

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

WEDNESDAY, 1st FEBRUARY: Memory Cafe from 10am to 12 noon in the foyer of Westbury Grange on the first Wednesday of each month. For more information please contact Westbury Grange on 01908 210332.

SUNDAY, 5th FEBRUARY: Pulpit swap in Newport Pagnell churches.

MONDAY, 13th FEBRUARY, 8pm: Holiday Club planning meeting at Lovat Hall.

SATURDAY, 18th FEBRUARY, 8.30-10.30am: Monthly 'Ladies breakfast' at Frosts Garden Centre.

SATURDAY, 25th FEBRUARY, 10am to 12.30pm: Exploring Healing at St Luke's Church, Wolverton Road.

WEDNESDAY, 1st MARCH: Memory Café (see above)

FRIDAY, 3rd MARCH, 2pm at St Bedes: Service for Women's World Day of Prayer.

MONDAY, 13th MARCH, 8pm: Holiday Club planning meeting at Lovat Hall.

SATURDAY, 18th MARCH, 8.30-10.30am: Monthly 'Ladies breakfast' at Frosts Garden Centre.

DATES OF LENT COURSES AND LUNCHEAS ARE INSIDE.

For up-to-date information on events and activities check our website regularly at

www.ctnp.org.uk

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CONNECTIONS

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"And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd."
[John 10: 16]

EXPLORING HEALING

With Rev Nick Evans

Next meeting

SATURDAY, 25th FEBRUARY

10am to 12.30pm

at St Luke's Church, Wolverton Road

ALL WELCOME

- ❖ Prayer and worship with short Bible study
- ❖ Time for practice and fellowship,
- ❖ Discussion on how to take this forward.

For more information look under 'About Healing' on our website www.ctnp.org.uk

Articles to the Editor, Beth MacKay

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LETTER FROM A MINISTER

As I write this letter there is much in the news: that today is Blue Monday (the supposed most depressing day of the year), the Brexit news and associated anxieties, the fact Donald Trump is due to be inaugurated (and all that brings with it and makes us feel!), there is also news about the Northern Irish Assembly, the Tunisian shootings and the ice cracking in Antarctica.

Some people I know have chosen to stop listening to the news as it so upsets them. It seems each day that we hear of so many things that sadden, worry or concern us. What do we do in order to keep things in perspective yet also live as human beings who care for the world and for humanity and seek to tackle injustices and work for the good?

Well, we begin with where we find ourselves. We begin by being the change we want to see in the world. If we want to see peace then we seek to find and bring peace in our own lives for a start; we live love; we share hope; we bring joy; we start small and trust that the ripples move outwards. This is the good news of the Gospel brought in Christ which is for all. As we face an unsure year, we do so encouraged to be the love of God to those we meet and then watch this love grow and flourish and spread.

*Rev Jenny Mills,
United Reformed Church*

LENT COURSE CHURCHES TOGETHER,

**Wednesday afternoons, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th March,
2.30pm – 4pm at Lovat Hall (Baptist Church) in Newport
Pagnell**

**Friday evenings, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st March,
7.30pm – 9pm at the United Reformed Church in Newport
Pagnell**

The purpose of the meetings is for the various CTNP congregations to meet together during Lent, to study together and learn from one another.

Come to one Wednesday afternoon or Friday evening meeting each week.

Last year these meetings were based around films, this year they will be based around works of art. Each week the topic will be different.



LENT LUNCHESES

Every Friday from **3rd March to 7th April**
at the United Reformed Church Hall
from 12 noon to 1.15pm.

Enjoy delicious homemade soup with a variety of bread, rolls
and cheeses for only £4.00.
All profits go to Christian Aid.

For more information please contact Jennifer Mazzone 01908
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WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is traditionally observed from the 18th to the 25th January – the octave of St. Peter and St. Paul. However, some areas observe it at Pentecost or some other time.

This year in Newport Pagnell the churches of the town are once again organising a preaching swap instead of having a single united service. For organisational reasons this will take place on **Sunday, 5 February**.

*Loving God,
in Christ you freed us for a life
that goes beyond ourselves.
Shaped and moulded by your Spirit,
enable us truly to become
sisters and brothers in Jesus Christ our
Lord,
now and forever. Amen.*

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Women's World Day of Prayer is a worldwide movement of Christian women who come together to observe a common day of prayer held on the first Friday in March each year. This year's service will take place on Friday, 3rd March at 2pm at St Bede's and has been prepared by the women of the Philippines. Everyone is welcome – not just women.



**at Frosts Garden Centre
8.30am – 10.30am
Dates for 2017**

18 th February	Eileen Shaunessy and her team from London
18 th March	Fiona Castle
22 nd April Wavendon	Alise Trendall from St. Mary's Church
20 th May	Linda Washington
17 th June	Mary Cotes
15 th July	Linda Morris – Street Pastor
16 th September	Clare Amis
21 st October	to be confirmed
11 th November	to be confirmed

Tickets £5.75 available from Fay 01908 282423 or

Chris 01908 583922 or email: jclangford@btinternet.com

HOLIDAY CLUB 2017

PLANNING MEETINGS

This year's Holiday Club will take place the week of 14th to 18th August and, as always, there is lots of preparation and planning that needs to be done in the months leading up to that.

To start the ball rolling, planning meetings have been arranged for **Monday, 13th February and Monday, 13th March, both at Lovat Hall from 8pm to 9.30pm.**

If you would like to help with this fun-filled holiday club for infant and junior school-aged children, do come along to the planning meetings if you can. More information and volunteer forms will be available over the next few months.

Keep an eye on the 'Holiday Club' section of our website at www.ctnp.org.uk.

GIANT GAMES

The CTNP giant games are available all year round to anyone wishing to borrow them for birthdays, anniversaries etc. The games include Snakes and Ladders, Connect 4 and Jenga.

A small donation to CTNP funds is requested for a private party, but there is no charge for church events.

To request the games please contact Linda or Geoff Morris on 01908 617050.