

CTNP

Churches *Together*
in Newport Pagnell

Many Churches One Purpose

The Churches of Newport Pagnell

*St Bede's Catholic Church,
Church of England Parish Church (St Peter & St Paul)
(including St Lukes, Lathbury & Moulsoe),
Newport Pagnell Baptist Church (NPBC),
United Reformed Church (URC),
Methodist Church,
The Calvary Chinese Christian Church*

also
check **CONTACTS** for video and Zoom sessions

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IF you need
someone
to talk to,
or pray with



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out one of the
local churches
in
Newport Pagnell?

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Connections

August 2020

Churches **TOGETHER** in Newport Pagnell

**When you meet another life,
how much do you value them?**

Remember Covid-19
precautions

HOW WE REACT, depends on both immediate conscious thoughts, mindset, and the influence of social institutions. Institutional bias and prejudice is part of this, and a present active campaign like **BLACK LIVES MATTER** reminds us that this runs deep in the UK too. And also poses for us the question, personally, of what value we place on the different marginal and minority groups, whether ethnic or defined in other ways.

For the example of a lady who could accept pastoral help from a non-white, but couldn't even imagine that that same person could possibly be an ordained minister of the Christian Church, see the book, 'Ghost Ship: Institutional racism and the Church of England' by Father Azariah France-Williams (also *Guardian*, 4 Jly 2020/Harriet Sherwood).

Jesus gave the Good Samaritan parable answer to 'Who is my neighbour?' and in the Hebrew Bible there is the reminder never to forget to care for the widow, the alien, the foreigner (the despised out-groups).

...What is your scale of value for others?

Articles of all sorts to the Editor nevillefromnp@gmail.com

Copy Deadline 20th of each Month

Notices for activities at least a month before they will happen

Regularly check for events and activities and find the *Connections* archive at

www.ctnp.org.uk

Minister's Letter

Change and the next stage in my journey

HELLO! I HAVE BEEN PART OF THE TEAM WRITING THESE letters for nearly twelve years. As minister at Newport Pagnell URC (United Reformed Church) I have enjoyed being able to share my thinking, reflections and faith with people in the local community. When people begin letters with such words, it is inevitable that they are going to say that change is ahead...and so it is!

From 1st October I am going to be the Secretary for Education and Learning for the United Reformed Church at Church House, London. This role brings together my previous experiences of being a teacher and serving as a minister. It is something that I am looking forward to beginning. But also change always brings with it a sense of loss, and I will miss all that ministry has brought me and blessed me with, in Newport Pagnell.

Initially Newport Pagnell URC will be in vacancy as they work out what ministry is needed now. This is particularly in the light of the Mead Centre project that has emanated from the life of the church and its desire to offer an inclusive and welcoming space in the town. As has become even clearer during lockdown, the church is the people, and they will all still continue to live out the love of God through the life and work of the church community.

No-longer coming this August,
but now planned for next August (2021)

CTNP Holiday Club

regretfully

cancelled for this year

because of

Covid-19 related uncertainties

details of summer online club alternatives
will be posted on www.ctnp.org.uk

Next Year

(Covid-19 conditions permitting)

planned for 9th-12th August 2021

Lovat Hall,
Newport Pagnell Baptist Church



The Newport Pagnell Emergency Help
Scheme (EHS)

**currently
SUSPENDED
because of Covid-19/Coronavirus**

it is impossible
to maintain safe distancing
in a car

Time is running out...

...to find an editor

to continue the production
of this monthly CTNP newsletter
Connections.

**If you would like
to see the publication of this newsletter continue**

Please Contact

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May I end by saying a massive 'thank you' to everyone I have served alongside, journeyed with, and been challenged, helped and blessed by. In the Bible, travelling, moving on, journeying to new places, is a theme that runs from beginning to end—so I am following in the footsteps of faithful people through the ages. I look forward to what this next stage of my journey will bring, and will take with me precious memories of all I have experienced in my role for the past twelve years.

Blessings,

Jenny Mills

*Minister of Newport Pagnell United Reformed Church
And West End United Church, Wolverton.*





If you would like to

- ◆ contribute a short article of comment or testimony
- ◆ join in discussions about how to communicate about CTNP

Contact Neville Watson

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Newport Pagnell Covid-19 Response Group

Local volunteers helping Newport Pagnell residents

Newport Pagnell Covid-19 Response Group is an umbrella group of around 60 local volunteers who are helping the elderly, vulnerable and isolated in Newport Pagnell during the current pandemic emergency.

Operating in clusters, on a street-by-street basis across the town, to bring together volunteers, the medical centre, pharmacies, the town council, local churches and the Newport Pagnell General Chit-Chat Facebook group, to help the community during the pandemic.

- ◆ **WEBSITE** www.npcovid19.org
- ◆ **TO VOLUNTEER**—join the Facebook group, contact the Town Council on 01908 618756, or email npreponse@hotmail.com
- ◆ **TO ASK FOR HELP**—see the flyer here on page-5, or one may have already been pushed through your letter-box
- ◆  find the group at [Newport Pagnell Covid-19 Response](#)

Covid-19/Coronavirus—a short reminder

(to complement anything else you may have heard)

- ◆ **Minimise touching** surfaces, and never the face (virus lifetime on aluminium and plastic more than 1 day)
- ◆ Keep your **distance**
- ◆ Thorough **washing hands** with soap
- ◆ Wear a **mask**, when inside with others, or in groups
- ◆ Beware of **asymptomatic carriers** (only a test will show this)
- ◆ Listen to medical experts

IF YOU ARE SELF-ISOLATING, WE CAN HELP



NEWPORT PAGNELL COVID-19 RESPONSE

LOCAL VOLUNTEERS HELPING NEWPORT PAGNELL RESIDENTS



My name is

My phone number is

or contact me via email at nresponse@hotmail.com

If you are self-isolating due to COVID-19, I can help you.

Collecting and delivering your shopping
A friendly phone call | posting mail
Other urgent requests

I will do my best to help you (for free!) - just ask.

Coronavirus is contagious. We will avoid physical contact (2m distance).
We will always show you a volunteer card. If you want to verify our official
status, please call the Newport Pagnell Town Council office on 01908 618756,
or find us on Facebook - **Newport Pagnell Covid-19 Response Group**

IF YOU DON'T NEED HELP, CAN YOU VOLUNTEER?

You can do this by joining the Facebook group, calling the Town Council
office on 01908 618756 or emailing us at nresponse@hotmail.com

We take your privacy seriously. Your information will be kept secure. It will NOT be used for anything other than the Newport Pagnell COVID-19 response and will NOT be shared with third parties. At the end of the emergency all details will be erased.

Please wash your hands after reading this leaflet

CTNP FORUM

the annual public meeting of Churches Together in Newport Pagnell



This event had been planned for 18h June, but in the light of the lockdown, it is currently scheduled for

Thursday 15th October, 7.30pm

at the Newport Pagnell Methodist Church (on the High Street)

Newport Pagnell Methodist Church



*Teapot
and Sing*

SUSPENDED

Until further notice

Because of Covid-19/Coronavirus

Giant games

available from

Linda & Geoff Morris

Telephone: 01908 617050



Snakes & ladders



Connect4



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- * Free for church events
- * A small donation requested for private events
- * No charge, if without income during lockdown

FOOD BANK XTRA — FOOD BANK XTRA

New collection for Food Bank donations in front of the URC, or a pick-up can be arranged .

Find details at <https://www.npcovid19.org/>