

Rector's Ramble

Jeremiah 4:11-12,22-28, 1 Timothy 1:12-17, Luke 15:1-10

Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost
Luke 15:6

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your prayers this week at the Chichester Diocese Clergy Conference held at the University of Kent and Canterbury Cathedral. It was a good few days with some very intense teaching on our understanding of the Trinity within the Nicene Creed, from an Evangelical, Catholic and Eastern Orthodox perspective, with the overall understanding that the relationship we see expressed between the One in Three & the Three in One is love. And that our Creed is to be celebrated as an expression of that love, and as a witness to our faith.



We also had a very challenging lecture/after dinner speaker by Dr Eve Pool on our understanding of AI & the Soul, and her book Robot Souls, Programming in Humanity, but more of that another time!!

Despite the intensity of the conference topics, it was a good few days of sharing our faith and experiences of parish ministry together and our Conference closed with a truly beautiful Mass and service of healing and reconciliation in the Crypt of Canterbury Cathedral.

Despite the appalling traffic back from Canterbury (4.5 hours) I made it back for the first NYC of the year, with 29 years 7's attending our early session and 38 year 8,9&10's attending the later one.

One of the conversations I had at Conference has meant that we've been invited to join St Andrews Burgess Hill for a combined youth service on Sunday 28th September and we will be hiring a minibus to take some of our second session youth who are eager to attend.

Please be praying for NYC and for Lee and myself as we look toward building a stronger relationship with Chailey Secondary school over the coming months and for our fantastic new Headteacher Paul Holt.

This Saturday we have our Harvest Festival Celebration at the Five Bells in Chailey, where I will be offering a Blessing of the Hops & Crops, and St Peter's Choir will be singing some Harvest Bangers, along with Vintage Tractors, Craft stalls, Real Ale Tent, live music and the Horticultural Show earlier in the day at the Village Hall. It should be a wonderful celebration.

This Sunday at both St Mary's and St Peter's we continue our journey through Luke's Gospel by entering Chapter 15 of Luke, which contains three different stories about finding lost things, lost sheep, lost coins and a lost (prodigal) son. It also tells us about the celebrations that take place when these lost things are found. As it does, it picks up one of the great themes of Luke, the joy of blessings showered on God's faithful people as a result of repentance and finding new life.



But the passage in Luke is not just about getting people to repent and finding new life; it's also about valuing people as people, even when they're lost.

One of the ways Jesus shows those around Him that He values people is that He enters into close relations with them, even if they are people that the established religious order would never reach out to, the tax collectors and sinners, people of low repute.

Jesus meets them on their terms. He is not prepared to write them off, as his critics did, or to say, as they would

have, I will value you and welcome only if you repent.

Jesus seeks out the lost, even the lost who don't know they're lost, and values them as they are. He seeks out those who society may have written off as losers, no hopers, wasters, and gives them life and hope.

Jesus seeks out the large and the small to redeem and value.

In our own lives, He seeks out those areas which we may have written off; areas that we prefer to hide and not speak about, habits we have we wish we didn't, areas of our lives we hope no one sees. He seeks them out because He wants to redeem those too and give us hope in the 'no go' areas of our lives.

God also wants to use us to seek out the lost and the hopeless and give them His hope and His direction. Part of our mission activity is exactly that, seeking out situations that seem hopeless and giving hope, through our prayers, time, effort, resources and money whether at home or abroad. God calls out to the lost people and places in our lives and in our world and values them for who and what they are, and who and what they can become. As He does, so should we.

And once the lost are found, we should rejoice and celebrate.

Because in being found, in turning around and repenting, in discovering true value, all creation comes that little but closer to being restored to the way God intended it to be.

And as we celebrate and rejoice, Heaven does too.

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.



