

New Year's Day services 2019

We shall follow our traditional pattern of a sequence of short services as we walk between our church buildings at the start of a New Year

St Lukes	10.00	Lord is Peace Jehovah Shalom	Judges 6: 24
St Bedes	10.40	Lord of Hosts Jehovah Sabaoth	1 Samuel 1: 3
Baptist	11.00	Lord our Righteousness Jehovah Tsidkenu	Jeremiah 23: 6
URC	11.20	Lord our Shepherd Jehovah Rohi	Psalms 23: 1
Parish	11.40	Lord who heals Jehovah Rapha	Exodus 15: 26
Methodist	12.00	Lord will provide	

CTNP President: Vacancy

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Connections

January 2019

Churches **TOGETHER** in Newport Pagnell

May God's richest blessings,
truest joys, constant love,
tender guidance, unfailing
protection and calming
peace be yours this coming
Year.
Happy New Year!

2019

Articles to the Editor, Robert Hayward
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Copy Deadline 20th 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



Minister's Letter

What's in a name?

Do you know anyone named Agnes? Baby names have fashions and Agnes was the third most popular girls name for 400 years before virtually disappearing, but now there is a comeback.

These trends can be historically tracked and in New Testament times we know which Jewish names were most popular in Israel, Egypt and Rome. They were different in each centre and changed over time then as now. We are indebted to the almost insanely detailed Academic work, "Lexicon of Jewish Names in Late Antiquity: Part I" (2003). Inadvertently this work shows that the New Testament authors get two things incredibly correct.

The frequency of popular names is accurate and the most common names have descriptors added to differentiate the individuals as the research demonstrates. So the various Simons are distinguished by the following markers:- Cephas, the Zealot, of Cyrene, the Tanner and the Leper. Whereas uncommon names like Thomas which do not need additional information, do not receive such. All this is part of the science of textual criticism that goes all the way back to the likes of Erasmus and his dictum "Back to the sources". So we find ourselves living in a more cynical age but able to verify in numerous ways the authenticity of the Gospel accounts as eye witness sourced. It would be impossible to get the level of subtle detail correct if written at distance physically or in time. Indeed later gospels never accepted by the church fail these tests spectacularly.

For a fascinating lecture on such I commend any of the works of Amy Orr-Ewing and in particular her talk "can I trust the bible" (which is available online). You may find in the process that you are challenged or encouraged to read again the Gospel accounts. I love the thought that when I read these narratives I have the privilege of looking through the eyes of those who saw them unfold in front of them.

Jack Walker

Minister Newport Pagnell Baptist Church



CTNP Editor Job Actions



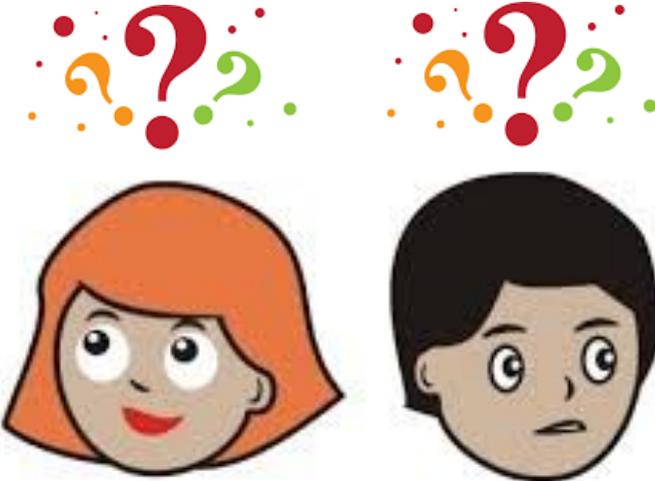
The person who accepts the task will:

- Monthly ensure a suitable master is produced from supplied event content with some researching or requesting further information.
- Be able to access the internet to receive and send e-mail and data.
- Maintain a list of all Ministers who are willing to write a Minister's letter and remind them at the end of the previous month and again usually a week before the required Phonebox publication date of 16th of the month prior to issue.
- Requesting the provision, and ensuring the supply, of the monthly Ministers Letter which will also be sent to the editor of the Phonebox Magazine for publication.
- Not all event details include a poster or eye catching copy so the ability to use a publishing programme would be preferred to produce relevant improved information details for inclusion in the magazine.
- Supply of the magazine in a PDF format to all CTNP Church Contacts every month where possible to ensure photocopy and distribution on the last Sunday of the previous Month.

The current Editor will supply the applicant all relevant materials and layout masters plus historic copies of the magazine since taking it on in April 2017 and any other help required.

CTNP Vacancy

Could it be You ?



The current Editor of CTNP Connections is no longer worshipping in Newport Pagnell so it is necessary to find a new Editor to produce and distribute (electronically) each month the Connections Magazine.

If you are interested please contact:

Neville Watson : nevillefromnp@gmail.com

(For the Scope of the job please see page 7)



Hall and Facilities to Hire

Portfields Primary School are delighted to be able to offer a hall, newly fitted kitchen and toilet facilities available for hire.

If you are looking for that special place for a child's birthday party, christening, family gathering or club then our hall could be the perfect space.

The hall measures approximately 15 metres by 12 metres.

The hall and facilities can be hired in the evenings or over the weekend.

Attractive hire rates are offered:

Monday to Friday

£20 per hour or part thereof for the hall only or £25.00 per hour or part thereof for the hall, kitchen and toilets.

Weekends

£25.00 per hour or part thereof for the hall only or £30.00 per hour or part thereof for the hall, kitchen and toilets.

Tables and chairs may be hired at additional cost.

Gated parking for up to 30 cars is included.

Hire is available in and out of school term times.

Block bookings of three months or more come with a reduced hourly rate to those shown above, details can be provided upon request.

Please telephone the school on 01908 616060 or email

admin@portfields.org for further information or to arrange a viewing.

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Prices effective from September 2018

**HAPPY
NEW YEAR
2019**

Newport Pagnell Methodist Church



*Teapot &
Sing*

Meeting on

Monday 14th January 2019

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



**TREASURER FOR NEWPORT
PAGNELL SINGERS
COULD IT BE YOU?**

The Singers are urgently seeking to appoint a successor to their current treasurer who will be leaving after the AGM in January 2019.

We need somebody with sound basic accounting skills who would enjoy supporting our friendly and successful community choir. We perform regularly in Newport and donate significant amounts to our charity of the year, which in 2017 was the Mead Community Centre and this year is Willen Hospice.

The post offers a small honorarium and our current treasurer would work with his successor to ensure a smooth handover.

If you this interests you please contact Pat Kearsley for more information on:

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