

12th May 2024

Rectors (off) on a Ramble

Acts 1.15-17,21-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5.9-13; John 17.6-1

So that they may have the full measure of my joy within them – Jesus

Urgent

Your Youth Club Needs Your Loo Rolls!!

(Well actually we need any loo roll centres before our Colour Run on Wednesday 15th May)

Please drop off at Church



Dear friends,

Sometimes we can forget that Christianity is about good news, that is what the word Gospel literally means. Some folks might think that Christians are against life being good and want to stop the fun, but actually quite the opposite is true. Jesus told his followers that he came so that we *could have life and have it abundantly*.

The Christian story is one of how we can all get more out life. Next week, primary schools across England will be caught up with SATs which, roughly speaking, marks the beginning of assessment season: GCSE's, A-levels, end of year assessments and a plethora of other tests and exams will be underway across the country, all seeking to measure a person's academic and vocational achievements.

The deadline for content is 10am on Thursdays so if you have anything to include, please make sure it is with churchoffice@stmarysnewicks.church in time.

Anything that misses the deadline will be included the following week

(unless it has a date restriction)

A friend of mine recently came across a letter from a headteacher to a year 6 class spelling out all the things' SATs did not assess: personality, character, artistic gifts, friendships, sporting ability and so much more.

Although these tests can feel like the end of our world while we're in the midst of them, in reality they only assess one small area of our lives and do not determine our eternal destiny.

In our reading this Sunday, Peter preaches to a crowd of believers about who should replace Judas as one of the twelve. Two names are proposed. After praying for the Lord's guidance, by asking God to reveal the right person to him, knowing that God 'knows everyone's heart,' Matthias becomes the new apostle to join their group.

God chooses to work in and with and through us, knowing each of us intimately, not dependent upon a test score, exam, or final assessment.

God has a thorough understanding of who we are and, if we are open to him, places us all in the spaces where we can best serve and live out our faith.

May we each consider the roles we fulfil in different areas of our lives. We are all different in ages, experience, temperament, gifts, and abilities, yet we all have something to offer – to others and to God.

- How do we know if we are called to a particular role?
- How do we identify potential in others?
- Do you feel as though you have any skills or passions which you are unable to find a 'use' for at this moment, whether inside or outside the church?
- Where might they be being used already, without you even noticing?

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:

301: Jesus Shall reign - 290: Jesus is Lord
77: Crown him with many Crowns - 153: Alleluia Sing to Jesus

***NB: This Sunday's 8am BCP Service is at St Peters Chailey and
NQT at St Mary's***

***No Rectors Ramble next week as he is off for a well earned
break - have a great time Rev!***

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, George Morrison, Patricia Moss, Adrian, Andrea and Amber Pariss,
Gemma Peacock, June and Ron Perou, 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



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***

Prayers for Church

Barn Centre every Sunday 9.30-9.45

Prayer Group

Barn Centre every 1st and 3rd Monday 2pm

Prayer requests for May from Katie Barnwell

Warm greetings! Thank you for your partnership in prayer and in serving together - in many different ministries. Here are some ongoing prayer requests:

- Please keep praying for the Mbembe translators in south-east Nigeria - team leaders are Ernest Ebak and John Afro. Pray for wisdom, perseverance, and inspiration as they continue drafting translations for Old Testament books (currently Joshua, Judges and minor prophets). Pray for protection from accidents, for good health and for steady internet connections.
- The Mbembe-Adun team also continue to work on the revision of the Mbembe-Adun New Testament, first published in 1985. The updated translation of the letter to the Romans is nearing completion, and work continues on the rest of the epistles. The updated translation will be the basis for the preparation of the New Testament in Mbembe-Okohm and Mbembe-Osopong.
- As translation consultant, I meet with the translators over the internet on Zoom meetings. We can see each other as we talk together to review the exegesis and the translation. Photograph as you can see. Trusting the Lord for good connection.



- I am very thankful for good recovery following knee surgery, and improved mobility.
- John Afro is doing well health-wise, following further treatment for his lame leg, and also for problems with his eyes. He now has spectacles! Good eyesight is very important for translators, who spend several hours each day looking at a computer screen.
- Please continue to pray for Nigeria as a whole, for an end to kidnappings and to the attacks on communities in northern Nigeria with churches, homes and farms being destroyed.

Praising the Lord with you!

Services May 2024

“Clap your hands together, all you peoples; O sing to God with shouts of Joy”

