

NEWSLETTER



**Celebration of Candidates with Bishop Will
at Monday's Confirmation Service**

(Photo courtesy of Bishop of Lewes Facebook Page)

The content deadline is 10am every Thursday

Anything received after 10am will be included the following week, if appropriate. Thank you

Weekly Newsletter contents:

- Rectors Ramble/alternative
- Monthly Services
- Prayers
- General articles, requests and photo's
- Rolling diary of events
- Posters and Event adverts
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Please remember to check out [St Mary's Website](#) which gives you everything you need to know and includes a [gallery](#) of all photo's

Service St Mary's – June 2026

<p>Sunday 7th June First Sunday After Trinity</p>	<p>8am BCP* Holy Communion ❖ A beautiful said service in Traditional Language.</p> <p>10am Morning Worship & Praise with Baptism ❖ A mixed style of service, with both traditional and contemporary elements and includes a Baptism.</p> <p>5pm Evensong ❖ A Book of Common Prayer sung service with choir and hymns.</p>
<p>Monday 8th June</p>	<p>7.30pm Deanery Confirmation Service ❖ A special church service in which a person confirms the promises that were made when they were baptized. Lead by Bishop Will Hazlewood</p>
<p>Sunday 14th June Second Sunday After Trinity</p>	<p>8am BCP* Holy Communion ❖ A beautiful said service in Traditional Language.</p> <p>10am Holy Communion ❖ A sung service with choir and hymns</p> <p>6pm Worship2 ❖ A reflective service with contemporary songs</p>
<p>Sunday 21st June Third Sunday After Trinity</p>	<p>8am BCP* Holy Communion ❖ A beautiful said service in Traditional Language.</p> <p>10am Father's Day All Age Worship with Baptism ❖ A service for all with songs and worship and includes a Baptism.</p>
<p>Sunday 28th June Fourth Sunday after Trinity</p>	<p>8am BCP* Holy Communion ❖ A beautiful said service in Traditional Language.</p> <p>10am Worship & Praise ❖ A mixed style of service, with both traditional and contemporary elements.</p>

*DENOTES STANDARD YEAR C LECTIONARY READINGS

PRAYER MEETINGS FOR CHURCH SERVICES EVERY SUNDAY 9.15 BARN CENTRE

Rectors Ramble

Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7); Psalm 116:1-2,12-19; Romans 5.1-8; Matthew 9.35-10.8(9-23)

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your prayers, we had a wonderful weekend of services last weekend at both our churches. Congratulations to all our Confirmed who made their commitments of faith on Monday and thank you to all who contributed to the service and to the hospitality afterwards.

Huge congratulations to Pat Stepney from St Peter's who celebrated her 100th Birthday Tuesday, I'm sure there will be much dancing at her tea-party on Sunday.

Don't forget Brenda & Peter will be opening their gardens this Saturday from 2pm - 6pm at Northfields and Vivace Choir will be singing at St Mary's at 4pm on Saturday afternoon. Posters for both events with **FULL** details can be found further on in this Newsletter.

Please pray for the wonderful Imogen Frisell who is being baptised at St Peter's on Sunday.

Watching the news this week, most people of any faith or none would have found it very uncomfortable looking back at the news footage of the murder of Henry Nowak last December, and I'm sure we are all united in offering our condolences to Henry's family after their tragic loss and assurance of solidarity with our neighbouring Sikh communities in the face of the unjust reactions and unrest that followed.

As Christians, we hear Christ's command to love our neighbours as ourselves. That love is not a vague sentiment. It requires us to speak when others are silenced, to stand alongside those who are made to feel fearful, and to confront injustice whenever and wherever it appears.

The injustice of Henry's murder, alongside the disturbing nature of how the incident was dealt with in the moment, and the disturbingly aggressive reactions towards our Sikh brothers and sisters, are all reminders that Christ's commandment to love our neighbour will take us way beyond our comfort zones.

