

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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.

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

SATURDAY, 3rd DECEMBER: Christmas Bazaar at St Bede's

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

FRIDAY, 16th DECEMBER, 7.30pm at Lovat Hall: U3A Christmas concert

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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CTNP website: - www.ctnp.org.uk



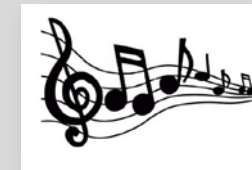
CONNECTIONS

November 2016

Praise my soul the King of Heaven
To His feet your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who like me His praise should sing:
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him,
Praise the everlasting King. (*Henry F Lyte*)

SONGS OF PRAISE

All the churches of Newport Pagnell are
making a big noise together in praise of God.
Add your voice!



at the **Parish Church** on the High Street,
Newport Pagnell
Sunday, 20th November at 6pm

Refreshments after the service

Articles to the Editor, Beth MacKay

Preferably by e-mail to beth.mackay@yahoo.co.uk 01908 612475

Copy Deadline - 20th of each month

LETTER FROM A MINISTER

The God of detail

In recent years the beauty of the autumn colours has stretched well into November. This year promises to be the same. This is a lovely opportunity for us to enjoy the splendour of autumn at least in some parts of a month that we normally associate with bleakness. For me the beauty of autumn is another reminder of the greatness of God's creation. Here we can see the amazing detail of nature. To think that, for instance, of all the leaves that fall off the trees this autumn no two are precisely the same, is really beyond my comprehension. Whether you believe in God or not, creation is simply breathtaking.

But for Christians creation is the work of God, something he did out of love for us and for us to enjoy. In the same way that he created the world in all its beautiful detail, we are also the work of his creation and God cares about each one of us. He is interested in every detail of our lives. And we in turn can approach him with all our joys, concerns and worries knowing that he always wants the best for us.

Deacon Klaus Reidel, St. Bede's Catholic Church

EXPLORING CHRISTIAN HEALING

NEXT MEETING

Monday 7th November

7.15pm-9.15pm

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

USE A CO-OP MEMBERSHIP CARD TO SUPPORT THE PARISH MEMORY CLUB UNTIL 18 MARCH 2017

Every time Co-op members buy a Co-op branded product or service and use their Co-op membership card, they will get back 5p in the pound of the amount spent, and an additional 1p is sent to a local charity of choice.

If you already hold a Co-op card, please login to your membership card account and choose the Memory Club as your supported charity. If you currently don't have a card, just go into a Co-op branch, ask for a temporary card (at a cost of £1), then register it by phone or on their website to get a permanent card, and then login and choose the Memory Club as your supported charity

More information at

<http://together.ourchurchweb.org.uk/np/info/memoryclub/>

MEMORY CLUB REQUIRES ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS

We meet twice a month on the second and fourth Thursday afternoons, 2.00-4.15pm, in the Brooklands Centre, Newport Pagnell. Our goal is to support and encourage those living with dementia or cognitive impairment. Activities vary but achieving a fun and positive social experience is key. Usually we start with refreshments and once a month we enjoy a singsong.

Attracting some additional volunteers will help us manage our popularity and growth in membership. DBS checks are made and training is provided which would equip volunteers to start with us early in 2017. If interested in learning more about what we do, please contact hazel_reynolds@hotmail.co.uk or telephone 01908 614124.

For more information see

<http://together.ourchurchweb.org.uk/np/info/memoryclub/>

FINDING THE NATIVITY

17th DECEMBER



**FOLLOW THE
TRAIL ON
NEWPORT
PAGNELL HIGH
STREET
From 10-11.30am**

To find all the Nativity characters, then join the fun at the stable at the United Reformed Church for carols, gifts and refreshments.

DISCOVER:

- Angels
- Shepherds
- Wise men and much more

SHARE:

- Carols
- Refreshments
- Gift for children

CTNP welcomes Rev Christopher Huxtable who joins the Anglican team here this autumn as an associate priest to the parish. Chris has ministered in parishes and as a school chaplain since his ordination and he brings a wealth of experience. He will be licensed by Bishop Alan on 30th October at the 9.30am service at the Parish Church. All welcome. Refreshments will be served after the service.

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.

(5pm for food*, 6pm for the meeting)



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.

*To come for food at 5pm, please let the URC know at (1) Facebook URC Newport Pagnell (2) email revdjmill@btinternet.com (3) call 07703485017

U3A CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Come and enjoy a Christmas Concert given by the U3A Choir on **Friday, 16th December at 7.30pm in the Lovat Hall**, Newport Pagnell. (Please note change of venue).

Tickets available on 07762178379, from members of the Choir or from Jennifer Mazzone (01908 613088) at £7 each to include seasonal refreshments. There will also be a raffle. Proceeds for a local charity. We look forward to seeing you.

GOOD NEWS FOR ROMANIA (GNfR)

At the Baptist Church service on 6th November at 10.30am at Lovat Hall, we will be welcoming Kath and David Richardson who will be talking to us about the *Good News for Romania* charity. All welcome!

There will be an opportunity to donate a Christmas gift suitable for young children or teenagers. For ideas/suggestions, please contact Mandy Pateman on 01908 218679.

For more information about this charity visit their website at

www.stpetersparish.info/GNFR

Mandy Pateman

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR IN THE PARISH CHURCH

If you're down on Newport Pagnell High Street on **26th November** for the annual Christmas Lights events, don't forget to pop into the Parish Church where you'll find some interesting stalls, activities for children, tea/coffee, mulled wine and some delicious home-baked cakes. We'll be open all day!

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@mkb.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.

Giant Games

The CTNP giant games are available all year round to anyone wishing to borrow them for birthdays, anniversaries etc.

Please contact Linda or Geoff Morris on MK 617050. A small donation is requested please towards CTNP for a private party but free of charge for church events.

Giant games include Snakes and Ladders, Connect 4 and Jenga.

