

Fr Martin's Murmurations

Thirty years ago, this week I introduced a young funeral director to a well establish undertaker with the plan that they might set up a business in my parish in Rottingdean. The plan came to fruition and on Tuesday I went back to the village to preach at an anniversary service of thanksgiving. When the plan was initially muted there was a huge tide of opposition which looking back was largely based on a fear of death. However, the opposition was overcome and the firm, has been giving a wonderful and caring service to many hundreds, if not thousands, of bereaved folk.

Working in Chailey and Newick whist Paul is on his sabbatical I have had to officiate at many funerals. Happily there have been members of our own congregation who have helped me in so many ways. Sara and Teresa with whom the funeral director makes the first contact. Then there is the Verger who makes sure all is prepared and ready for the ceremony. Jonathan and Andy provide excellent music and the brilliant young Josh makes it possible for families to have whatever music thy wish. He also produces visual tributes with a musical back ground so much loved by the mourners.

Our excellent and talented flower arrangers perform miracles of beauty and the choir is often asked to help boost the singing. Christopher, our Churchwarden, makes sure the graveyard is maintained so that graves are set in beautiful surroundings. Tony and Julian are on hand to lend their expert hands on anything practical that needs to be done in the churchyard. There are those who mow the grass and sweep the paths regularly and expertly. It takes an enormous number of people with a high level of skill to enable our ministry to the dead and to their families to be effective and of course, caring.

Then behind us there are the funeral directors and it is more than a blessing for us to be served by Andrew and Julie Brooks and their excellent staff. Not many will witness as I do the immense care that they take to ensure every wish of a family is fulfilled. They never blow their own trumpets but I can testify the lengths to which they will go and the time they will spend to make sure all is well for the service and the people they serve. They also very helpful to me. I often say that the traditional service they deliver is due to the fact that the whole operation is run with the level of efficiency need to run a business in this modern day.

We remember this Sunday the Feast of the Holy Trinity. Father Son and Holy Spirit. This mystery at the heart of the Christian belief shows us to be a community-based people. We are made in God's image and as John Donne reminds us "No one is an island." We depend on one another for so many things and I was thinking this week how many people there are whose work is essential to the community but are seldom praised. What if we had to bury our own loved ones for example. There are those who undertake to this for us.

If you recall the family and disciples of Jesus had this problem. What to do with his dead body when he had no grave? Happily, Joseph of Arimathea came to their aid and with a generosity beyond measure asks Pilate if he can take Our Lord's body and lay it in his own new tomb. A remarkable gift. Thank God there are those today who go about their business enabling us to be part of a functioning caring community. It is incumbent on us to make sure they are thanked and honoured. Let us on this Trinity Sunday thank God he decided it is not good for us to be alone and so created within us a need to receive the help of others. Let us thank the Father, Son and Holy Spirit for those who by their efforts make our lives easier.

Please continue to pray for God's blessing on Paul as he continues his journey of faith walking the path of the Celtic Saints.

May God bless you and those you love this coming week.

Fr.Martin.

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, Helen Lloyd, 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.



<u>PLEASE NOTE:</u> THE CITIZENS ADVICE SESSION ON WEDNESDAY 18TH JUNE IS NOW IN THE BARN CENTRE AND NOT IN CHURCH. THIS IS THE LAST MONTH IT WILL BE HELD AT ST MARY'S AND MOVES TO THE COMMUNITY CENTRE FROM JULY

SERVICES – JUNE 2025	
	8am BCP* Holy Communion at Chailey
Sunday 1 st June Seven Sunday after Ascension Day	Preacher : Fr Martin
	10am Holy Communion
	Acts 16. 16-34 - Revelation 22. 12-14, 16-17, 20-end - John 17. 20-end
	Preacher: Fr Martin
	6pm Evensong
	Preacher: Reader Geoff Clinton
	8am BCP* Holy Communion
Sunday 8 th June Whit Sunday	Preacher: Fr Martin
	10am Churches Together at Chailey - Holy Communion
	Acts 2. 1-21 – Romans 8. 14-17 – John 14. 8-17 (25-27) Preacher: Fr Martin
	6pm Worship2
	Leader: Mandy Stockwell
Sunday 15th June Trinity Sunday	8am BCP* Holy Communion
	Preacher: Fr Martin
	10am Leprosy Mission and Owls
	Proverbs 8. 1-4, 22-31 – Romans 5. 1-5 – John 16. 12-15
	Leader: Reader Jeremy Burdett
	Preacher: Wendy Piccinini Leprosy Mission
	8am BCP* Holy Communion at Chailey
	Preacher: Fr Martin
Sunday 22 nd June	10am Holy Communion with Baptism
First Sunday after	Isaiah 65. 1-9 – Galatians 3. 23-end – Luke 8. 26-39
Trinity	Preacher: Fr Martin
	8am BCP* Holy Communion at St Peter's
Sunday 29 th June	Preacher: FR Martin
Second Sunday	10am Churches Together Celebration at St Mary's
after Trinity	President & Preacher: Bishop Will Hazlewood
	*DENOTES STANDARD YEAR C LECTIONARY READINGS
PRAYE	R MEETINGS FOR CHURCH SERVICES EVERY SUNDAY 9.15 BARN CENTRE

Here comes our

SUMMER MEN'S SUPPER

Friday June 20th in the Barn Centre

Doors open at 7.00 for a 7.30 sharp start.