We are called to stand alongside all those who are unfairly persecuted, *'like sheep in the midst of wolves'* (Matthew 10:16). Matthew 9:36 reminds us that Jesus had compassion for the crowds of people when they were *'harassed or helpless'*. He recognised their need for responsible leadership – for good *'shepherding'*.

So, when JD Vance, blamed the death of Michael Nowak on the *'mass invasion of migrants'* and believed that the *'only response'* was to react with *'righteous anger'*, it was reassuring to hear David Lammy trying to set the record straight in standing up to Vance's *'caricature'* of the recent history of Western civilisation.

As I reflected on these statements this week, I was reminded of the words of the great German Theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer *“Silence in the face of evil, is in itself evil. God will not hold us guiltless. Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act.”* Bonhoeffer saw the church he loved become a tool for the Nazi regime, with many Christian leaders supporting Hitler’s policies.

Today, we must ask ourselves if we see our faith being manipulated for political gain. Are religious leaders promoting unity, love, and justice, or are they fuelling division and hatred? Bonhoeffer, deeply rooted in his faith, held the church to a higher standard, urging it to be a voice for the oppressed and a beacon of truth.

We were reminded that Nowak’s own family had called for calm following the sentencing of Vickrum Digwa. Michael’s father, Mark, also urged in his statement: *“We do not want his death to be used to create further division, hatred or tension.”*

Perhaps this week, we might reflect on how this Sunday’s gospel passage encourages us to go beyond our comfort zones in order to ensure that *‘further division, hatred or tension’* do not happen.

At the very least, our Christian communities should consider how we react to those who scare-monger and stir-up hatred in times of such emotional turmoil.

At such times it might well feel that in taking a stand for justice we are being sent *‘out like sheep among wolves’* (Matthew 10:16), but we are to be reminded that the same verse continues with Jesus’ call for his disciples to be *‘wise as serpents and innocent as doves’*.

What does this phrase mean for us in the context of the current situation?

How are we called to react, especially to the Sikh community and the police?

What would it mean for us honour Jesus’ charge to his disciples to love our neighbours...which in turn requires us to speak when others are silenced, to stand alongside those who are made to feel fearful, and to confront injustice whenever and wherever it appears.

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 for Sunday at St Mary’s:

God is working his purpose out	SOF 135
We have a Gospel to proclaim	SOF 1583
Thy hand O God has guided	SOF 1065
Love Divine all loves excelling	SOF 377

Please remember those on our prayer list:

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

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**



Don't forget to tell us if you are coming to the Vision Day

As mentioned at the APCM, Paul wishes us to have two Vision days for St Mary's this year, a summer and an autumn/winter one and so please make a date in your diary for the first one which is on **Saturday 18th July**.

It will be 9am to 3pm with lunch provided and will be a really valuable day for us all, with everyone being able to contribute thoughts and views to help shape the vision and future for St Mary's.

It is important that we know how many will be coming so we would really like a commitment to be able to plan to accommodate and of course cater for the day.

Please email churchoffice@stmarysnewicks.church to confirm you can come (and if you are bringing a partner/friend to save two messages). There is a sign up sheet for anyone who doesn't have email at the back of church, but hopefully if you are reading this as it's been sent to you, you are able to respond. Thank you.

Thank you to those who have already confirmed whether they will/will not be able to attend.

What a wonderful day - Confirmation Service 8th June



All photos will be on the [Website](#) and if you have any you would like added, please email them to the [Office](#)

Newick Afternoon club



Message from Paddy Cumberlege & Malcolm Smith

The Newick Afternoon Club July meeting will be a private visit to Bridge Farm Roman Settlement on Thursday 9th July. This will be in place of the usual talk at The Barn Centre. The tour will commence at 2.30pm and arrival at the site is requested by 2.15pm at the latest.

The excavations are run by The Culver Archaeological Project, more details may be found at <https://www.culverproject.co.uk/>

A donation of £10.00 per person is requested. This can be paid to either Paddy or Malcolm.

At this moment in time, we need to establish an idea of numbers. Please could you email Paddy's secretary, Karen at karen@cumberlege.org with a copy to me at malcolmatcuttings@gmail.com if you would like to attend.

