

14th April 2024

## *Rectors Ramble*

[Acts 3.12-19](#); [Psalm 4](#); [1 John 3.1-7](#); [Luke 24.36b-48](#)

Dear friends,

An exciting week ahead with APCM's at St Peter's this Sunday and at St Mary's next Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April.

We have so much to be thankful for across both our church communities and yes I know that finances are tight and buildings works continue to be a drain on our head-space and resources, but these things are temporary compared to the Good Works that we seeing happening in both church communities. Please would you find a time to pray this week for the works of the PCC's at St Mary's & St Peter's using the P-R-A-Y method if this helps you.

**P= Pause** – *Be still and know that I am God psalm 46:10*

**R= Rejoice** – *Rejoice in the Lord always, I will say again Rejoice Philippians 4:4*

**A= Ask** – *“You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it John 14:14*

**Y= Yield** – *“Therefore, I urge you brothers & Sisters, to offer yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God” Romans 12:1*

In our scriptures this week we hear that after a lame man was healed, people were astonished. Peter asks the crowds 'Why?'

He explains that Jesus is the long-promised Messiah, rejected and killed but raised from the dead by God. And it is through Jesus that the man was healed. Citing Moses and the prophets, he calls the people to repent of their sins – including failing to recognise Jesus – and to know the refreshing presence of Jesus in their lives.

We all make mistakes – ranging from the silly to the very serious.

In this week's news, we see a German art gallery worker who hung up his own artwork without permission, through to the Post Office staff who ignored tech problems leading to many sub-postmasters going to prison unjustly.

When we look at mistakes we have made, we should not be defined by the mistake itself but how we have responded in the face of it.

In our Bible reading, Peter points out the mistakes that many, including he himself made. Denying that Jesus was the Son of God, the people handed him over to the authorities and demanded his death, thus killing the 'author of life'. But Peter does not simply attack the people, he suggests how to respond to the mistake and make amends. He says that they acted in ignorance but now, having seen signs that Jesus has risen and is truly the Son of God, they must repent and receive God's favour.

Peter himself denied Jesus three times, which was a grave mistake. Yet he owned up and turned his life around, overcoming his ignorance. As a result, Jesus entrusted him with building his Church on earth. The life of Peter shows us how to live after our mistakes – with courage and by making amends. And Peter teaches us that Jesus offers repentance, no matter what we have done.

Failing is not always a bad thing; it can make us want to learn and improve. As Edison famously said about inventing the light bulb, 'I have not failed 10,000 times – I've successfully found 10,000 ways that will not work.'

***How do we respond to our mistakes?***

***Do we learn to live better lives as a consequence?***

No matter our mistakes, we can always go to Christ for forgiveness and new life.

We all make mistakes. But do not let the mistake define you – live boldly and confidently through your response.

Take courage to pick yourself up, commit to doing the right thing where you did the wrong, offer your mistakes up to Jesus, and you will find forgiveness and newness of life, in this life and in the next.

Have a good week, be joyful, keep the faith and keep doing the little things that make a difference to those you love and those in need.

**Paul xx**

*Hymns*

*482 Rejoice the Lord is King*

*77 Crown him with many Crowns*

*1187 Before the throne of God above*

*551 Thine be the glory*

**As always, please remember those on our prayer list:**

Daphne Awcock, Francis Bailey, Cole Louise Blackman, Bernice Blundy,  
Beryl Campion-Smith, Harri Gande, John and Elizabeth Gould, Rubie Geer,  
Juliette Lucas, Helen Lloyd, Spike MacGuire, Christina McCann, Shirley Mansfield,  
Derek Marshall, Adrian, Andrea and Amber Pariss, Gemma Peacock, Christine Ripley,  
Rubie (aged 11), Cheryl Stewart, Martin Tardif, Marcus Thrower, Danielle Tora,  
Toni Warrilow, Sean Watson, Arthur Wood, Nasima Wright.

