St Mary's Newick's Church

13th November 2026

NEWSLETTER









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 (St Mary's & beyond)
- Regulars: Babies, Tots, Toddlers and Teens
- Regulars: Adults

Checkout St Mary's Website which gives you everything you need to know about the Church and what is happening there and in the Barn Centre and - includes a gallery of all photo's

Rector's Ramble

Zephaniah 1:7,12-18, 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, Matthew 25:14-30

"Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another. Before the mountains were brought forth or the earth and the world were formed, from everlasting to everlasting you are God" Psalm 90

Dear Friends,

There is something deeply holy about remembering. Throughout Scripture, God's people are told again and again to *remember*. To remember the Lord who brought them out of Egypt, to remember his faithfulness, to tell their children what he has done. And at the very heart of our worship, Jesus takes bread and wine and says, *"Do this in remembrance of me."* Remembering, in the Bible, is never simply looking back with nostalgia. It is a living act: the past is brought into the present so that it can shape who we are and how we live tomorrow.

That is exactly what happened across our parishes this Remembrance-tide. Around the war memorials of Newick and Chailey, in our churches and in our communities, we stood together in silence. We read the names. We honoured those who gave their tomorrows so that we could have our todays, and we prayed for all who still live with the cost of conflict, veterans, service families, and those caught up in war around the world today. In that silence, the generations stood side by side: the very young who are learning, perhaps for the first time, why we pause.

I want to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone who made our Remembrance services and gatherings possible, at both churches and across both villages. To those who read, prayed, laid wreaths and led us in worship; to our musicians and choirs; to those who stewarded, set out chairs, arranged our amazing flowers, polished, printed, and made the tea and sausage rolls. To the uniformed organisations, schools, local groups, Chailey Bonfire Society for their poignant Remembrance on Saturday Evening, for NEASSA and their year round support and to our MP for East Grinstead and Uckfield The Honourable Mims Davies who joined us at Newick on Wednesday; and to every single person who simply came and stood with us thank you. It is a privilege to serve communities that still know how to remember well, and do so with such dignity and care.

Remembering well also gives us courage to look ahead. This summer both our churches have been doing precisely that, gathering for Vision Days to ask what God is calling us to be over the next five to ten years. Each church has a distinct character and calling, and I have loved hearing how differently,and how faithfully each has answered.

St Mary's, Newick: *Open Doors, Growing Faith*

At St Mary's, people spoke again and again of the warmth of our welcome, the generosity of a large and willing team of volunteers, and the depth of our pastoral care and our youth work. When we asked what gives us life, the answer was clear: the Holy Spirit at work in changed lives, our hope for a full church of young and old worshipping together with joy, and God's love lived out day by day in community.

We were honest, too, about the barriers: despite our amazing youth and families work, still too few children, young people and young adults in our regular services, and older and less mobile members finding it harder to reach us. So, St Mary's vision is about opening the doors wider — practically and spiritually:

- **A level, safe pathway** from the, Car Park, Barn Centre to the main door, so everyone can arrive safely and with dignity.
- **Adapting the Barn Centre** with a Changing Places accessible toilet, ramped access and a genuine "second front door" for children, youth and community outreach.
- **A volunteer transport scheme**, so that no one is cut off from church life by age or mobility.
- **Making the 10am service our flagship** — simpler and clearer for newcomers — while keeping the 8am BCP service for those who treasure it.
- **Growing our prayer and healing ministry**: developing a ministry centred on prayer for physical, emotional and spiritual wholeness shown through the everyday pastoral life of our church.
- **Celebrating Together:** turning our much-loved Garden Days, Harvest, Christmas and Remembrance events into a regular rhythm of village-facing gatherings.
- **Employing a Full time CYFM:** To work alongside St Peter's in applying for a grant towards employing a full time Children's, Youth and Families Minister across our two parishes.

The heart of it all is a larger, joyful, multi-generational congregation, holding our traditions a little more lightly so that there is room for those who have not yet found their way in. As our Vision Day reminded us: *"I have come that they might have life, and have it abundantly"* (John 10:10).

St Peter's, Chailey: Come and See

At St Peter's, we were invited to imagine walking back into church in ten years' time: a welcome sign at the lychgate, doors flung open, music drifting across the churchyard, the smell of coffee and cake, vegetables growing in a communal garden, and young people teaching older friends how to use their tablets. It was a beautiful picture of a church that is open, warm, sustainable and woven into the rhythm of village life — all week long, not only on Sunday mornings.

St Peter's vision is to be relevant to the whole of Chailey parish; to be seen as a centre of village life; to be a source of faith for those who seek it and of support and comfort for all who need it; and to be a centre of excellence for music. Some of the highlights:

- **Employing a Full time CYFM:** As already stated above, to continue our collaboration with Rev Paul and Fr Martin to work alongside St Mary's in applying for a grant towards employing a full time Children's, Youth and Families Minister across our two parishes.