We would be grateful for your answers as soon as possible, and in any case by the end of this month.

We will aim to organise car-sharing, but this can be arranged in June.

Events at St Mary's

- 12th June - Afternoon Club 2.30pm
- 13th June - Vivace choir 4pm
- 19th June - Mens Supper 7pm for 7.30pm
- 11th July - Bubbles and Broadway 7pm
- 18th July - St Mary's Vision Day 9am - 3pm
- 19th July - Combined Churches Choral Evensong
- 10th October - Autumn Garden Day
- 11th - 13th December Christmas Tree Festival

Posters and information relating to the dates are either in this Newsletter, or will be added as the dates get closer.

New events will be added through the year too so

Keep coming back!.....

CITIZENS ADVICE DATES - NEWICK COMMUNITY CENTRE

Tuesday 14th July
Tuesday 11th August
Tuesday 8th September
Tuesday 13th October
Tuesday 10th November
Tuesday 8th December

Vivace! - In Concert

A small, Sussex based choir performing a wide range of music. Featuring a special appearance by St Mary's Youth Choir.



Saturday 13th June

3.30pm to 5pm

St Mary's Church, Newick, BN8 4JZ

Tickets £10 (all on the door) includes tea/coffee/cake at 3.30pm with concert starting at 4pm. (kids go free)

Email: churchoffice@stmarysnewicks.church

Web: stmarysnewicks.church

All profits will go towards the youth work at St Mary's, Newick

www.vivacechoirsussex.org.uk

MENS' SUPPER RETURNS FRIDAY 19TH JUNE!

Our first Mens' Supper for the year is just a fortnight away.

We shall welcome **Brian Hodge** as our Guest Speaker. Brian is Chair of our local Newick Parish Council (NPC).

NPC is a keystone of our community dealing with important planning issues, caring for local facilities like the Recreation Ground and leading the splendid recent revamp of the Sports Pavilion.

NPC members work long and hard in their service to our village. 2027 will see important NPC elections where new Councillors must be elected to replace those retiring after long years of demanding and meritorious service. Candidates are needed! The downside of being unable to elect a viable Council would be a truly serious blow to the future of Newick.

Brian has a rather wicked sense of humour. He served in the Royal Navy for many years as a pilot and has some interesting tales to tell.

This year we will be privileged to enjoy the services of a Master BBQ Chef aka Rev Paul Mundy, our Rector. He will deploy the new all-singing all-dancing BBQ provided by the Diocese for the recent Youth May Camp. Paul, ably assisted by Josh Stockwell cooked and served a bbq supper of over 400 attendees at the Friday night opening supper of May Camp. Bravo!



Come and enjoy! Meet from 7.00pm for a 7.30pm sit down in the Barn Centre at St Mary's. Entrance fee £7.00, pay at the door, cash or card accepted.

I would like numbers for catering, please so you can email me on mcmhume@outlook.com or phone me on 07770 771653 if you can join us.

We look forward to seeing you.

Christopher Hume

Open Garden at Northfields; East Grinstead Road, North Chailey

Supporting St. Peter's Church, Chailey

Come and enjoy a relaxing summer afternoon exploring a beautiful one-acre garden designed with a changing climate in mind. Whether you are a gardening enthusiast or just looking for a peaceful spot for tea, there is something for everyone.

Event Details

- **Date:** Saturday, 13th June
- **Time:** 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM
- **Location:** Northfields, North Chailey, **BN8 4JB**
- **Entry:** £5 (All proceeds to St. Peter's Church)
- **Parking:** Ample free parking available on-site



Garden Highlights

- **Climate-Conscious Design:** See how the garden adapts to environmental changes.
- **Features:** Topiary balls, a serene maple-shaded area, and a specialized grass garden for hot spots.
- **Sustainability:** Visit the vegetable patch that provides nearly all the owners' needs.
- **Collections:** A stunning variety of Hosta Plants and much more.