If you would like to receive prayers, or know someone who would,  
**please contact**  
**Rev Paul Mundy on 01825 723186 or [church.newick@gmail.com](mailto:church.newick@gmail.com)**



***Our Prayer for Growth  
God of Mission Who alone brings growth to your Church,  
Send your Holy Spirit to give  
Vision to our planning,  
Wisdom to our actions, and power to our witness.  
Help our church to grow in numbers,  
In spiritual commitment to you,  
And in service to our local community,  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
Amen***

# Services - April 2024

**Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.  
2 Corinthians 9:10**

<p><b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April</b> Second Sunday of Easter</p>	<p><b>8am - BCP Holy Communion*</b> <i>Preacher: Rev'd Paul Mundy</i></p> <p><b>10am – All Age Worship</b> Psalm 133 Acts 4:32-35 John 20:19-30* <i>Preacher: Rev'd Paul Mundy</i></p> <p><b>6pm - Evensong</b> <i>Preacher: Ian Reekie</i></p>
<p><b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April</b> Third Sunday of Easter</p>	<p><b>8am - BCP Holy Communion*</b> <i>Preacher: Fr Martin Morgan</i></p> <p><b>10am – Holy Communion</b> Psalm 4 Acts 3:12-19 Luke 24:36-48* <i>Preacher: Fr Martin Morgan</i></p> <p><b>6pm - Worship 2</b> <i>Leader: Mandy Stockwell</i></p>
<p><b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April</b> Fourth Sunday of Easter</p>	<p><b>8am - BCP Holy Communion*</b> <i>Preacher: Rev'd Paul Mundy</i></p> <p><b>10am Family Communion and Owls</b> Psalm 23 Acts 4:5-12 John 10:11-18* <i>Preacher: Rev'd Paul Mundy</i></p> <p><b>11:30 Annual Parochial Church Meeting</b> <b><i>Following the APCM you are all welcome to join us for a lunch in the Barn Centre</i></b></p>
<p><b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April</b> Fifth Sunday of Easter</p>	<p><b>8am – BCP Holy Communion</b> <i>Preacher: Rev'd Paul Mundy</i></p> <p><b>10am Holy Communion and Baptism</b> Psalm 22:25-31 Acts 8: 26-40 John 15:1-8* <i>Preacher: Rev'd Paul Mundy</i></p>
<p>* Denotes standard Year B Lectionary Readings</p> <p><b>Prayer Meeting for Church Service Every Sunday 9.30 - 9.45 Barn Centre</b></p>	

# Coming up .....

## GARDEN DAY THIS SATURDAY!

Our Spring Garden Day is this Saturday April 13<sup>th</sup>.

We shall start with coffee and cake from 9.00 a.m. Cake/cookie donations welcome as always. We shall enjoy our usual light barbecue cooked with panache by our Masterchef Rector to complement the splendid offering our ladies always provide.



Come and help us if you can or just come and encourage if you prefer. But please do come – this is a congregational event and celebration, lots of children and families, your support will be very welcome.

Tony Bailey will very kindly be helping with running the work on Saturday. I have mobility issues at the moment so will be sitting at the Lych Gate with Tony doing most of the moving around.

We have a full program of work – paths, French drains, garden beds, War graves, some planting..... there is always more to do.

If you can bring a wheelbarrow that will be welcome. Think what you'd like to be part of, and bring tools you'd like to have available, marked with your name maybe on a piece of sticking plaster. We will have a range of tools available anyway.

Our Autumn Garden Day will be on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October. Please put it in your diary. We are planning a massive bulb planting exercise in our old Churchyard to brighten up Spring 2025. Bring it on!

**Christopher Hume**

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Our **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM)** is on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April at 11.30 in St Mary's.

This will be followed by lunch in the Barn Centre and as always we would be **so grateful for donations of salads and puddings.**

Sign up sheets at the back of the Church.

Thank you.

## **International Organ Day 20<sup>th</sup> April – Open Organ morning**

### **St Andrew & St Mary the Virgin, Fletching, TN22 3SR**

**From 10am – 1pm** there will be displays, videos, organ ‘tours’, demonstrations and ‘hands-on’ opportunities. Refreshments will be available.

