

## NPBC DIARY

WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2023

### SUNDAY

- 9.00am **Pre- Service Prayers**  
10.30am **Single Service including Church Family Meeting**  
4.00pm **Food For Thought**  
6.45 pm **Baseline**

### MONDAY

- 9.45am **Parent and Toddlers**  
6.15pm **Boys Brigade – Anchors and Juniors**  
8.00pm **Elders Meeting**

### TUESDAY

- 7.00pm **Winter Night Shelter**

### WEDNESDAY

- 9.00am **Christmas Cracked**  
12.30pm **Your Kingdom Come – Lunchtime Prayers**  
1.00pm **Christmas Cracked**

### 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**

### SATURDAY

- 10.00am **Nativity On The High Street**

### SUNDAY

- 9.00am **Pre- Service Prayers**  
9.30am **Early More Reflective Communion Service**  
11.00am **Later Communion Service For All The Family**  
6.30 pm **Baseline Christmas Party**

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10<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2023

## THIS WEEK

- 10.30am Single Service exploring the Gospel of Matthew and continuing the Advent series “The Greatest Gift” with Emmanuel-God With Us  
The service includes the Church Family Meeting.  
10.30am Church Online  
6.45pm Baseline

## NEXT WEEK

- 9.30am Early more Reflective Communion 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  
11.00am Later Communion Service for all the family exploring the Gospel of Matthew and continuing the Advent series “The Greatest Gift”  
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.



living out God's love

## FAMILY NEWS

Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, "I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life." John 8:12 NLT

Please pray for friends in hospital: Dick P and Gladys T, who are both very poorly. Dick's family are very grateful for our prayer support but have asked for no calls or visits at the moment.

Also in hospital - pray for Jim W who has pneumonia and John R who has a broken shin bone and is hoping to be able to go home soon.

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

We pray for those who are undergoing tests, in pain 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. Also pray for those with other health problems: Maria's mum; Colin B's mum; Fiona H's dad – thanking God that he is now home.

We pray for God's special loving comfort and strength for all who have been bereaved.

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.

Pray for 'Christmas Cracked' sessions on Wed 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, when we have the opportunity to share with local schoolchildren about the Good News of Jesus' birth.

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

"The people who walk in darkness will see a great light. For those who live in a land of deep darkness, a light will shine... For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."  
Isaiah 9:2,6



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.



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](mailto:peter.young@npbc.org.uk)



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.