

**11<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

**\*\*Worship 2 cancelled Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July\*\***

**Citizens Advice - Community Centre Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July - 12pm - 3pm**

## **Fr Martin's Murmurations**

I spent Tuesday of this past week at the Benedictine monastery at Worth. Twelve priests and a retired bishop were addressed by a brother priest on the passage in Genesis 32 where Jacob wrestles with God.

Jacob names the place Peneul which means 'face of God' because he says, "I have seen God's face yet my life is preserved." It was considered in Old Testament times to be fatal to gaze upon God. Remember Moses puts his face to the mountain as God passes by and in the wonderful passage describing the vision of Isaiah, he first has to be cleansed since he is a man of unclean lips, unworthy to be in the presence of the pure holiness of God.

This idea of an unapproachable God is, of course, changed by the coming of Jesus. Christians believe both divinity and humanity dwell together in Christ who is truly and fully God and truly and fully man. Such coexistence is possible because Jesus was human like us in everything but sin.

He came as we sing in the Agnus Dei to take away the sin of the world. One of the sin of the world is where a section of humanity ignores the plight of its brothers and sisters who are in need. The Gospel story for the fourth Sunday after Trinity tells the parable of the Good Samaritan. The representatives of law and religion pass by the injured victim on the other side of the road because they are too preoccupied to be bothered. No doubt they had urgent business to attend to!

This story is not only a dramatic way of showing us how we should treat others.. This is the radical Jesus speaking. If the parable was told today the victim may well have been an Israeli soldier and the carer a member of Hamas.

The distance between victim and helper in the Biblical parable was as great as that. Samaritans and Jews hated each other with a passion and for a Samaritan to be the hero of this story, told by Jesus, would have been truly offensive to Jewish listeners. No wonder they sought to get rid of this carpenter turned rabble rouser. The kindness of the Samaritan turns to pure generosity when he tells the innkeeper he will be responsible for all the costs that are incurred.

This story gets to the heart of our Christian life - or at least it should. It is a clear call to love our enemies. The story teaches us the only way to exterminate deep hatred and prejudice is by loving. Love which the law and religion were unable to provide. At the very heart of things Jesus tells us time and time again the only real solution to the cruelty and inhumanity we witness in our world today is love.

After loving God first we are bidden to love our neighbour as ourselves. The new commandment given on the night before he died was that we love one another as he loves us. His love was so great that he laid down his life for us. When we look at the world today we find secular pragmatism or political expediency, both created and sustained by an imperfect humanity, often seem to win the victory over divine love and compassion.

If the message of Jesus is to be delivered and received it must be through love.

Accepting differences, allowing human beings to live in the glorious liberty of the new creation in Christ are fundamental in spreading the Good News. I need to ask myself where am I in the story.

- Am I too busy with the law or with my religion to actually notice there are beaten up individuals all around me?
- Has God liberated me in order to knock down the barriers both law and religion may have built up in my life?
- When I look into the face of the Ukrainian or the Russian or when I look at the Israeli soldier and the children of Gaza do I see the face of God?

It is not easy but neither was my Redemption. I need to pray every day for help to both show and see the face of God in this very troubled world. But show it I must! I need to experience Peneul.

Have a week of blessings and love from our Father who is in Heaven.

**Fr.Martin**

### **A note of thanks from the Farming Community Network following the donation raised by Monica at the Wedding Display weekend in June - well done again Monica!**

*"On behalf of The Farming Community Network (FCN), I would like to express our thanks to Newick PCC for your generous donation.*

*Our network of over 400 volunteers 'speak the language' of farming and provide empathy, understanding and a confidential listening ear. Each year we help approximately 10,000 people in farming and rural communities with a wide variety of issues – including providing helpful information, mediating during difficult family disputes, and supporting those suffering from anxiety, depression and other forms of mental ill-health.*

*The work of FCN helps to engender business resilience and positive health and well-being. Through a new partnership with Macmillan Cancer Support, we are raising awareness of the signs and symptoms of cancer in farming and rural communities, and will help to break down the stigma surrounding this topic; encouraging earlier intervention and improved referral pathways.*

*FCN's services are all designed to help our industry to thrive and succeed. British farmers are essential and must continue to be supported and valued by wider society.*

*Your generous donation will help us to continue supporting those in need, allowing us to reach more people, help more farming families, and ultimately assist us in creating a resilient farming future – one that will thrive and benefit everyone in the years to come.*

