

NPBC DIARY

WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 3rd DECEMBER 2023

SUNDAY

10.00am Pre- Service Prayers
10.30am One Big Family Service
12.30pm Set Up Team Training
6.00pm Hungry For Worship
6.45 pm Baseline

MONDAY

9.45am Parent and Toddlers
6.15pm Boys Brigade – Anchors and Juniors
7.45pm Pastoral Team Meeting
7.45pm Worship Leads Meeting
8.00pm Building Development Group

TUESDAY

7.00pm Winter Night Shelter

WEDNESDAY

12.30pm Your Kingdom Come – Lunchtime Prayers
8.00pm Evening Prayers

THURSDAY

6.30pm Girls Brigade n:vestigate and n:gage
7.45pm Boys Brigade – Company and Seniors
8.00pm Girls Brigade Seniors and Brigaders

FRIDAY

9.45am MOPS Alpha

SUNDAY

10.00am Pre- Service Prayers
10.30am Single Service including Church Family Meeting
4.00pm Food For Thought
6.45 pm Baseline

LIFE@NP BAPTIST CHURCH

3rd DECEMBER 2023

THIS WEEK

10.30am One Big Family Service exploring the Gospel of Matthew for the start of the Advent series “The Greatest Gift – The Coming King” from Matthew 21:1-11
10.30am Church Online
6.45pm Baseline

NEXT WEEK

10.30am Single Service exploring the Gospel of Matthew and continuing the Advent series “The Greatest Gift” The service includes the Church Family Meeting
10.30am Church Online
6.45pm Baseline

To help make your visit to NPBC more enjoyable.

People with hearing aids can use our loop system.
Quiet play bags are available for very small children. Please ask a steward.
A crèche is available during the 11.00 service.
For our communion services, we use gluten-free, vegan bread and alcohol-free wine.

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living out God's love

FAMILY NEWS

"I will extol the Lord at all times; his praise will always be on my lips...
I sought the Lord, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears.
Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame.
Psalm 34:1,4-5 NIV

Give thanks for those who have recently had successful procedures and pray for continued recovery and healing: Karl J; Chris J; Paul (Bren's son); Karen D; Hilary; Honor.

We pray for those who are undergoing tests or waiting for procedures, for God's peace and healing.

Pray healing and strength for those recovering from cancer treatment: Kevin Y; Jim F; Paul T; John R who also has a broken shin bone; and for those with other health problems: Maria's mum; Fiona H's dad; Colin B's mum; Debbie P.

Pray healing for those suffering with Covid or shingles.

We pray for God's special loving comfort and strength for all who have been bereaved, especially Maria's brother's family.

Remember in prayer those who are housebound, those caring for loved ones and those going through particularly difficult times.

Pray for those who are homeless and for all involved in bringing help to them through the Winter Night Shelter.

We continue to pray for an end to fighting in war-torn countries, for release of all hostages, relief to those who are suffering, for effective peace-making at an international level.

As a church family we seek God's heart and clear guidance for the future, particularly regarding the Building Development Project.

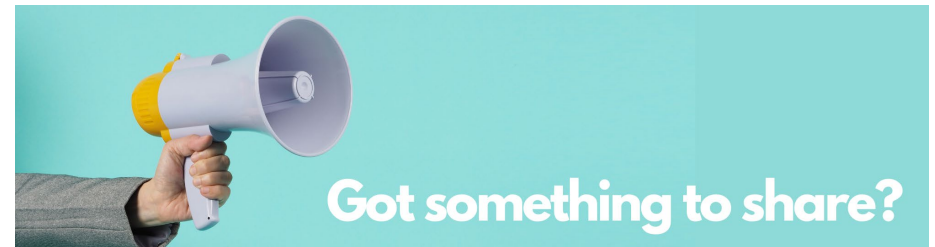
'Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise. Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near. Hebrews 10: 23-25 NLT

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We are so excited to be hosting Christmas Cracked again this year, bringing primary school children from across Newport Pagnell to come and learn about the real meaning of Christmas.

There are number of opportunities to help in the sessions on Wednesday 13th and 20th December, so if you would like to find out more and get involved please contact Peter at peter.young@npbc.org.uk



Do you have an event you're running for the church that needs to be publicised to the wider church family?

If you do, you'll want to take advantage of the newly developed process which enables us to plan and effectively communicate to our church family. All you need to do is follow the steps below:

1. Fill out this **form**.
2. We will get back to you with confirmation and any additional information we may need.
3. Our communication team will design and schedule the appropriate coms for your event. Our administration team will set any payments or sign-up forms that are required.

Please give plenty of notice before your event. If you have any questions or not sure if your event is aligned with the church, please contact communications@npbc.org.uk.

This form will be available at the bottom of every weekly email, allowing you to fill it out whenever you have an event you want to promote.

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A reminder for anyone in the Sunday morning set-up team, that there is a training session scheduled for 3 December after church, starting at approximately 12.30pm.