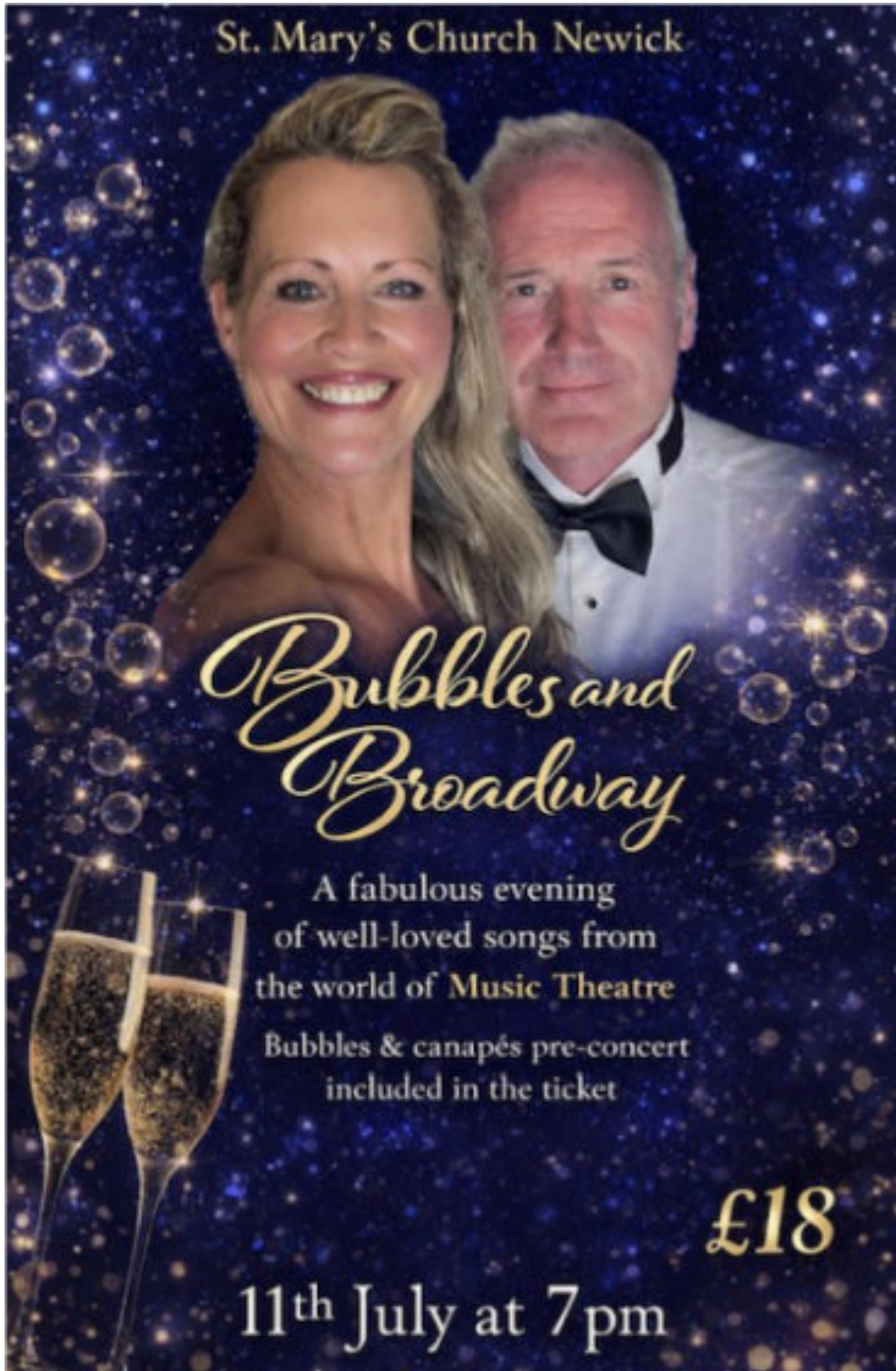
Tea & Relaxation

Not a "walker"? No problem. Grab a seat in the dappled shade of the **large blue Cedar** and treat yourself to:

- Delicious homemade cakes
- Freshly brewed tea
- A perfect view of the summer sun



St. Mary's Church Newick

A promotional poster for a music theatre event. At the top, the text 'St. Mary's Church Newick' is written in a gold serif font. Below this is a photograph of a smiling woman with blonde hair and a man in a white tuxedo with a black bow tie. The background is a dark blue night sky filled with stars and glowing bubbles. In the lower-left corner, two champagne flutes filled with bubbly liquid are shown. The title 'Bubbles and Broadway' is written in a large, elegant, gold cursive font across the middle. Below the title, the text 'A fabulous evening of well-loved songs from the world of Music Theatre' is written in a smaller gold font. Underneath that, it says 'Bubbles & canapés pre-concert included in the ticket'. The price '£18' is displayed in a large, bold, gold font. At the bottom, the date and time '11th July at 7pm' are written in a white serif font.

Bubbles and Broadway

A fabulous evening
of well-loved songs from
the world of **Music Theatre**
Bubbles & canapés pre-concert
included in the ticket

£18

11th July at 7pm

Cash or card on the night at the door or - scan this QR code to get tickets and pay in advance.



Choral Evensong

Sunday 19th July 6pm
at St Mary's

All welcome to the service with combined choirs from across local parishes.

For more information or if you would like to take part, contact your choir leader or Vicar and email

jsfv@hotmail.co.uk



East Sussex Parishes



**CHORAL
EVENSONG**
at
St Mary's Church NEWICK
SUNDAY JULY 19TH 6.00
All are welcome to this
service with combined choirs
from across local parishes
(details.jsfv@hotmail.co.uk)

We shall sing Walmisley's Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in Dm, Wood's O thou the Central Orb, Introit, Psalm and Reponses.

If you would like to take part please contact your choir leader or vicar, and email jsfv@hotmail.co.uk by July 1st. You can also join Friday rehearsals at St Mary's RINGMER from 7.00 on St Mary's Newick from 6.00 on the preceding 3 weeks. ALL singers invited to full run through on Sunday July 19th from 3.00pm at St Mary's, Church Rd, Newick, BN8 4JZ, with refreshments provided. (Car parking at the church).



REGULARS AT ST MARY'S

Babies, Tots, Toddlers and Teens



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

Email: churchoffice@stmarysnewicks.church

Web: stmarysnewicks.church/youthchoir

RSCM Voice for Life Sessions - every third Thursday of the Month - 4pm - 5pm in the Barn Centre. £5. Email: churchoffice@stmarysnewicks.church to register.

NYC & NCT: Fun clubs for the young people of the village. Barn Centre.



Wednesday evenings during term-time. More information: [HERE](#)

Email: youth.newick@gmail.com



Owlets Babies 'n Tots Group: Chat, refreshments and songs for Mums, Dads,



Grandparents, Carers and their Babies and Tots. Mondays 9.15-10.30am (term time only) in St Mary's Church. Feel free to contact Pam Mundy for more information childrenandfamilies@stmarysnewicks.church

Owls: Crafts, Bible Story, Fun LEGO and Refreshments - usually third Sundays 9.55am - 11am, Feel free to contact Pam Mundy for more information childrenandfamilies@stmarysnewicks.church

Check the Owls Poster on Website, in Newsletters and up in the Church Porch for dates.



REGULARS AT ST MARY'S

Adults:

Afternoon Club:

Usually second Thursday of the month. 2.30pm in the Barn Centre.
For detail contact Paddy Cumberledge on 01825 722154 or
Malcolm Smith on 01825 722705

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Citizens Advice:

Now at the Community Centre - details can be found in the Porch
of St Mary's or at the Community Centre.

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Lunch Club:

Second Monday of the month in the Barn Centre 12.30pm.
To book your place call 01825 722186

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Mens Meeting:

Monday mornings 7.30am - 8.30am in the Barn Centre

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Prayer Group:

1st and 3rd Monday 2pm Barn Centre
(unless otherwise notified)

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Prayers for Church Services:

Sundays 9.30-9.45am Barn Centre