*With thanks and good wishes from us all".*

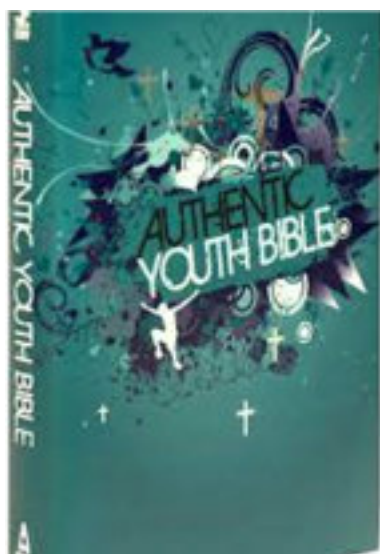
**Kate England - The Farming Community Network**

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

Francis Bailey, Cole Louise Blackman, Bernice Blundy, Karina Brown,  
Beryl Campion-Smith, Harri Gande, Morris Gee, John and Elizabeth Gould, Rubie Geer,  
Juliette Lucas, Spike MacGuire, Christina McCann, Shirley Mansfield,  
Derek Marshall, George Morrison, Patricia Moss, Ann Parker, Adrian,  
Andrea and Amber Parris, Gemma Peacock, June and Ron Perou,  
Christine Ripley, Rubie, Cheryl Stewart, Marcus Thrower, Toni Warrilow,  
Sean Watson, Nasima Wright.



## **Would you like to sponsor a bible for a Primary School Leaver for just £14?**



It's that time of the year again when you can have the honour of sponsoring a bible for one of our primary school leavers. We have 27 children in Newick who will be transitioning to secondary school this year. They will each receive a bible detailing who has sponsored it for them, and you will receive a bookmark prompting you to pray for them as they move schools.

If you would like to sponsor a bible please let Mandy know in person, or by email: [mandy.stockwell@btinternet.com](mailto:mandy.stockwell@btinternet.com)

**Many thanks for your support of our young people**

## **New House Group(s) forming.**

We have a number of successful House Groups of long standing. Discussions are generally focused around religious themes chosen by the groups themselves, with Bible studies, video series on related topics or books often being employed.

But actual discussions at House Group range far and wide as the spirit moves members. Groups generally become quite close knit and caring and they pray together. Experience suggests that a maximum of around ten members is sensible. Our existing groups are around that level, hence our move to create more. I've been a member for going on a decade now, and the longer our house group goes on, the more rewarding it is. Try it!

JEREMY BURDETT will be coordinating this effort. If you are interested in joining or hosting a House Group, please let him know. He will be coordinating times that work for you and planning our way forward. Please contact Jeremy on 07957 869868, mail him at [jeremy.burdett@farming.co.uk](mailto:jeremy.burdett@farming.co.uk) or chat to him at Church.

**Christopher Hume**

## SERVICES – JULY 2025

<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July</b> Third Sunday after Trinity	<b>8am BCP* Holy Communion</b> <b>Preacher : Fr Martin</b> <b>10am Holy Communion</b> 2 Kings 5. 1-14 – Isaiah 66. 10-14 – Galatians 6. (1-6), 7-16 – Luke 10. 1-11, 16-20 <b>Preacher: Fr Martin</b> <b>6pm Evensong</b> <b>Leader: Reader Geoff Clinton      Preacher: Ian Reekie</b>
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July</b> Fourth Sunday after Trinity	<b>8am BCP* Holy Communion</b> <b>Preacher: Fr Martin</b> <b>10am Family Worship</b> Deuteronomy 30. 9-14 – Colossians 1. 1-14 – Luke 10. 25-37 <b>Preacher: Reader Geoff Clinton</b> <b>6pm Worship2</b> <b>Leader: Mandy Stockwell</b>
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July</b> Fifth Sunday after Trinity	<b>8am BCP* Holy Communion is at St Peter's Chailey</b> <b>Preacher: Fr Martin</b> <b>10am Family Communion &amp; Owls</b> Genesis 18. 1-10a – Colossians 1. 15-28 – Luke 10. 38-end <b>Preacher: Fr Martin</b>
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July</b> Sixth Sunday after Trinity	<b>8am BCP* Holy Communion is at St Peter's Chailey</b> <b>Preacher: Fr Martin</b> <b>10am Churches Together – Holy Communion at St Mary's</b> Genesis 18. 20-32 – Colossians 2. 6-15, (16-19) – Luke 11. 1-13 <b>Preacher: Reader Geoff Clinton</b>
<p align="center">*DENOTES STANDARD YEAR C LECTIONARY READINGS</p> <p align="center">PRAYER MEETINGS FOR CHURCH SERVICES EVERY SUNDAY 9.30 BARN CENTRE</p>	



## Message from Patsy.....

Last October, Ron and June Perou along with Teresa Wenban were recipients of the Order of St Richard - an award for lay people which celebrates exceptional service to the parish, local community and the Diocese.