We are grateful to all those who volunteer to be part of this team. You are a vital part of a Sunday mornings, and we're keen to support you in the role through this training.



We are excited to be hosting Christmas Cracked again this year, bringing primary school children from across Newport Pagnell to come and learn about the real meaning of Christmas.

Every year the church gives each child a Christmas chocolate, they will be given Maltesers reindeer this year. If you would like to donate some you can pick some up whilst out shopping here are a few links for [Poundland](#) and [Tesco](#).

Please drop off any donations at the church office by Monday 11 December. Any spares will be used with our own children and youth groups.



If you've made it this point, it might be Christmas already :) We'll have lots of information coming out in the next few days, but for now, here are some key December dates for your diaries.

Sunday 10th @ 4.00pm - Christmas Food4Thought
Saturday 16th @ 10.00am - Nativity on the High Street
Thursday 21st @ 7.45pm - Beer & Carols @ Newport Pagnell Town FC
Friday 22nd @ 5.00pm - Family Carol Service
Sunday 24th @ 10.30am - One Big Family Nativity Service
Monday 25th @ 10.30am - Christmas Day Celebration
Sunday 31st @ 8.00pm - Family New Year's Eve Party

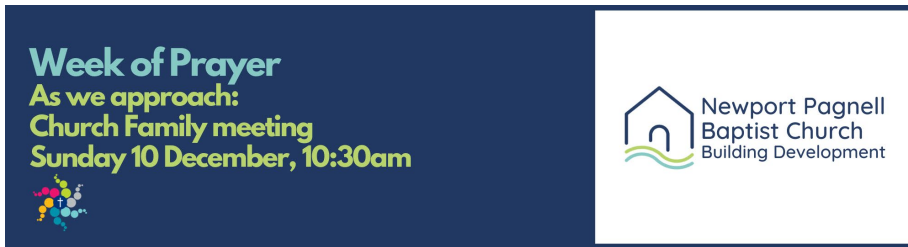
Loads of opportunities here for us to invite family, friends and neighbours to celebrate Christmas with us. In the meantime, as half term begins, we look forward to seeing many of you on Sunday and will be praying for safe travels and a good rest for all of those taking some time out.



We're always excited for these special times of worship in the chapel, where everyone is invited to join us as we sing, pray and listen for God's voice together.

As we start the week of prayer, we will be joining in communion together.

Alex, Steve and Emma will be leading this month - we'd love you to be part of it.



Week of Prayer
 As we approach:
Church Family meeting
Sunday 10 December, 10:30am

Newport Pagnell
 Baptist Church
 Building Development

This Sunday, we begin our week of prayer ahead of decision we will be making on Sunday 10 December. While our church is definitely more about people than buildings, this building is our home and the place we get to meet and invite others into. So, seeking God's heart for how He would have us both use it and improve it, is vital.

We want to ensure the week has moments that purposefully draw us together and also space to pray at home.

Everyday

Daily Email: around 8.00am, we will send an email providing prayer points and a key scripture to focus on.

Prayer in the chapel: the chapel will be open from 12.00 - 1.00pm each day, with a time of led prayer from 12:30 – 1.00pm. We'll also have prayer stations to aid prayer.

Sunday 3 December:

Extended pre-service prayers from 9.00am.

Hungry for worship 6.00-7:30pm including communion.

Wednesday 6 December:

Day of Prayer and Fasting (details to follow)

Sunday 10 December:

Extended pre-service prayers from 9.00am.

We'd love you to join us in prioritising this opportunity to pray and seek God together.



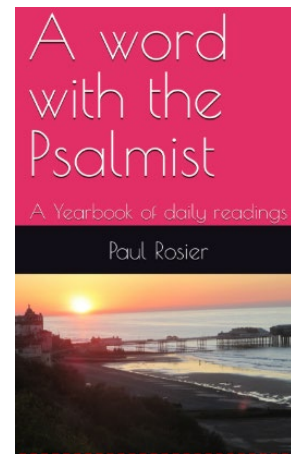
The Greatest Gift

NATIVITY ON THE HIGH STREET

We are excited to be part of Nativity on the High Street again this year on the 16 December, 9:30-11:30am, as we help children and families search through the town looking for the nativity.

There are a number of opportunities to help and get involved, so if you would like to find out more, please contact Peter at peter.young@npbc.org.uk

A WORD WITH THE PSALMIST



“A word with the Psalmist” is the latest offering from our former minister Paul Rosier and is a companion volume to his earlier “A word with Jesus”. Both books are Yearbooks of daily readings providing daily reflections on key words and phrases along with a pithy comment and questions for personal or group reflection and discussion.

The book of Psalms is one of the most popular – and popularly misunderstood – books of the Bible. It would be a mistake to regard the psalms as ‘the bible’s hymnbook’, for it is the collection of thoughts, reflections and responses of an array of writers seeking God in their troubles and triumphs. In this volume, Paul takes us on a journey of discovery to the heart of God for all who seek him in the turbulence of life. Published by Amazon in paperback, it is available at £12 per copy online.