Psalm 47

Sunday 5 th May Easter 6	8am - BCP Holy Communion* <i>Preacher: Ian Reekie</i> 10am – All Age Worship Psalm 98 --- Acts 10:44-48 --- John 15:9-17 <i>Preacher: Rev'd Paul Mundy</i> 6pm - Evensong <i>Preacher: Rev'd Paul Mundy</i>
Thursday 9 th May	7pm - Ascension Service Daniel 7:9-14 -- Acts 1:1-11 -- Luke 24:44-53 <i>Preacher : Rev'd Paul Mundy</i>
Sunday 12 th May 7 th after Easter	NOTE 8AM BCP SERVICE NOW AT ST PETERS CHAILEY BCP Holy Communion* <i>Preacher: Fr Martin Morgan</i> 10am – Holy Communion Ezekiel 36:24-28 -- Acts 1:15-17,21-26 -- John 17:6-19 <i>Preacher: Fr Martin Morgan</i> 6pm - Worship 2 <i>Leader: Mandy Stockwell</i>
Sunday 19 th May Pentecost Sunday	8am - BCP Holy Communion* <i>Preacher: Ian Reekie</i> 10am Family Communion and Baptism Ezekiel 37:1-14 -- Acts 2:1-21-- John 15:26-27,16:4b-15 Owls Club <i>Preacher: Rev'd Paul Mundy</i>
Sunday 26 th May Trinity Sunday	BCP Holy Communion* <i>Preacher Fr Martin Morgan</i> Morning Worship Isaiah 6:1-8 -- Romans 8 :12-17 -- John 3 :1-17 <i>Preacher : Reader Jeremy Burdett</i>
* Denotes standard Year B Lectionary Readings Prayer Meeting for Church Service Every Sunday 9.30 - 9.45 Barn Centre	

Coming - May and June...



FABULOUS FUN COMING UP AT NYC/NCT 6.30 - 8.00

- 17th Apr – UV Bingo
- 24th Apr – Quiz night
- 1st May –Escape room/Games in Church
- 8th May – hunger games in the woods
- 15th May - Colour party
- 5th June – Car Wash
- 12th Jun – Water rounders
- 19 June – Combat Archery
- 26th Jun – Capture the Flag
- 3rd Jul –Skate Park session Swap
- 10th Jul - Welcome year 6's Swap
- 17th Jul – BBQ in the park + parents



A Splendid Tea Party

in aid of The Leprosy Mission

2 - 6pm on Saturday 1 June 2024

Brownbread Horse Rescue Centre,
Brownbread Street, Battle, TN33 9NX

Adults £6 Children £3
(includes tea/coffee and cake)

**Come and enjoy an afternoon of craft stalls, classic cars,
& entertainment from local performers.**



www.leprosymission.org.uk



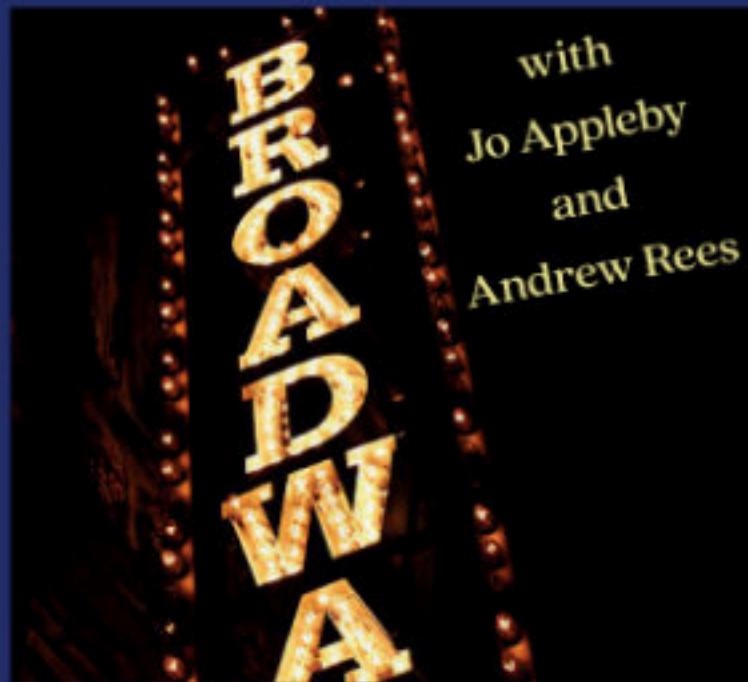
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Wendy Piccinini
on 07701 316470





Bubbles & Broadway

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



Friday 7th June

7.00pm-9.00pm

St Mary's Church, Newick, BN8 4JZ

Tickets £18 including a glass of fizz
and canapés (kids go free)



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All profits from this event will go towards St Mary's Church, Newick and St Peter's Church, Challey.

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***Carefully
selected
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***Elizabeth
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***Michelle
Harley
pyrography***

***Parking in the
field through
the five bar
gate.***

Friday June 7th

3pm-7pm

£8 Entry

To book tickets please visit www.stpjhospice.org

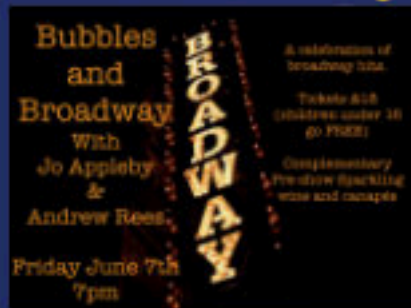


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Summer Concerts

Bubbles & Broadway



Friday 7th June
7pm

Tickets £18 (kids go free)

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

Vivace!

Sunday 23rd June

2pm

Tickets £12 (kids go free)

A choir performing a wide range of music with Pimms, strawberries and cream.



Harmonia Trio



Saturday 3rd August

3.30pm

Tickets £10 (kids go free)

An acapella trio singing a selection of folk and early music, including cream tea.

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

REGULARS

Friday Hub - Community Centre 10-12

Prayers for Church - Barn Centre Sundays 9.30-9.45

Prayer Group - Barn Centre 1st and 3rd Mondays of the Month 2pm

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

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

PLACEHOLDER IN YOUR DIARY

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

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 do mail us.



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