Rev Paul, Fr Martin and several from St Mary's and St Peter's went along to see them being honoured and it was a wonderful event.

This week the worthy recipients were invited to go along to the Bishops Palace Gardens in Chichester to have tea and it was a lovely afternoon.

A delicious tea and a warm welcome and speech from Bishop Martin made it a very special occasion for all those honoured.







## **St Peter & St James celebrates 50 years of supporting the community, and launches appeal to ensure they can support generations to come**

This Summer, St Peter & St James Hospice in Mid-Sussex is celebrating 50 years of providing expert care to adults with life-limiting illnesses and those close to them. The hospice, which serves the areas of Haywards Heath, Burgess Hill, Lewes, Uckfield and the villages in between, has maintained the same vision throughout the decades; 'to provide the best possible care, in the right place, and at the right time, to everyone who needs us'.

Amanda Fadero, Interim Chief Executive at St Peter & St James Hospice, comments: "Whilst we are incredibly proud to be marking this important milestone in the hospice's story, it is just as critical that we continue to support, and be supported by, the community to help us create our next chapter. The charity is running a 50 year campaign to mark this milestone within the local community including; thank you events and awareness-raising activities as well as aiming to raise £50,000 through community group fundraisers, the big £50 individual donation appeal, corporate support campaigns and the 50 for £50k club for trustees, patrons and major donors."

The site, developed by Susan Dinnage as a nursing home initially, was created in loving memory of her husband and local farmer, Jim Dinnage who died in 1963, and their son, Peter, who died in childhood of Hodgkin's Lymphoma in 1957. The Dinnages had previously set up and run a donkey sanctuary, and so to this day there are still resident donkeys, (Dylan and Dudley) on site at the hospice. Throughout the early years, the hospice continued to expand and increase its capacity to care for those living with life-limiting conditions. Fast forward to 2025, and the hospice cares for more than 1,000 people each year, providing vital services in people's homes, on our in-patient unit and through our Living Well Centre.

The anniversary also gives the hospice an opportunity to raise awareness across the community about specialist palliative and end-of-life care, to make people aware of the support we offer, and to provide people with information and support, to help them live and die well, according to what matters most to them.

Dr Helen McGee, Medical Director at the hospice adds: "As we celebrate 50 years, it gives us the opportunity to make more people aware of what hospice care is, and ensure they know that all the specialist adult services we provide at St Peter & St James Hospice are completely free of charge for all, irrespective of age, religion, background or ethnicity. We would like to thank our community for all their support over the last 50 years, which enables us to provide holistic care, wrapping our arms not only around the patient, but their loved ones too, for as long as they need us. It costs £6.9m to run the hospice each year, and much of our income comes from donations and charity shop sales, rather than central government, so we simply couldn't continue to do what we do without the generosity of our supporters in the local community. Please donate to help ensure we can be here for future generations."

**To donate to St Peter & St James Hospice please visit [www.stpjhospice.org](http://www.stpjhospice.org).**

**To let us know your memories or experiences of the hospice over the last 50 years, please email [marketing@stpjhospice.org](mailto:marketing@stpjhospice.org).**

**Alternatively, if you want to find out more, run a fundraiser for us or support us in some other way, please email [fundraising@stpjhospice.org](mailto:fundraising@stpjhospice.org)**

# REGULARS AT ST MARY'S

**Children's Choir:** 1st Sunday of each month 10am - 11am Barn Centre

Email: [churchoffice@stmarysnewicks.church](mailto:churchoffice@stmarysnewicks.church)

Web: [stmarysnewicks.church/youthchoir](http://stmarysnewicks.church/youthchoir))

**RSCM Voice for Life Sessions** with St Mary's Youth Choir - every third Thursday of the Month - 4pm - 5pm in the Barn Centre. £5. Email: [churchoffice@stmarysnewicks.church](mailto:churchoffice@stmarysnewicks.church) to register.