- **Listening first:** asking what our community really needs before starting anything new.
- **Something for every life stage:** family breakfasts and gardening projects, a youth café and exam-time quiet space, walking groups and honest faith conversations, Evening Bible Study Groups, a skills audit and a car service for less mobile neighbours.
- **Growing the choir** to include young people from local schools, with concerts, guest performers and teaching in organ, piano and bell ringing — including a concert series to help fund the roof.
- **Caring for our building and creation:** repairing the roof, exploring solar panels and rainwater harvesting, and helping our community respond to a changing climate.
- **Three simple questions** to test every new idea: Does this help people know Jesus? Does this help people feel they belong? Does this help us serve our community?

Above all, St Peter's wants every person who walks through its doors to leave knowing one simple truth: ***You matter — because you are loved by God.***

And it good to see that God is already working His Purpose out across our parishes:

New welcoming signs at St Peter's, a concert programme, Remembrance Breakfast, new home group and a skills audit already in progress, revised planning application for a new pathway at St Mary's already

submitted, an Intergenerational Service held on All saints Day, and as both Vision Days named the same deep longing: to see far more children, young people and families sharing in the life of our churches. Which is why it so good to see God answering our prayers as we have been awarded a grant towards a shared Children, Families & Youth (CYF) Minister for St Mary's and St Peter's, supporting this ministry over the coming five to seven years.

This is a real answer to prayer. One minister, held in common by both parishes, will be able to hold the whole journey together, from toddler groups and school links, through children's church and youth group, to confirmation and young adult faith. It will strengthen our links with local schools and holiday clubs, support and encourage our wonderful volunteers, and help turn long-held hopes into lasting growth. It will not do everything for us, the post shares the load rather than replacing the faithful work of so many, but it gives us a firm foundation to build on together. Both PCCs will now work together on the next steps, and I will keep you posted as recruitment begins, and our match funding continues.

As we move through these last Sundays before Advent, our readings turn our eyes towards the future and the coming of Christ. They feel especially fitting this year, as we hold together remembrance, vision and fresh hope.

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus tells of a master who goes on a journey and entrusts his wealth to three servants. A talent was an enormous sum, many years' wages, so even the servant who received one was given something of extraordinary value. Two servants go out, take risks and see what they were given multiply. The third, gripped by fear, digs a hole and buries his talent in the ground. He keeps it safe, but he keeps it still.

It is a parable about trust and generosity far more than it is about money. God has entrusted each of us, and each of our churches with great gifts: faith, buildings, traditions, music, prayer, people, and the communities we serve. The question the parable asks is not *"Have you kept it safe?"* but *"What have you done with what you were given?"*

Our Vision Days were, in a sense, a parish-wide stock-take of our talents. Both churches were also honest about the temptation to bury what we have, to stay within comfortable, familiar patterns because change feels risky. Jesus gently but firmly invites us to do otherwise: to invest our gifts in the lives of others, especially those not yet with us.

The grant for our CYF Minister is itself a talent placed in our hands. It is not something to guard but something to put to work, so that the faith we have received can grow in a new generation.

Paul writes to the Christians in Thessaloniki who were anxious about the future and about when Christ would return. He does not give them a timetable. Instead, he reminds them who they are: *children of the light and children of the day*. Rather than sleeping, they are to stay awake and sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and the helmet of the hope of salvation.

Remembrance often confronts us with the darkness of the world: war, loss and suffering that are still all too present today. Paul does not ask us to pretend otherwise. He asks us to live as people of light in the middle of it watchful, steady, clothed in faith, love and hope.

And he ends with words that could almost be a motto for both our parishes: *encourage one another and build each other up*, just as you are already doing. That is exactly what I have seen in our Remembrance services, on our Vision Days, and in the countless quiet acts of kindness that hold our church families together.

Perhaps these readings leave us with two simple questions to carry through the week. What gift has God placed in my hands that I might be tempted to bury, and how could I offer it? And who could I encourage and build up this week, in church or in our villages?

When the master returns in the parable, his words to the faithful servants are full of joy: *"Well done, good and faithful servant… enter into the joy of your lord."* May that be the joy we grow into together, as we use what we have been given for the sake of God's kingdom and the good of our communities.

Remembrance teaches us that every generation receives a gift from the one before and is called to hand something on to the next. In our own small way, that is what these visions are about: receiving the faith, the buildings and the communities we have been given with gratitude, and passing them on — open, alive and welcoming — to those who come after us.

Please keep praying for both our parishes, for the PCCs as they take these visions forward, and for the person God is calling to serve as our CYF Minister.

Thank you for all you give, in time, talent, prayer and love.

