

Newport Pagnell Methodist Church



Teapot and Sing

*Meeting on
Monday 8th April 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



CTNP President: Vacancy

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Connections

April 2019

Churches **TOGETHER** in Newport Pagnell

April Showers bring forth May Flowers



*Genesis 1:31:
Then God saw everything that
He had made,
and indeed it was very good.*

Articles to the Editor, Robert Hayward
rghayward@btinternet.com

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

Did you know ... ?

If you visit the centre of Newport Pagnell fairly early on Sunday morning, let's say between 8.30am and 9.00am, you will find a number of people heading for St. Bede's, the Catholic Church in the town. The red brick building is situated at the lower end of the High Street opposite the newsagent. It is not immediately recognisable as a church, because it was built long before the Diocese of Northampton bought it in 1953 and was used for different purposes up to then.

You may on your walk also see a priest arriving to celebrate Mass at 9.00am. In fact, it is often a different priest every Sunday, because St. Bede's is part of a cluster of churches that is served by four priests. Our parish priest, who is in charge of the cluster, is Father Francis Higgins. He actually grew up in Milton Keynes, as his family came to Milton Keynes, because his father helped to build the shopping centre and then other buildings in MK. Since becoming a priest he has spent most of his time in parishes in Buckinghamshire and Bedfordshire.

We also have three assistant priests, two of them are from overseas. Father Lijo Payikkattu comes from Southern India. He is a member of a religious order and has now been in England for about three years. Father Pius Amoako is from Ghana, though he trained for the priesthood in a seminary in England and has been here since the early 2000s. And the third of the assistant priests, Father Brendan Seery, as a Luton man is comparatively local, while his parents come from Dublin.

Needless to say that the people who head for Mass on Sunday mornings in Newport Pagnell are very grateful to God for sending us such lovely priests, each with their distinct personalities and special gifts.

Klaus Reidel
Deacon—St. Bede's Catholic 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

URGENT



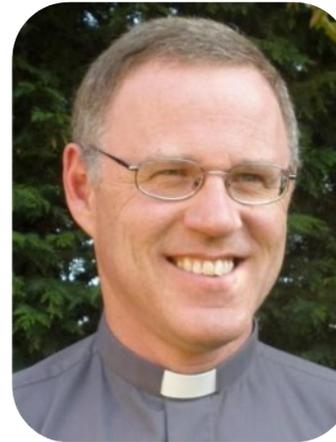
The current Editor of CTNP Connections is no longer worshipping in Newport Pagnell so it is necessary to find a new Editor to produce and distribute (electronically) each month the Connections Magazine.

If you are interested please contact:

Neville Watson : nevillefromnp@gmail.com

(For the scope of the Job –See Page 11)

The Priests of the Milton Keynes Cluster of Catholic Churches



Father Francis Higgins,
Parish Priest



Father Lijo Payikkattu,
Assistant Priest



Fr. Pius Amoaka,
Assistant Priest



Father Brendan Seery,
Assistant Priest

CTNP EASTER EVENTS



The traditional Walk of Witness will take place on:

Good Friday, April 19th.

We shall gather outside Boots' at 11.45 am and process in silence to the Parish Church for a short United Service, starting at noon.

Easter Saturday, 20th April

We shall again distribute biscuits with an Easter message to passers-by in the High Street, from a base at the Methodist Church.

We'll be grateful for people to provide lots of heart-shaped home-baked biscuits, no larger than a digestive, please, and to help with the distribution. Please bring biscuits to the Methodist Church between 9.30 and 10.00. The distribution will take place between 10.00 and 11.30.



Do you want CTNP Connections to Continue?

The current Editor Robert's final edition of Connections will be May 2019 and a new editor is still required.

(For more information see pages 10 & 11)





CTNP—Lent Films

The final two films in the series of films with an Easter message will be shown as follows.



“Life of Brian” will be at the United Reformed Church at 2.00 pm on **Monday 25th March**

and

at the Baptist Church at 7.30 pm on **Thursday 28th March.**

“Son of God” will be at 2.00 pm on **Monday 1st April**

and at 7.30 pm on

Thursday 4th April,

both screenings at the URC.



In the following week, there will be a general discussion and reflection on the series of films, at 2.00 pm on

Monday 8th April

and 7.30 pm on

Thursday 11th April,

both meetings will be at the URC.



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



2019

Come to the Lent Lunches every Friday from:

March 8th to April 12th

In the United Reformed Church Hall, Newport Pagnell from 12.00 to 1.15. Enjoy delicious home made soup, a variety of bread, rolls and cheeses. £4.00.

All profits go to Christian Aid.

For information please contact:

Jennifer Mazzone

On : 01908 613088



Urgent - The Newport Pagnell Emergency Help Scheme needs volunteers

The Newport Pagnell Churches Together Emergency Help Scheme (EHS) gives support to Newport Pagnell folk (usually elderly residents) needing assistance with transport, mainly to clinical appointments.

We urgently need new volunteer drivers and a new telephone co-ordinator

We need new volunteer drivers. All you need is a car, a phone, and a little time to spare. Our passengers are Newport Pagnell residents, usually older folk attending medical appointments, who do not have access to their own transport. Nearly all our journeys are within Newport Pagnell or Milton Keynes. Drivers choose their own availability and travel distance, and are always free to accept or decline a request. All 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. Please contact us if you would like to offer your help or find out more

We also need one new telephone co-ordinator. Our co-ordinators work from home, using their phone, or optionally email, to arrange journeys for passengers. Passengers telephone one of the co-ordinators to request a lift, the co-ordinator arranges this by phone or email with one of the drivers, and puts passenger and driver in touch with one another. They are reimbursed for the cost of their phone calls. Please contact us for more information.

If you would like to volunteer as a driver or telephone co-ordinator, please call John Gordon on 01908 612060 or email jandagordon@yahoo.co.uk

If you live in Newport Pagnell and would like to ask about using the EHS service, please call one of the Emergency Help Scheme co-ordinators:

Jenny on 01908 616718

Alison on 01908 615131

David on 01908 612816

