

Benefice of Newport Pagnell with Lathbury and Moulsoe Pews News St Peter & St Paul Patronal Festival 29 June 2025



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Registered Charity number 1153668

Collect for St Peter & St Paul

Almighty God,
whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul
glorified you in their death as in their life:
grant that your Church,
inspired by their teaching and example,
and made one by your Spirit,
may ever stand firm upon the one foundation,
Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and forever.

10.30am, Family Communion, St Peter & St Paul, Patronal Festival

Readings Acts 12.1-11, 2 Timothy 4.6-8, 17-18 **Gospel** Matthew 16.13-19

12am-4pm, Garden Party to celebrate the Patronal Festival, Rectory Garden

Wednesday

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

Events and Services coming up: Sunday 6 July 2025

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

Wednesday 9 July 2025

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

Anyone 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
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The ZOOM Prayer meeting on 10 July will be at 4.30pm to allow for people to get home after the MU meeting

It will 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. As you can participate in prayer without necessarily having to speak there is no pressure to say anything.



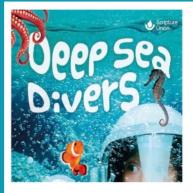
Everyone is welcome to join the Prayer Meeting

Watch for the email with the correct link.



Our branch meeting is on Thursday, July 3rd in Brooklands at 2.30.

Our speaker is Arlene Ormiston, a community police woman. Come and hear about her work. All are welcome, both members and non-members. We look forward to seeing you.



CHURCHES TOGETHER IN NEWPORT PAGNELL

presents

Tuesday 12 to Friday 15 August from 10.00am to 12.30pm at Lovett Hall, Silver Street,

Newport Pagnell.

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The club is for children aged 5-11 with little or no experience of church, as well as those who are already part of a church community. As always we have loads planned with games, crafts, small-group discussion, drama and more! There is no charge but donations are always welcome and used to ensure the club can run next year.

Registration is essential to secure a place and you can do so by clicking <u>HERE</u>, visiting <u>https://npbc.churchsuite.com/forms/dbccinta</u> or by using this QR CODE







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.







BILL'S BENCH - DEDICATION

Last Sunday, Family Communion at St Luke's began in the garden. Members of the congregation joined Nick outside to witness him blessing Bill's Bench.

Nick reminded us of the faithful support we have had from our friend Bill for so many years. He spoke of the beauty of St Luke's garden and of the joy to be had sitting quietly contemplating the wonders of creation. He blessed the bench in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit and expressed the hope that sitting in this peaceful place would bring people closer to God.



Offers of help and donations of cakes for the Piano Recital on Sunday 13 July would be much appreciated.

Please let Jennifer know if you are able to help or bake.



First Reading Acts 12.1-11

12 It was about this time that King Herod arrested some who belonged to the church, intending to persecute them. 2 He had James, the brother of John, put to death with the sword. 3 When he saw that this met with approval among the Jews, he proceeded to seize Peter also. This happened during the Festival of Unleavened Bread. 4 After arresting him, he put him in prison, handing him over to be guarded by four squads of four soldiers each. Herod intended to bring him out for public trial after the Passover.



- 5 So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him.
- **6** The night before Herod was to bring him to trial, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries stood guard at the entrance. **7** Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him up. "Quick, get up!" he said, and the chains fell off Peter's wrists.
- **8** Then the angel said to him, "Put on your clothes and sandals." And Peter did so. "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me," the angel told him. **9** Peter followed him out of the prison, but he had no idea that what the angel was doing was really happening; he thought he was seeing a vision. **10** They passed the first and second guards and came to the iron gate leading to the city. It opened for them by itself, and they went through it. When they had walked the length of one street, suddenly the angel left him.
- **11** Then Peter came to himself and said, "Now I know without a doubt that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from Herod's clutches and from everything the Jewish people were hoping would happen."

Second Reading 2 Timothy 4.6-8, 17-18

6 For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. **7** I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. **8** Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

17 But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth. **18** The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Reading Matthew 16.13-19

- **13** When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"
- 14 They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."
- 15 "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"
- 16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."
- 17 Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. 18 And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

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