SERVICES – SEPTEMBER 2025

Sunday 7TH September Twelfth Sunday after Trinity	8am BCP* Holy Communion Preacher: Rev Paul Mundy 10am Worship & Holy Communion Jeremiah 18:1-11 - Philemon 1-21 - Luke 14:25-33 Preacher: Rev Paul Mundy 6pm Evensong Leader: Reader Jeremy Burdett Preacher: Ian Reekie
Sunday 14th September Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity	8am BCP* Holy Communion (Churches together at St Mary's) Preacher: Rev Paul Mundy 10am Morning Worship Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 – 1 Timothy 1:12-17 – Luke 15:1-10 Preacher: Geoff Clinton 6pm Worship2 Leader: Many Stockwell
Sunday 21st September Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity	8am BCP* Holy Communion Preacher: Rev Paul Mundy 10am Family Communion & Owls Club Jeremiah 8:18-9.1 – 1 Timothy 2:1-7 – Luke 16:1-13 Preacher: Rev Paul Mundy
Sunday 28th September Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity	8am BCP* Holy Communion Preacher: Fr Martin Morgan 10am Morning Praise & Worship Jeremiah 32:1-3, 6-15 – 1 Timothy 6:6-19 – Luke 16:19-31 Preacher: Reader Jeremy Burdett
<p style="text-align: center;">*DENOTES STANDARD YEAR C LECTIONARY READINGS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PRAYER MEETINGS FOR CHURCH SERVICES EVERY SUNDAY 9.30 BARN CENTRE</p>	

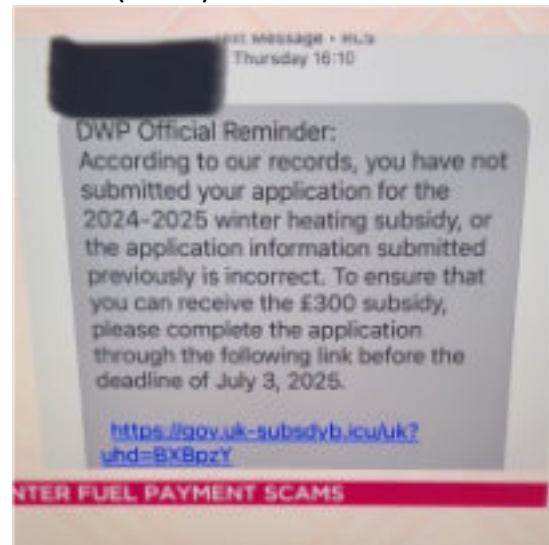
As always, please remember those on our prayer list:

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.

Useful information - text scams....

If you receive a text that you think may be a scam - check with a friend or Google it. Here is a prime example of the one currently doing the rounds about the winter fuel allowance. Do not respond. Dept of Work and Pensions (DWP) will never text and ask for detail and if you are eligible - you will receive it automatically. If you want to contact the DWP do so via the Gov website - DO NOT click on the text message.

For this type of scam you can either click on the **report as junk** function if you have it on your phone or - forward the text to 7726 and your phone provider will log it and then block it.



Men's Supper

Our next Men's Supper will be on Friday 19th September at 7.00 (for 7.30pm) in the Barn Centre.

We are delighted to be welcoming Martin Stringer, ex RAF Navigator of Vulcans as part of a distinguished RAF career winding up as an Air Commodore and serving as Military Attache in Singapore for three years. He will share some of his stories and touch on the future of aerial conflict.

A fabulous evening with great food and a glass or two - all for £7, payable at the door.

Numbers as always needed for catering, so please call me on 07770 771653 if you are coming along. Many thanks - Christopher

Garden Day Saturday 11th October.....

Save the date! We have an ambitious program, and the lunch as always will be convivial and excellent. Don't worry, we will remind you again nearer the time too...

Christopher Hume

REGULARS AT ST MARY'S

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 with St Mary's Youth Choir - every third Thursday of the Month - 4pm - 5pm in the Barn Centre. £5. Email: churchoffice@stmarysnewicks.church to register.

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

16th July, 20th August, 17th September, 22nd October, 19th November and 17th 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. The Barn Centre.

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

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

Email: childrenandfamilies@stmarysnewicks.church

**18th May - 15th June - 20th July -
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

Youthwork at St Mary's



The following pages tell you all about what is coming up and what is available for our young people...

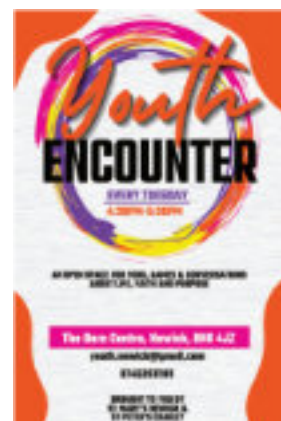
(Including an opportunity for an adult volunteer!)