You can also hear the organ in concert in the evening (**7.30pm start**) at the Centenary Celebration Concert: ‘From ‘petit paysan’ to Paris Conservatoire Director’, the life and music of Théodore Dubois (1837-1924) This year sees the centenary of the death of Théodore Dubois, the French organist and composer, who rose from humble origins to become Director of the Paris Conservatoire. He suffered from a certain prejudice much of his life and some still remains today. His extensive range of choral, orchestral and chamber music, as well as songs, operas and organ works is largely neglected, overtaken in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century by the new wave of Debussy, Ravel, Stravinsky and Milhaud. It is now being rediscovered and recorded.

This event will recount the life of Dubois alongside live performances of his organ music and recordings of examples of his non-organ works. It is presented by Peter Bassett, organist, and is based on his MMus research and recital.

Admission is free, there are refreshments available and all proceeds will go to the diocesan charity Family Support Work.

### **FLETCHING SINGERS SPRING CONCERT**

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm  
St Margaret the Queen Church, Buxted Park, Buxted TN22 4AY

The Fletching Singers hold their spring concert. Themed “Dawn to Dusk” it features Cantique de Jean Racine (Fauré) and The Fauré Requiem plus other works. Soloists Kathryn Jenkin (soprano), Phillip Conway-Brown (baritone), Andrew Wilson (organ & piano), directed by Ansy Boothroyd.

Advance tickets £12.50 at [www.fletchingsingers.co.uk](http://www.fletchingsingers.co.uk) , from members, or call 07802 855113. Tickets £15 on the door.

**St Andrew & St Mary the Virgin, Fletching, TN22 3SR**

**RCO** **Water** **National** **Organ Day** **Saturday 20th April**  
**10am – 1pm**

Come and see Fletching's 1880 Forster & Andrews organ



- Learn how an organ works
- See and hear it at close quarters
- Have a go!

**Plus**

- Displays and videos on the history and workings of the pipe organ.
- Refreshments available

**SATURDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 7.30PM**

**CONCERT**

**FROM ‘PETIT PAYSAN’ TO PARIS  
CONSERVATOIRE DIRECTOR**

**A CENTENARY CELEBRATION OF  
THE LIFE AND MUSIC OF THÉODORE DUBOIS**

**PETER BASSETT (ORGAN)**



*Free  
admission*



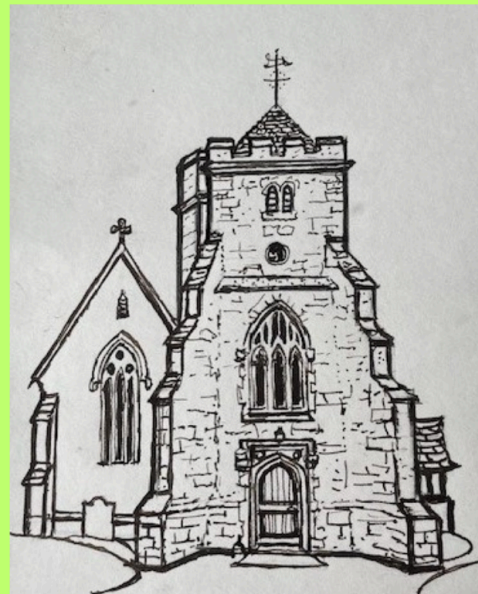
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refreshments*

*Retiring collection in aid of Family Support Work*

**Join us for Lunch at  
Sutton Hall, Barcombe,  
BN8 5EB  
on Friday 10th May 2024 at 12:15**



- Support St Mary's Church, Newick and Newick Reading Room.
- Enjoy drinks on the terrace, lunch in The Coach House, a talk on running the Estate and a walk round the garden.
- Plant sales & Raffle.
- Proceeds split 75% Newick Church 25% Newick Reading Room.
- **Tickets are £40.00 (inc. sit down lunch).**



