

Newport Pagnell Methodist Church



Teapot and Sing

Meeting on
Monday 13th May 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



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Churches **TOGETHER** in Newport Pagnell



Articles to the Editor, Neville Watson
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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

Easter Reflection

May- a time of caution ('ne'er cast a clout 'til May is out' apparently meaning do not ditch the vest until early June, I was taught as a child!) and Star Wars Day (May the 4th...), a month of two Bank Holidays and also 'Clean up your room' day (May 10th)! A month that has no real time of celebration in the church (we come from Easter in April this year and Pentecost is 9th June).

As you can imagine, being a minister who serves two churches, life can get busy for me around festivals and significant dates in the church calendar. So I quite like the months like May that give us a chance to just 'be'. A chance to be faithful without too many demands- and at such times I believe it is good to stop and reflect.

What is it life is about?
What matters in our lives?
Who matters?
What things are important? And...why?

As humanity we often feel the need to fill our days, to provide our children with never ending stimuli and challenge, to keep busy and productive. But actually we are all human 'beings' and so stopping and just reflecting is a vital part of who we are and in that time of reflecting we can ask ourselves such questions as above.

For me we are all alive so we can seek to become the best versions of ourselves (in comparison with ourselves NOT others) and to live in ways that build up society, bring the kingdom values (such as love, joy, peace, and hope) and have a lasting effect; and for me I find strength and encouragement to do that through my Christian faith.



My thanks to all those who have helped and supported me during my 2 year tenure as Editor of CTNP Connections.



I wish you all every Blessing .

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

FREE

INTERACTIVE EXHIBITION

based on

SPEAKING WITH GOD

An opportunity to take time out in a calm and peaceful environment to think about situations we face, reflect on our feelings and consider our own values and beliefs. There will be six differently themed areas with activities for both adults and children.

Drop in any time between

10am and 4pm

Thursday 30th May - Sunday 2nd June*

St Peter and St Paul Church

High Street, Newport Pagnell, MK16 8AR



Refreshments
available

*Sunday open at 11am



We are all able to change the world responding to whatever driver helps us to achieve this. How we wield that power is so important as we live in community with others and our actions and words have effects beyond our imaginings.

This month of May, let us stop and smell the flowers, pause and give thanks for the good things, hold before God the things that trouble us and believe we are loved and precious and we really matter, then let us step out and share the love.

If you want more help doing any of this- the local churches are open and welcoming and can help you on your journey!

Blessings,

Jenny Mills

Minister of Newport Pagnell United Reformed Church
and West End United Church, Wolverton
Convenor of URC Children and Youth Work Committee



Want to help your community?



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
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Contact Neville Watson
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