Exciting opportunity to get involved with our Youth Work at St Mary's

Our Youth Worker Lee Buck is committed to continuing to offer Encounter - the Christian Club to young people in Newick, but for this to happen he is looking for an adult volunteer to help. Last school year Lee was very ably supported by Josh Stockwell, but Josh's Uni timetable this time around means he is unable to commit.

If you are interested in supporting this programme and would like to get involved, please get in touch with Reverend Paul (revpaul@stmarysnewicks.church) to arrange a quick chat.





YEAR AT A GLANCE



Wednesday Evenings 6:00—7:30

The Barn Centre, Church Road, Newick

For School Year 7

£2 Entry (50p for tuck)

Autumn Term 2025

10 Sep	Club Night
17 Sep	Club Night
24 Sep	Club Night
1 Oct	Deeper Night
8 Oct	Club Night
15 Oct	Club Night
22 Oct	Club Night
<i>Half Term</i>	
12 Nov	Club Night
19 Nov	Club Night
26 Nov	Deeper Night
3 Dec	Club Night
10 Dec	Beat the Parents

Spring Term 2026

14 Jan	Club Night
21 Jan	Club Night
28 Jan	Deeper Night
4 Feb	Club Night
11 Feb	Club Night
<i>Half Term</i>	
25 Feb	Club Night
4 Mar	Club Night
11 Mar	Deeper Night
18 Mar	Club Night
25 Mar	Club Night

Spring Term 2026

15 Apr	Get Hyped
22 Apr	Get Hyped
29 Apr	Get Hyped
6 May	Get Hyped
13 May	Get Hyped
<i>22 - 25 May Camp</i>	
<i>Half Term</i>	
3 Jun	Get Hyped
10 Jun	Get Hyped
17 Jun	Deeper Hyped
24 Jun	Get Hyped
1 Jul	Get Hyped
8 Jul	Get Hyped
	+ Parents

For more information contact

Lee Buck: 07453511181

Email: Youth.Newick@gmail.com



School Years 7

£2 (+50p for tuck on club nights)

Be collected by an adult

Club Nights - pure social: tuck shop, chill out space, your music on demand, pool table, table football, table tennis, games, etc ...

Deeper Nights - We do this twice a term. To explore the possibility of God and what our own faiths are. We look at some of the BIG questions of the Bible.

‘___ the Parents’ - Events marked as ‘___ the parents’ (see over) include parents! Get the date in your diary, please parents so you can join us!

Get Hyped - In the summer term every Wednesday is ‘special’. For example we might have a water slide, splash night, garden party, fun field hot dogs and more!

May Camp - A great weekend away together alongside other Sussex church youth groups. It is awesome—don’t miss out !

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YEAR AT A GLANCE



Wednesday Evenings 7:30—9:00

The Barn Centre, Church Road, Newick

For School Years 8 onwards

£2 Entry (50p for tuck)

Autumn Term 2025

10 Sep	Club Night
17 Sep	Club Night
24 Sep	Club Night
1 Oct	Deeper Night
8 Oct	Club Night
15 Oct	Club Night
22 Oct	Club Night
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18 Mar	Club Night
25 Mar	Club Night

For more information contact

Lee Buck: 07453511181

Spring Term 2026

15 Apr	Get Hyped
22 Apr	Get Hyped
6 May	Get Hyped
13 May	Get Hyped
<i>22 - 25 May Camp</i>	
<i>Half Term</i>	
3 Jun	Get Hyped
10 Jun	Get Hyped
17 Jun	Deeper Special
24 Jun	Get Hyped
1 Jul	Get Hyped
8 Jul	Get Hyped + Parents

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NEWICK CHAILEY TOGETHER



School Years 8+ £2 entry (unlimited tuck)
7:30 -9pm

Club Nights - Pure social: Tuck shop, chill out space, music, pool, football, Xbox, VR, table tennis and more.

Deeper Nights - We do this twice a term. To explore the possibility of God and what our own faiths are . We look at some of the BIG QUESTIONS of the Bible.

The Parents - Events marked +Parents (see over) include Parents. Get the date in your diary, please parents so you can join us!

Get Hyped - In the summer term every Wednesday is 'Special'. For example we might have a Graffiti workshop, Zorb balls, water rounders, fortnight in the woods.

May Camp - Yes!!! A weekend away together alongside other Sussex Church youth groups. It is Awesome don't miss out.

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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 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

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.