entitled "Memories of Newport Pagnell Parish Church" produced by Mervyn Evans and which was on the old website. It was just accessible from the SSPP page but there is now a link from the dropdown "MEDIA" menu in the header. Some of you will remember Barbara Newcome, Brian Riddy and Gerald Stratton. They share their memories of the church starting in 1926. You can find it using this link <https://designimplemen5346.mychurchedit.co.uk/video>

Just in case you haven't visited <https://www.npparish.org.uk/> recently or haven't seen the photo page here's a link that will take you directly there <https://www.npparish.org.uk/photos> I think I'm up to date now!

It would be great to have more contributors so if you take some photos or videos of benefice related events that you don't mind sharing - please send them to me at the Pews News address.

Thanks Olwen

First Readings Jeremiah 23.23-29

- 23** “Am I only a God nearby,” declares the Lord, “and not a God far away?
24 Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them?” declares the Lord.
“Do not I fill heaven and earth?” declares the Lord.
25 “I have heard what the prophets say who prophesy lies in my name.
They say, ‘I had a dream! I had a dream!’

26 How long will this continue in the hearts of these lying prophets, who prophesy the delusions of their own minds? **27** They think the dreams they tell one another will make my people forget my name, just as their ancestors forgot my name through Baal worship. **28** Let the prophet who has a dream recount the dream, but let the one who has my word speak it faithfully. For what has straw to do with grain?” declares the Lord. **29** “Is not my word like fire,” declares the Lord, “and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

Second Reading Hebrews 11.29-12.2

- 29** By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as on dry land; but when the Egyptians tried to do so, they were drowned.
30 By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the army had marched around them for seven days.
31 By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient.
32 And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, **33** who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, **34** quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies.
35 Women received back their dead, raised to life again. There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. **36** Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. **37** They were put to death by stoning; they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated— **38** the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground.
39 These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, **40** since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.
12 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, **2** fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Gospel Reading Luke 12.49-56

- 49** “I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! **50** But I have a baptism to undergo, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! **51** Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. **52** From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three. **53** They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”
54 He said to the crowd: “When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say, ‘It’s going to rain,’ and it does. **55** And when the south wind blows, you say, ‘It’s going to be hot,’ and it is. **56** Hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky. How is it that you don’t know how to interpret this present time?

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