Our guest will be PETER SUTER who will be known to many of you as a local radio host and from our recent Alpha course. Peter is a man of many parts and wide experience and will be sharing some reminiscences with us.

Our redoubtable ladies plan a splendid menu:-Chicken a la Walters and a glorious summer Beeston mess.

There will be wine!

Please let Christopher Hume know if you can join us – we need to establish catering numbers:-01825 724378, <u>mcmhume@outlook.com</u> or at Church.

Book early to avoid the shattering disappointment of missing another great night.



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:** <u>churchoffice@stmarysnewicks.church</u> to register.

Citizens Advice: Drop in sessions for free, confidential, impartial advice on topics including housing, benefits issues, cost of living, debt and much more:

• Wednesday 18th June 10am - 1pm - ****<u>Barn Centre and not the Church****</u> NOTE: Sessions from July onwards will be in the Community Centre and not St Mary's

Free advice: 0208 278 7893 Tues -+-9 Thurs 10am - 3pm or email info@lewesdistrictca.org.uk

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

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

Email: 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

Don't forget to visit the Celebration of Marriage next week!

A Celebration of Marriage at St Mary's Church, Newick

It is now 20 years since we had a "Wedding Festival" in St Mary's in June 2005, when over £1,300 was raised to support children at risk in Bogotá. It has been decided to mark the anniversary with a Celebration of Marriage. Displays will obviously be far less ambitious. This time donations will be asked for 'Farms in Crisis'.

There will be a small display of a few wedding dresses and lots of photographs on: Thursday 19th June 2.30 pm - 5.00 pm Friday 20th June. 10.00 am - 5.00 pm Saturday 21st June 10.00 am - 5.00 pm

We would be delighted to include any newly weds since 2005.

If you were at Playgroup/Pre-School at that time we have photos of you watching Allen Lucas ringing the bells. You must now be in your 20's - come and see the difference! Rainbows & Cubs were also involved.

Should you be able to contribute in any way - in time, displays photos or flowers, please contact: Monica Todd on 01825 722 660.

Thank you.



Photographs: Craig Payne

If you were married at St Mary's Church in the last 20 years and would like to take part, please contact Monica as above.



*** NEW ADDITION THIS WEEK ***





DISPLAY OF GOOSEBERRIES

No-one likes picking gooseberries, they are rarely seen in supermarkets but are delicious and part of Newick history.

We will have a display of gooseberries in conjunction with the Newick Food Fair, in Snells Cottage Garden.

SUNDAY 29th JUNE 2025

FROM 11.00AM IN SNELLS COTTAGE GARDEN, NEWICK

(There is no membership of the Newick Afternoon Club just come – sometimes it may cost a £1, for the hire of the Community Centre/Barn Centre) In the meantime, if you would like any further information please give one of us a call: Paddy C. 722154, Malcolm S. 722705

OPEN TO ALL IN NEWICK AND BEYOND

*** NEW ADDITION THIS WEEK ***

Bubbles & Broadway

A celebration of broadway hits with complimentarry 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)



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

Coming up.....







Teas and homemade cakes Pimms tent from The Crown Vineyard tours must be booked in advance via the St Peter and St James website (stpjhospice.org) Parking available on Newick Rugby ground (access via Allington Road) Kindly sponsored by

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Charity Quiz Night 7.00pm Drinks - 7:30pm Start £10 PER PERSON TEAMS OF 8. DRINKS & RAFFLE FREE DRINK ON ARRIVAL www.teambenhammond.co.uk FRIDAY **Raising Money for Team** Ben Hammond. Are you between 13th 15 & 35 years old? Would JUNE you like to know your heart is HEALTHY? Help us raise money for a free screening. SUSSEX CHRISTMAS BARN, GIPPS FARM Cardiac BARCOMBE, EAST SUSSEX, BNB 5EH Risk in the TEL: 07811 178628 oung





Don't miss out on the apportunity to come together with other families from across the diocese. We will gether in the heart of the beautiful South Downs National Park to enjoy a weekend of fun activities and adventure, combined with workip and famile time.

Designed primarily (but not exclusive)() for families with primary school aged children. The weekend will stort on Friday afternoon and Brish at Lunchtime on Sunday. The cost of the weekend is £25 per person" (under 5's free) including two evening meak and use of all the Stecham Campsite and Outdoor Camp facilities.

For more information about the weekend and how to book tickets, speak with your church leader or visit: www.celebratingfaith.co.uk

* Busarius may be available for databarriaged families











Holiday at Home

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

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

Huge Singalong!

Arts and crafts (Drinks and biscuits provided)

Lunchtime (Please bring a packed lunch)

Dance performance by Shimmy and Shake

Performance by St Mary's Youth Choir

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







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

CONCERT

Two Trios

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 contoct:churchoffice@stmarysnewicks.church All proceeds to go tothe Youth work of the Church



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 <u>stmarysnewicks.church</u> 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.