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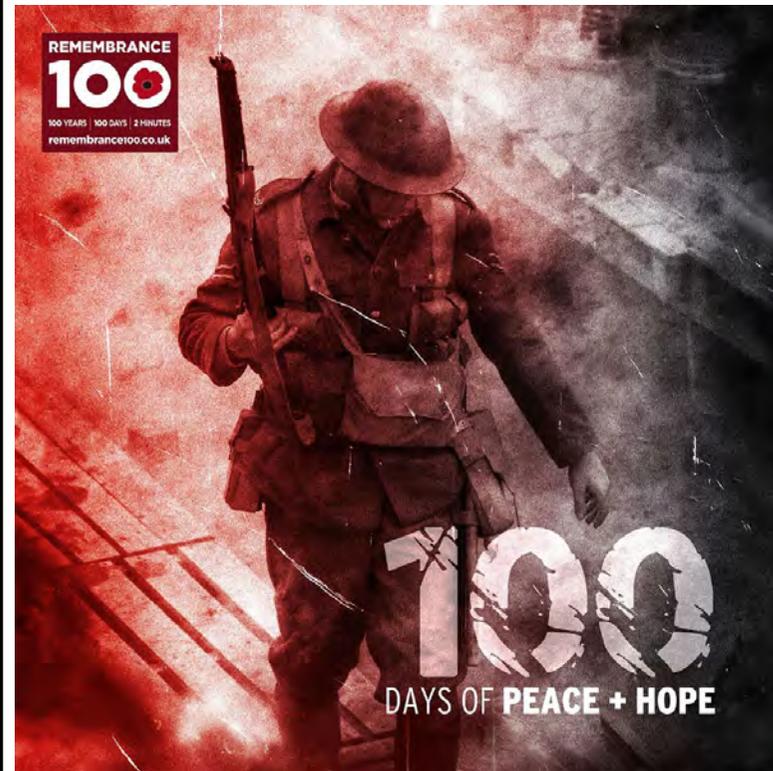
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# Connections

November 2018

Churches **TOGETHER** in Newport Pagnell



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Articles to the Editor, Robert Hayward  
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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

Shalom

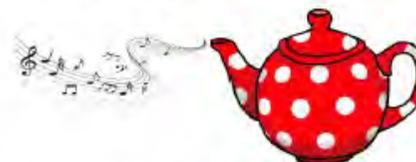
This month is the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War. But unfortunately peace in Europe only lasted just over 20 years before the Second World War started, that brought again horrendous suffering to millions of people. Since 1945 Western Europe has been blessed with peace, which is something to be profoundly grateful for. But in other parts of the world numerous wars have taken place and in fact there are many military conflicts today.

When the Bible speaks of peace, it talks about more than just the absence of such armed conflicts (although this extremely important). The Jewish word "Shalom" is not simply absence of war but complete peace. It includes contentment, completeness, wellbeing and harmony. This is something that is not only needed in the relations between peoples, nations or opposing groups, but it is something every human being needs and, I think, also deeply longs for.

While we are powerless to establish peace in the wider world, we can all try to bring Shalom, complete peace, to our own lives. And the best way to achieve it is by following God's command to love our neighbour as ourselves. So one way of remembering the end of the First World War is by adopting a loving attitude to everybody we meet. Not easy, but it is a good way to "do our bit" for peace.

Deacon Klaus Reidel,  
St. Bede's Catholic Church

*Newport Pagnell Methodist Church*



***Teapot &  
Sing***

*Meeting on*

*Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018*

*2.00 to 3.00pm*

*Come and join us to sing a few well known favourite  
hymns whilst enjoying a cup of tea or coffee*

*A Dementia friendly time where everyone can relax*

**If you attended the Lakes Lane Open Gardens in August.**

**Thank you !**

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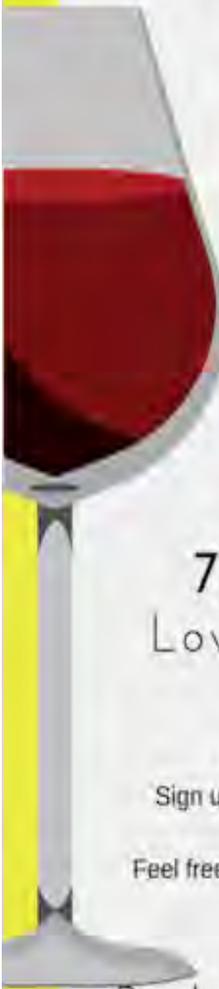
The money raised at the Lakes Lane Open Gardens this August has now been matched in part by Barclays Bank, giving the Mead centre a total amount of £1501.15.