**Citizens Advice:** **Now at the Community Centre - Wednesday's 12 - 3**

16<sup>th</sup> July, 20<sup>th</sup> August, 17<sup>th</sup> September, 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 19<sup>th</sup> November and 17<sup>th</sup> December

**Lunch Club:** Second Monday of the month in the Barn Centre at 12.30pm. to book Your place please ring 01825 722186

**Mens Meeting:** Monday mornings 7am - 8am in the Barn Centre

**NYC & NCT:** A fun club for the young people of the village. Where? The Barn Centre. When? Wednesday evenings during term-time. Time? 18.00 Juniors and 19.30 Seniors

- Juniors: 11-15 years
- Seniors: 16-18 years

More information: [HERE](#)

Email: [youth.newick@gmail.com](mailto:youth.newick@gmail.com)

**Owls:** Crafts, Bible story, fun and refreshments **Sundays 9.55am - 11am**

Email: [childrenandfamilies@stmarysnewicks.church](mailto:childrenandfamilies@stmarysnewicks.church)

18th May - 15th June - 20th July - 17th August  
21st September - 19th October - 16th November

**Prayer Group:** Every 1st and 3rd Monday 2pm Barn Centre (unless otherwise notified)

**Prayer Meetings for Church Services:** Sundays 9.30-9.45am Barn Centre

**Tea at Three:** Third Thursday of the month at 3pm in the Barn Centre. For more information contact Patsy on 01825 722590

Coming up.....



# Holiday at Home

Come and enjoy a fun filled day at St Mary's Barn Centre  
Wed 30<sup>th</sup> July & Wed 13<sup>th</sup> August  
11am - 3pm

All are welcome (children need to be accompanied by an adult)

11.00am - 12.30pm  
12.30pm - 1.30pm  
1.30pm - 2.00pm  
2.00pm - 2.30pm  
2.30pm - 3pm

Arts and crafts (Drinks and biscuits provided)  
Lunchtime (Please bring a packed lunch)  
Performance by St Mary's Youth Choir  
Dance performance by Shimmy and Shake  
Huge Singalong!



To book a place, please contact Patsy ([shimmyandshake@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:shimmyandshake@yahoo.co.uk))  
Places limited, book early to avoid disappointment

FREE SESSIONS!  
BOOK EARLY TO AVOID  
DISSAPPOINTMENT

## SUMMER 2025

### VOICE FOR LIFE SINGING SESSIONS

Wednesdays 11-12pm  
July 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>  
August 6th, 13th, 20th

Venue- The Barn Centre  
St Mary's Church  
Church Road  
Newick  
BN8 4JZ

To book your place  
Email  
[churchoffice@stmarysnewicks.church](mailto:churchoffice@stmarysnewicks.church)  
Tel: Cara 07944 344108

Two Trios

## Summer CONCERT

SATURDAY 2ND AUGUST

2-3PM  
£12-pay on door

featuring

**The Cocktail Party' and the 'Harmonia Trio'**

refreshments included

VENUE ST MARY'S CHURCH,  
CHURCH ROAD NEWICK BN8 4J

for further information  
contact: [churchoffice@stmarysnewicks.church](mailto:churchoffice@stmarysnewicks.church)  
All proceeds to go to the Youth work of the Church

St Mary's  
Newick's Church

# Bubbles & Broadway

A celebration of Broadway hits with  
complimentary glass of fizz and canapés

with  
Jo Appleby  
and  
Andrew Rees

Saturday 30th August  
7.00pm  
St Mary's Church, Newick, BN8 4JZ  
Tickets £18 (£20 on the night)  
including a glass of fizz and canapés  
(kids under 16 go free)

SCAN ME

All profits from this event will go towards St Mary's Church, Newick





## **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**

Please visit our website [stmarysnewicks.church](http://stmarysnewicks.church) for more information on the various organisations and events and activities available to you.

If you have any news you would like to share, any photos you would like to display, or any stories about St Mary's Newick or wider afield that you think the readers may enjoy - please mail us at:

**[churchoffice@stmarysnewicks.church](mailto:churchoffice@stmarysnewicks.church)**

**The content deadline is 10am on Thursday**

so please make sure you send anything to us in time. Anything received after 10am will be included the following week if appropriate.

Thank you.