

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

WEDNESDAY, 7th SEPTEMBER: Memory Cafe from 10am to 12 noon in the foyer of Westbury Grange on the first Wednesday of each month. For more information please contact Westbury Grange on 01908 210332.

SUNDAY 11th SEPTEMBER, 3pm: Music for a Sunday Afternoon, The Limes Atrium, Westbury Grange and The Limes, Westbury Lane, Newport Pagnell MK16 8JA

MONDAY, 3rd OCTOBER, 7.15pm: Healing Perspectives at St Luke's

MONDAY, 7th NOVEMBER, 7.15pm: Healing Perspectives at St Luke's

SATURDAY 26th NOVEMBER 2016, 6.45 for 7pm: Bridgebuilder Barn Dance at the Ridgeway Community Centre, 33 Dulverton Drive, North Furzton, Milton Keynes MK4 1NA

MONDAY, 12th DECEMBER, 7.15pm: Healing Perspectives at St Luke's

For up-to-date information on events and activities check our website regularly at

www.ctnp.org.uk

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CONNECTIONS

September 2016

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 before us. Hebrews 12:v1

LETTER FROM A MINISTER

As I write this we are three days into the Olympic games and I am enthralled by it and following every UK athlete's progress. It is inspiring and gives me more of a hunger to play my own sports of football and swimming even though I know that at my age and ability level I shall never win any medals! For an athlete years of training leads to a few minutes of competition in a race. In a few seconds dreams are made or shattered. Training the body to peak condition is tough and requires huge amounts of self discipline and yet by the time a person is past thirty years old they are usually not considered fit or young enough to compete at the top level.

The good news for all of us is that we can train our spiritual muscle at any age. All of us have the chance to do this. You are never too old or young to learn more about God and to make choices about whether we want God to be part of our lives or not. Even when we fail in life God will always pick us up since, unlike our physical fitness levels, God's love for all of us is eternal. His love is constant for all people including those who don't believe in Him!

I find that knowing God is exciting and thankfully I haven't got to be super physically fit in order to know Him. The big step in beginning this relationship with God is to be hungry to know more and to ask Him into your life. Then see what happens!

Revd Nick Evans, Rector of Newport Pagnell Benefice

Articles to the Editor, Beth MacKay

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Copy Deadline - 20th of each month

HEALING PERSPECTIVES WITH REV NICK EVANS AT ST LUKE'S

So far several meetings have been held at St Luke's for those interested in finding out more about healing. These meetings have been well attended and included members from various churches. All are welcome.

The next meeting is on **Monday, 3rd October, 7.15pm at St Luke's.**

We spend some time on the practical and also include worship, bible study and other healing perspectives. For more information, see '**What about healing?**' on the CTNP website at www.ctnp.org.uk.

Future dates are 7th November and 12th December at the same time and place.

Look forward to seeing you then and do share any healing news before then.

BRAVE THE SHAVE

Jon Walls who is a deacon at St. Bede's Catholic Church and a former treasurer of CTNP, writes:

"On 30th September I will be having my head shaved for the Macmillan Brave the Shave. I am looking to raise at least £1,500 to support the work of Macmillan Cancer Care. I lost my mum to cancer in 1981, she died in my arms at Willen Hospice, my mother-in-law in 2012, my father-in-law in 2014 - both to cancer - and the disease has claimed too many of my friends.

If you want to sponsor me, please go to the website bravetheshave.org.uk and search for Jon Walls."

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND 13th – 22nd March 2017

Led by Peter Ballantine. Staying very near the walls of Jerusalem and on the shore of the Sea of Galilee.

More details from Peter on pballarev@yahoo.com or phone 07876 797507.



Autumn 2016

Details of our coMPass courses for the Autumn Term are now available. This term we are offering 4 courses:

- **Getting to Grips with Paul** – *Tuesday evenings at Christ the Vine, Coffee Hall*
- **Mission Shaped Intro** – *This course will be run twice, once before the October half term holiday – Wednesday evenings at Christ Church, Stantonbury (Sept – Oct) – and again after – Monday evenings at Holy Cross, Two Mile Ash (end Oct – Dec)*
- **Feminist Perspectives on Theology: Looking at our faith through a different lens** – *Thursday evenings at Christ the Cornerstone, Central MK*

More information can be found in the coMPass leaflet on our website - www.missionpartnership.org.uk/compass/. Bursaries are available on application – money has been set aside for this, so do ask.

Note: the first of the Mission Shaped Intro courses starts on 14th September, which is earlier than our coMPass courses usually start in the Autumn. Applications have already started coming in so do let us know ASAP if you wish to attend to secure your place.

BRIDGEBUILDER TRUST BARN DANCE

Saturday 26th November 2016

6.45 for 7pm

At the Ridgeway Community Centre*

A night of fun, fundraising & fish'n'chips with live music by Sleeping Moggy. Plus a chance to catch up on our news in the interval. 6.45 for 7pm.

Tickets – £10 each. To book a ticket, contact the office: 01908 270670 or office@mkbt.org.uk

Traidcraft food on sale – bring your purse and buy some early Christmas presents!

***Please note change of venue:** Ridgeway Community Centre, 33 Dulverton Drive, North Furzton, Milton Keynes MK4 1NA.

NEWPORT PAGNELL EDUCATIONAL TRUST

The Educational Trust provides financial support for education of individuals living in Newport Pagnell. The fund was formed following the sale of a property known as Church House. As the original purchase of Church House was in part funded by the community, 37% of the sales receipts were invested to be used for the benefit of the local population. About two thousand pounds are disbursed each year to provide financial assistance to individuals and organisations for educational purposes. The trustees of the fund meet twice yearly, in September and February to consider applications for support and will consider applications for both academic and professional education. If you would like to apply for support, applications should be submitted in writing to The Chair of Trustees, Newport Pagnell Educational Trust, 20 Eliot Close, Newport Pagnell, MK16 8QS.



Lifeboats

COFFEE MORNING

Saturday, 8th October
9.30am – 12.30pm
at
66 Lakes Lane, Newport Pagnell

and

QUIZ

Saturday, 8th October at 7pm

Newport Pagnell Methodist Church, High Street, Newport Pagnell,
MK16 8AQ

Cost £5 per person; Teams of 6 maximum.
Contact Linda and Geoff Morris, 01908 617050

All proceeds to RNLI MK



*Music for a
Sunday Afternoon*

3pm Sunday 11th September

The Limes Atrium, Westbury Grange and The Limes, Westbury Lane,
Newport Pagnell, MK16 8JA

Admission price including refreshments - £5

Proceeds to the work of MHA in Westbury Grange and The Limes