Thanks to all who helped to make the day a success.

The committee will now consider which local charity could be supported next year.

**Suggestions to the Connections editor please!**

*( Contact Details - See Page 1)*



# Wisdom & Wine

## Fundraiser

Come to our quiz night!  
Free glass of wine  
(or non alcoholic alternative)  
with every ticket

Tickets £7.50 each



7pm Sat 17 Nov 2018  
Lovat Hall, Newport Pagnell

Limited car parking - car share where possible  
Sign up as individuals or as a team (6 - 8 people per team)  
Good priced bowls of nibbles for sale  
Feel free to bring extra wine/drinks to enjoy after your free one!

Book online or call 01908 270670

All profits will raise funds for Bridgebuilder's work in schools with local children and young people  
www.mkbt.org.uk




## 100 Days of Peace and Hope

When we remember 1918, we reflect on a time of great hope and great sadness for our country. We recall our part in the horrors of war and the darkness that drives humanity to violence. But we also remember the promise of peace.

**Justin Welby** Archbishop of Canterbury

**On 4 August 1918, many in this country came together with King George V to pray for peace. One hundred days later the Great War ended.**

Our God is one who brings peace to hearts and calls us not only to stop violence, but to seek reconciliation. His reconciliation asks that we disempower memories of destruction and their hold over individuals and societies. Through this we can learn to approach difference with curiosity and compassion, rather than fear – and begin to flourish together in previously unthinkable ways.

This kind of reconciliation is incredibly rare. Sadly, we see conflicts and fragile coexistence all around our world. That is why in the 100 days before this Remembrance Sunday, we think especially of those caught up in conflict, and those who pray for peace against all odds and act with hope when there is little light to be seen.

We know that the God who gave his Son to bring us reconciliation hears their prayers; we ask him to stir our hearts to join them in being peacemakers who cross the borders and barriers, radical in our generosity and welcome.

*From 4 August let us mark 100 days with prayers for peace, hope and reconciliation.*

**This is the Archbishop of Canterbury's introduction to *100 Days of Peace and Hope* – 100 Bible readings, reflections and prayers to [download and use](#) from 4th August to 11th November.**



## **Newport Pagnell Parish Church**

### **Christmas Tree Festival 2018**

Following the success of last year's Christmas Tree Festival we have decided to repeat the event in 2018, in the Parish Church December 14-16<sup>th</sup>.

We want to encourage local groups, organisations and businesses to publicise themselves in a lively and fun way during the festive season.

There is no fee to contribute but you will need to provide your own real, artificial or home-made table-top tree, decorated in an imaginative way to represent either the members of your group or your particular activity. Any illuminated decorations need to be battery powered!

If you wish to register your definite interest, or simply want more information please contact me on the following email: [xmastreefestival@npparish.org.uk](mailto:xmastreefestival@npparish.org.uk)

Thank you!

Julie Eldridge

Newport Pagnell Methodist Church

## **Nativity Scenes Festival**

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

Newport Pagnell Methodist Church is planning to hold a Nativity Scenes Festival

This is the same weekend that the Parish Church is planning it's Christmas Tree Festival.

We would like to borrow your Nativity Scenes for this event. If your Nativity Scene has a special meaning i.e. bought on a favourite holiday, handed down through the family, made by someone special to you, we would like to highlight this.

Contact details and when to bring your Nativity Scene will be in the December Connections.





**Saturday,  
24<sup>th</sup> November  
from 10am**

**Annual Christmas Fair at St Peter & St Paul's Parish Church, Newport Pagnell.**

**Children's craft making and stalls selling cakes, gifts, books, crafts, Christmas stationery, raffle, tombola and more.**

**Refreshments served all day.**

**Mulled wine and carol singing inside the church after the town's Christmas Lights have been switched on.**





**Newport Pagnell  
Methodist Church**

**Come and join us on Remembrance  
Sunday when we remember the  
people lost during the wars.**

**This year commemorates 100 years  
since the end of the first World War.**

**We are planning a special service.**

**If you have any photographs or  
mementoes of the first World War you  
are welcome to bring them along to  
our service at :**

**10.30 on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018.**



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

**Christmas Concert**

Come and enjoy a Christmas Concert given by the U3A Choir  
on :

**Friday, 14th December**

**at 7.30pm in the URC, Newport Pagnell .**

Tickets available on from members of the Choir or Jennifer  
Mazzone (01908613088) at £8 each to include seasonal  
refreshments.

