

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- MONDAY, 3rd OCTOBER, 7.15pm:** Healing Perspectives at St Luke's
- WEDNESDAY, 5th OCTOBER:** 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.
- SATURDAY, 8th OCTOBER, 7.30pm:** MK Acapella Concert at the URC
- SATURDAY, 15th OCTOBER, 7.30pm:** Steve Legg performs at Lovat Hall
- TUESDAY, 25th OCTOBER, 10am – 4pm:** Fairtrade sale at St Luke's, Wolverton Road
- SUNDAY, 30th OCTOBER, 6pm:** first of a series of six discussions at the URC
- MONDAY, 7th NOVEMBER, 7.15pm:** Healing Perspectives at St Luke's
- SUNDAY, 20th NOVEMBER, 6pm:** CTNP's annual Songs of Praise at the Parish Church. More details to follow in November Connections
- SATURDAY, 26th NOVEMBER:** Christmas Lights events
- SATURDAY, 26th NOVEMBER, 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
- SATURDAY, 17th DECEMBER:** 'Find the Nativity' on Newport Pagnell High Street, starting at 10am and finishing with carols and refreshments at the URC at 11.15am.

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

www.ctnp.org.uk

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CONNECTIONS October 2016

*Are any among you sick?
They should call for the elders of the Church and have them pray over them, Anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. (NIV James 5 v14)*

EXPLORING CHRISTIAN HEALING

- Come and explore God's healing power with reference to scripture, church tradition and its place in our lives today.
- These are relaxed evening meetings led by Revd Nick Evans, involving worship, presentations, discussion and practical hands-on healing. Participation will be encouraged but if you just want to listen and observe then that is fine too.



- If you haven't been before, don't worry! Come and see for yourself what it is all about.
- There's no cost and refreshments are served.
- If you have any healing queries please contact Nick either by email:
nickevans49@btinternet.com
or phone
07769 550204

Next meetings:

3 October, 7 November, 12 December

From 7.15 - 9.15pm at

St Luke's, Wolverton Road, Newport Pagnell, MK16 8LF

Articles to the Editor, Beth MacKay
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LETTER FROM A MINISTER

At the end of August we moved over to Milton Keynes. It has been 8 years of travelling to and fro from Wellingborough. And for 7 and a half years it was fine. I fitted the travel, time away from family, worship preparation and visiting into the spaces I had and just made sure I was super organised, having with me all the stuff I needed (including food!). Some days were 8am-10pm but other days I worked at home and so it balanced out. And for 7 and a half years it was OK.

But once I knew things were going to change, my attitude to the arrangement changed. It started to be harder to plan everything and fit it in, I got lax at planning ahead and forgot things or made mistakes with meetings and I found myself thinking 'It will be easier when I live over this way....' And it got me thinking about how we adjust to life. And how we accommodate and manage and survive, as long as we have to. We are incredibly resilient, aren't we? But also it got me thinking about how we soon adjust to new normality. Since then we have moved into a new house, I have begun as the minister at a second Church (in Wolverton), my son has gone to university, my husband has gone back to part-time study and whilst one daughter has begun a PGCE, the other been told she is at risk of redundancy. It has been overwhelming and exciting all at once, and so far I am still standing and able to function!

We are human beings, created to be pilgrims, people who journey and travel on, people of change and transformation; people of relationships and connections; people of emotion and activity. Sometimes when we are faced by changes in life it can be OK, and other times it is overwhelming; it can be joyful or desperately sad. Whatever we face and however we respond, the blessing we all have as People of the Way is the love of God to sustain us. It doesn't mean that everything is going to be fine and dandy all the time, but it does mean that we are never alone and that there is always hope and whatever we face, particularly if we are part of a worshipping community too, we will find help and care from other people along the journey. And at the moment I, for one, am making full use of all these reassurances as I adjust and accommodate these new beginnings and changes!

Blessings,
Revd Jenny Mills, United Reformed Church

SATURDAY 15TH OCTOBER at 7.30pm
STEVE LEGG

**Performing live at Newport Pagnell Baptist Church,
Lovat Hall, Newport Pagnell, MK16 0EJ**



Steve first hit the road with his unique and funny blend of dangerous escapes, comedy, daft magic and daring escapology some 23 years ago. He has performed at prestigious venues including Wembley Conference Centre, Manchester's Apollo theatre and Birmingham Indoor Arena. He will now be making his debut at NPBC.

Don't miss out!

Tickets £3 per person or family tickets £10.

**Tickets available from Steve Greenfield on 01908 216064
or the church office on 01908 618898.**

A FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR THE

MEAD  CENTRE



 **30 years of Harmony** 

With

MK ACAPELLA

and featuring musical contributions from:

 No Borders  The Code Breakers

 Hardcastle and Scott  Nikos Gourgiotis

 Windmill-Hill-Billy-Boys

At

The United Reformed Church Newport Pagnell

On Saturday October 8th 2016 at 7.30 p.m.

Admission £10 including refreshments

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A COMMUNITY BUILDING PROJECT FOR NEWPORT PAGNELL

WHAT IS.....?

Starting the Conversations.

Ever wanted to understand a bit more about the Church and Christianity?

6pm for 6 weeks. Sundays 30th October, 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th November and 4th December 2016 in the United Reformed Church.



Looking at faith and the Church, the Bible and where God is in all this. Come along and join in the discussion and ask questions! Anything you have ever wanted to ask- in a welcoming and inclusive environment.

Open to everyone. You do not have to go to Church in order to come along!



Find us on Facebook URC Newport Pagnell or contact revdjmill@btinternet.com or call 07703485017.



Lifeboats

COFFEE MORNING

Saturday, 8th October

9.30am – 12.30pm

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 from both events to RNLI MK

ANNUAL FAIRTRADE SALE 2016

**Crafts - Cards - Food - Sweets
- Jewellery - Christmas Cards
- Gifts & lots more.**

on

**Tuesday 25th October
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

**St. Luke's Church, Wolverton Rd;
Newport Pagnell, MK16 8LF**

Coffee/Tea and Biscuits.

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.