**To buy a ticket please e-mail:-  
[office@newickandsuttonhall.com](mailto:office@newickandsuttonhall.com)**

## A message from:

### The Reverend Vanessa Baron - Canon Treasurer of Chichester Cathedral

2025 is a special year. It will mark 950 years since this Cathedral moved from Selsey to Chichester. It will also be the Diocesan Year of Faith, as it will be 1700 years since the Council of Nicea, one of the key defining moments in the Christian faith. Throughout 2025 we will be celebrating our faith, both in the Cathedral and across the Diocese. (There will be more detailed publicity about this later in the Spring and we look forward to sharing this with you).

The Cathedral needs your help. We are planning an exhibition in the Cathedral from February – November 2025 and we would like you, the parishes of the Diocese, to help us tell the story of our faith – what it means to us and why it matters.

We have four questions for you.

- 1) As you think back over the last 950 years of the Christian faith in the Diocese of Chichester, do you have any particular heroes or heroines? Who are they and why do they matter to you? (If your church is an Anglo-Saxon one, you can think back to the arrival of St Wilfrid in 681!)
- 2) Is there anyone or anything commemorated in your church that is unusual or that you find interesting? Who or what is it? How does it speak to you of the Christian faith? (For example, you may have a Bible donated in memory of someone who died in battle. You may have a memorial or tombstone to someone who did something memorable.)
- 3) Do you have any Christian memorabilia in your house or church? (For example, a pocket Gospel handed to a soldier on the beach at Dunkirk or a medieval pilgrim badge. Perhaps you have a cookery book in which someone has written prayers or a child's sampler with verses from Scripture.)
- 4) What makes an exhibition interesting for you? What would it need to include to make you visit the Cathedral?

Finally, if any church has any Medieval manuscripts or missals; if there are any Tudor or Stuart Bibles out there, please would you let us know.

*The Revd Vanessa Baron, Canon Treasurer of Chichester Cathedral*

### **Action:**

If you would like to contribute to this exhibition - please let us know by emailing [churchoffice@stmarysnewicks.church](mailto:churchoffice@stmarysnewicks.church). Anything sent must be with us by **close of business 12<sup>th</sup> May latest**. We will then collate everything and send it over to Reverend Baron.



# St Mary's Church Newick

## Bubbles and Broadway

With  
Jo Appleby  
&  
Andrew Rees

Friday June 7th  
7pm

A celebration of  
broadway hits.

Tickets £18  
(children under 16  
go FREE)

Complementary  
Pre-show Sparkling  
wine and canapés

We still have the following available as an **April giveaway....** If you would like one, email us at [churchoffice@stmarysnewicks.church](mailto:churchoffice@stmarysnewicks.church) and we can arrange a suitable collection time for you.

- ~~Epson WF-2750 Printer with spare inks~~ **Gone!**
- HP Deskjet 2724 Printer
- BT Paragon 650 desk phone

## **Parish Dates for your diary!!** (Outside the regular Sunday Services)

**Gardening Day** - St Mary's Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April - starts with coffee and cake from 9am

**APCM Meeting** in St Mary's followed by Lunch in the Barn Centre - Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April 11.30

### **REGULARS**

**Friday Hub** - Community Centre 10-12

**Prayers for Church** - Barn Centre every Sunday 9.30-9.45

**Prayer Group** - Barn Centre 2pm (fortnightly)


**St Mary's Youth Choir** - Barn Centre every first Sunday of the Month 10am

**Owls Club** - Barn Centre every third Sunday of the Month 10am

### **PLACEHOLDER IN YOUR DIARY**

**Uckfield Deanery Confirmation Service** - Sunday 30th June 5pm St Mary's

**Confirmation Class dates to follow - names to Paul please**



**St Mary's  
Newick's Youth Choir**

When: The 1st Sunday of the month  
Time: 10-11am  
Ages: All ages welcome  
Where: Barn Centre, St Mary's Church, Newick

**Sing, have fun and  
make friends**

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