There will also be a raffle. Proceeds are to be divided  
between Hiekweni a Quaker project in Zambia and Little  
Lives, the Neo Natal unit at the hospital.

**We look forward to seeing you.**



## IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CALL THIS SERVICE...

For Newport Pagnell, please call one of the Emergency Help Scheme co-ordinators:

Alison on [01908 615131](tel:01908615131)

David on [01908 612816](tel:01908612816)

Jenny on [01908 616718](tel:01908616718)

For Milton Keynes, please call the Community Action Milton Keynes Community Car Service:

Heather or Sarah on [01908 670309](tel:01908670309)

If you would like to volunteer as a driver or telephone co-ordinator..

For Newport Pagnell, please call John Gordon :

on [01908 612060](tel:01908612060)

or email

[jandagordon@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jandagordon@yahoo.co.uk)



## The Emergency Help Scheme (Newport Pagnell)

The Scheme gives support to local people (usually elderly residents) needing emergency assistance with transport, primarily to clinical appointments.

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is for you to  
remove and keep for your information*

The EHS urgently needs new volunteer drivers, plus one new telephone co-ordinator.

Marigold Krause has recently retired as an EHS volunteer co-ordinator. The EHS committee would like to thank Marigold for all of her time and hard work arranging transport, and for preparing delicious cream teas at the recent EHS garden party.



**We now have a vacancy for a telephone co-ordinator.**

Please contact us (details on page 10) if you would like to know more about this rewarding voluntary home-based role.

**We need new volunteer drivers to join our small dedicated team of volunteer drivers.**



All you need is a car, a phone, a spirit of neighbourliness, and some time to spare.

Nearly all of our drives are during the working week,

and most are within Newport Pagnell or Milton Keynes. You set your own availability and distance, and are always free to accept or decline a request. All of our drivers are DBS checked, and we will arrange the paperwork with you, at no cost to yourself.

Passengers make a small pre-agreed contribution directly to the driver to cover fuel costs. Our drivers are required to ensure that they have adequate motor insurance to drive as a volunteer. (In our experience, insurers generally make no charge for this).

Please contact us if you would like more information.

**We are only able to offer transport for those who live in Newport Pagnell.** Occasionally we have requests from people who live in the surrounding area. Unfortunately we are unable to help those who are not resident in Newport Pagnell, but will put them in touch with other volunteer groups if we can. Passengers living within Milton Keynes might like to contact the CA:MK Community Car Service.

The EHS mostly covers local journeys to clinical appointments such as to the NP health centre and Milton Keynes Hospital, but we can arrange visits to hospitals within a 50-mile radius, which includes Oxford, Northampton and Stoke Mandeville. In the last year, the EHS co-ordinators dealt with about 400 requests for transport.

The Newport Pagnell scheme would welcome more drivers, so if you have any time to give during the day, we will be very pleased to hear from you. This is a rewarding and fun way to help and meet your neighbours. All of our drivers are DBS checked, and we will arrange and pay for the administration involved.

We also need one new co-ordinator, following Marigold's retirement.

**Recent events...**

In the summer of 2018 we held our annual general meeting and garden party at the home of Ralph and Jennifer Mazzone. We thank them for the use of their lovely garden. Thank you to all who attended, and to our volunteers for making it happen. A beautiful sunny day, delicious cream teas, and great company.

Thanks also to all of our volunteer drivers who willingly give up their time to take local residents to medical appointments throughout the year. And to the EHS committee, including officers, church representatives and co-ordinators, who manage the scheme.

Our chosen local good cause for 2017/18 was the Brooklands Centre. We recently made a donation of £114 to Brooklands, to support their valuable work with the elderly in the community.

Our good cause for 2018/19 is Winter Night Shelter Milton Keynes, which provides food and shelter for homeless people at 14 different locations, including Newport Pagnell Baptist Church. We will make our donation after next year's garden party and AGM