

## NPBC DIARY

WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2023

### 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**

### MONDAY

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

### TUESDAY

- 7.00pm **Winter Night Shelter**

### WEDNESDAY

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

### THURSDAY

- 7.45pm **Beer And Carols At The Football Club**

### FRIDAY

- 6.00pm **Family Carol Service**

### SUNDAY

- 10.00am **Pre- Service Prayers**  
10.30am **One Big Family Nativity Service**

# LIFE@NP BAPTIST CHURCH

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### THIS WEEK

- 9.30am Early more Reflective Communion Service continuing the Advent series "The Greatest Gift" looking at the story of Elizabeth and the birth of John the Baptist from Luke 1:5-24  
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" looking at the story of Elizabeth and the birth of John the Baptist from Luke 1:5-24  
6.30pm Baseline Christmas Party

### NEXT WEEK

- 10.30am One Big Family Nativity Service continuing the Advent series "The Greatest Gift"  
10.30am Church Online

#### 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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## FAMILY NEWS

“But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.” Luke 2:10-11

We pray for God’s special loving comfort and strength for all who have been bereaved, especially Dick’s wife and their family. Dick has been a much loved and valuable member of the church family and a key member of the Building Development Team, who will be greatly missed but is now with the Saviour whom he loved and served.

Pray too for Siobhan D and family as they mourn her Mum’s passing. May they know God’s love, comfort and encouragement.

Please pray for friends in hospital: Gladys T, who is very poorly; Jim W and John R who both have pneumonia.

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

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.

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 the ‘Christmas Cracked’ session on Wed 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 thank God for the positive vote affirming the Building Development Project and pray as Steve said that, “We will continue to remain rooted in him, and follow the path he has set for NPBC. We must also begin to pray and consider the role that God would have all of us play in committing to, praying for, and giving to the project. There is still a long road ahead, but we step out in His name and for His glory.”

“How precious is your unfailing love, O God! All humanity finds shelter in the shadow of your wings. You feed them from the abundance of your own house, letting them drink from your river of delights. For you are the fountain of life, the light by which we see.” Psalm 36:7-9 NLT



Bring the family and come and meet the shepherds, the wise men, innkeeper, Roman officials, angels and, of course Mary and Joseph at our very own Nativity on the High Street this Saturday.

Starting anytime from 10.00am, you can follow the trail and meet all of the nativity characters. Collect all the stickers on the way and then exchange your completed card for some chocolate when we meet outside the United Reformed Church for carols starting at 11.30am.

What a way to start the Christmas season!  
Can't wait to see you there!



Baseline Christmas is back again this year!

For the youth within our church family and community this is a great time to come together, wear your craziest Christmas jumper, and have some fun together.

There's food, games, and lots of activities for you to get involved with, all for free.

So invite your mates and come along.

Sign-up [here](#).



Beer & Carols is back!

We love nothing better than to get in the Christmas mood by gathering with friends, enjoying a drink, and belting out some of our favourite carols together.

This year, we're back at Newport Town Football Club again on Thursday 21 December, starting at 7.45pm.

Come and join us - it's going to be a belter!



Our carol service is the perfect place for you and the family to come and enjoy singing some classic carols, and being reminded of the incredible gift of Jesus.

There'll be something for everyone in the service, and we'll be also be raising money for Unity MK supporting those who are homeless in our city this Christmas. Then, at the end, why not stay to enjoy mulled wine and mince pies.

So, invite some friends, and come and share in the perfect way to get ready for Christmas.



We love this service!

Whether you're 5 or 95, we want to invite you to our Nativity service on Christmas Eve at 10:30am. It's the perfect Christmas event for all ages, and especially for those with young families.

Most importantly, we'd love you to dress in your best nativity outfit. Come as a shepherd, angel, innkeeper, wise person, star... or whatever, and play your part in the biggest nativity scene ever!



Join us as we come together to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

In a short service starting at 10:30am, we'll celebrate with some carols and focus our hearts on The Greatest gift: the coming King.



Our Family New Year's Eve Party is back!

This year we'll be enjoying an Olympics-themed evening with the fun and games beginning at 8.00pm and running right through to 12.30am.

We'll be playing games, eating, and having all sorts of fun together as we count down to the new year of 2024! So come along, bring a group with you, and have fun celebrating the start of the new year.

Tickets cost £16 for a family or £6 each - Sign-up [here](#) to ensure you don't miss out!



Blow away any cobwebs from the night before as we join with other churches to walk from church to church in Newport Pagnell, enjoying a short reflection at each.

Start: 10.00am at St Luke's, Wolverton Road

Finish: 11:55am at the URC, including refreshments

There will be a single service on Sunday 31 December, as we come together to reflect on the year that's passed, and where we've seen God move in that time.