

## CTNP Communications

To help foster communications, please consider the following two appeals

1. to forward a copy of **all** your event and any other information which could benefit from a wider audience through current CTNP communication channels

2. to volunteer to support a campaign to distribute CTNP advertising information to new houses in the town later this year

The first appeal is to anyone who prepares any sort of poster or other advertising for an event. Please remember to email an electronic copy of your material(s) to Robert

(email in a recent *Connections* , copies on the website [www.ctnp.org.uk](http://www.ctnp.org.uk) ) and/or to Neville (email below); either way, it will then be given wider exposure via *Connections* , the website, and in some cases *Phonebox* . The visitor-rate to the website, for instance, has been increasing year-on-year. **We don't seem to be even making best use of the communications channels that are already available, never mind about expanding them.hes.**

At the moment CTNP-related communications is being maintained with thanks to Robert, editor of *Connections* and Neville, editor of the website, Thanks also to Mary and Eva, although we haven't managed many Communications Group meetings in the last year. Material is also submitted to the monthly *Phonebox* local magazine, a

Christmas advert in *Phonebox* , and seasonal A5-leaflets at Christmas and Easter.

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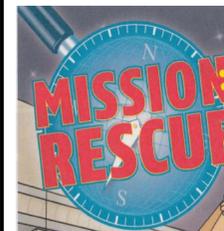
## Connections

August 2018

Churches **TOGETHER** in Newport Pagnell



The Elephant in the Room  
Banksy  
See *Ministers Letter* on the following page.



This year's Churches Together in Newport Pagnell Holiday Club is now full. If your child can no longer attend, please let us know as soon as possible.

Children still wishing to attend can apply to go onto the waiting list but there is no guarantee that places will become available. Forms can be found on the CTNP website and must be handed in to Cambourne Travel shop.

Adults and teen leaders are still needed. The volunteer application form is also available on the website.

**Please pray for the children attending and for the volunteers.**  
Thank you. Linda Morris, Advance Registration

Articles to the Editor, Robert Hayward  
[rghayward@btinternet.com](mailto:rghayward@btinternet.com)

Copy Deadline 20<sup>th</sup> of each Month

Notices for activities at least a month before they will happen

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

**[www.ctnp.org.uk](http://www.ctnp.org.uk)**



## Minister's Letter

The artist Banksy has an installation "Elephant in the room". It makes visual that image of a problem that everyone is trying to ignore. I heard on the radio one day a story from Northern Ireland. This man said he had attended church throughout the thirty years of "the troubles" but never heard a sermon refer to it at all. I wondered if as a church leader I was avoiding difficult subjects too. This also made me think how did religious leaders deal with Jesus' challenges to the society of his day. Just taking Jesus' command to love your enemies is disturbing enough to work through into real life. This was especially true in the context of a land occupied by the Romans. I do not doubt the difficulties of living out faith then or in the darkest period of our recent history in Northern Ireland.

This morning another Windrush story emerged. A man who had arrived aged eight in Britain, worked for 37 years here and found himself detained twice and told he was to be deported. He furnished evidence of his working history but was told he could have faked this and more evidence was demanded. There has been a lot evidence of a hostile environment rather than a truth establishing commitment emerging on matters of immigration. This emerged a couple of weeks ago in my church when we were due a missionary speaker. The women concerned works as a lawyer in Mozambique, she is married to a British citizen and is conducting further studies through a British University yet has been refused a visitors Visa. She was going to visit supporting churches with her husband who is engaged in the same work, helping the poor access justice in Africa.

I am glad that apologies have been issued to the Windrush generation and compensation where appropriate is issued. Mistakes are made at all levels of society and the best thing is to deal with

them when they emerge. Politicians and government have a difficult job to do and I do not envy the task they undertake on our behalf.

My concern is for the climate of opinion that encourages a fair and just and possible generous approach to those in most need in our world. I grew up in London with the children of refugees who had escaped the Holocaust. I am glad at that time there was sufficient welcome to embrace these folk, my prayer is for more of this spirit now.

Jack Walker

Senior Minister

Newport Pagnell Baptist Church



**Emergency Help  
Scheme**

**Garden Party  
and cream teas**  
**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> August**  
**2pm – 4pm**  
at  
**120 Wolverton Road**  
**Adults £3 children £2**

**Everybody very welcome**  
If wet at St Luke's Church, Wolverton Road.

**Newport Pagnell  
Methodist Church**

There is no meeting of  
Teapot and Sing in  
August.

Next meeting  
10<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm.

On 29<sup>th</sup> September we  
are having a concert by  
Heart and Music.

Full information  
re tickets

next month.