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

Services – November 2026

Sunday 1st November All Saints Day	**8am BCP* Holy Communion & Churches Together at St Mary's** ❖ Reflective spoken service of Holy Communion following the King James Book of Common Prayer **10am Holy Communion & Baptism** ❖ A service of worship and praise with celebration of a Baptism **5pm Evensong** ❖ Following the BCP Evening Prayer with Plain chant, sung psalms and hymns
Sunday 8th November Remembrance Sunday Third Sunday before Advent	**8am BCP* Holy Communion** ❖ Reflective spoken service of Holy Communion following the King James Book of Common Prayer **10:30am Remembrance Sunday** ❖ A solemn service dedicated to honouring British and Commonwealth service members who died in the two World Wars and later conflicts. **6pm - There is no Worship 2**
Sunday 15th November Second Sunday before Advent	**8am BCP* Holy Communion** ❖ Reflective spoken service of Holy Communion following the King James Book of Common Prayer **10am Morning Worship & Owls Club** ❖ Service of worship and praise with Kids Club
Sunday 22nd November Christ the King Sunday next before advent	**8am BCP* Holy Communion Churches Together at St Mary's** ❖ Reflective spoken service of Holy Communion following the King James Book of Common Prayer **10am Morning Worship** ❖ Joyful celebration of Worship & Praise, God's Word and Prayer
Sunday 29th November Advent Sunday	**8am BCP* Holy Communion** ❖ Reflective spoken service of Holy Communion following the King James Book of Common Prayer **10am Holy Communion** ❖ Parish Communion Service with Choir & Congregational hymns involving the whole parish family **5pm Advent Carols** ❖ Advent carols are hymns and songs that prepare hearts for the coming of Christ, blending themes of hope, anticipation, and celebration.

***DENOTES STANDARD YEAR A LECTIONARY READINGS**

PRAYER MEETINGS FOR CHURCH SERVICES EVERY SUNDAY 9.30 BARN CENTRE

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, Rosie Hallett, Summer Kilgour, Juliette Lucas, Spike MacGuire, Christina McCann, Shirley Mansfield, Derek Marshall, George Morrison, Patricia Moss, Adrian, Andrea and Amber Parris, Gemma Peacock, June 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



Men's Supper Friday 20th November

Our final bash for the year will be next Friday, 20th November.

In the Barn Centre as usual ,7.00pm for 7.30pm, pay at the door – a real bargain at just £7 for a good supper, plentiful wine (!) and an interesting speaker.



This month we are fortunate to welcome Lawrence Mudford, newly appointed Vice Chair of planning for Newick Parish Council. Newick and its Council face mounting pressures – a Council election next year where a number of stalwarts (thank you all for your sterling service!) will be standing down and of course a difficult and perhaps perilous outlook for planning in Newick.

Lawrence is an engaging speaker and we are grateful to him for coming to give us his take on what the future holds. We live in interesting times!

Please let me know if you can join us – we need numbers for catering, call me on 07770 771653, email me at mcmhume@outlook.com or let me know at Church on Sunday.

Look forward to seeing you next week!

Christopher Hume

Wendy Piccinini - Community Partnership Manager The Leprosy Mission says:

To all my dear friends at St Mary's,

Earlier this year, you kindly supported the renovation of the Bankura Home of Love through your continued prayers and generosity. A few weeks ago, I had the privilege of leading a supporter's trip to India and while I was there, I visited Bankura's Home of Love and was able to see that the work is already underway!

I'm sure by the time I visit you again next year, I will be able to share photos of the completed renovation, as well as more news from the trip. But in the meantime, please click on the link below, to see a short video that I filmed especially for you, while I was there!

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mwILpnhynvWm-I9B8HvZmm83tfOWRjqe/view?usp=sharing Thanks again for your incredible love for people affected by leprosy at Bankura.

Praying God's immense blessing on you all.

Calling all Helpers



Our annual Tree Festival is fast approaching and as well as the Rectors BBQ on Saturday- which is now tradition!, there is the wonderful church cafe that lets people sit and enjoy a cuppa and a slice of something nice, whilst enjoying the trees.

As always, we are need **YOU** to make it happen though and would be so grateful to anyone who could ***donate a cake or some cookies, or some other little treats*** to sell in the cafe over the weekend. If you are able to provide something, please can you let us know either by emailing churchoffice@stmarysnewicks.church or by filling in the donation sheet which will be at the back of St Mary's.

We also ***need people to serve at the cafe***, which will be open Friday and Saturday 10-6 and then, Sunday afternoon 12-4.

There will be a sign up sheet at the back of the Church for this or you can email churchoffice@stmarysnewicks.church letting us know what days and times you can help- please do think about giving up a little bit of time to support us and ***help us raise as much as we can for St Mary's together with St Peter's and St James Hospice.***

The Fletching Singers present - 'Twas the Night before Advent

Fletching Church, TN22 3SR. Saturday 28th November 2026 at 7.30pm

The Fletching Singers invite you to join us on 28th November for our autumn concert, 'Twas the Night before Advent . Alongside Charpentier's beautiful Messe de Minuit, for which the choir will be joined by a small ensemble of instruments, the programme will include a lovely mixture of music old and new, sacred and secular. We will take you from the beauty of night time into the wonderful period of expectancy and waiting that leads to Christmas. Directed by Ansy Boothroyd.

Tickets £15 on the door or £12.50 early bird until Tuesday 24th November. Available online at https://www.fletchingsingers.co.uk , from members, or info@fletchingsingers.co.uk, or 07802 855113

Retiring collection for St Peter & St James Hospice

ADVENT

29th November - Advent Carols 5pm

D E C E M B E R

10th - Youth Choir Christmas Concert (at Sx Barn) 5.30pm

11th - 13th Christmas Tree Festival

11th - Curry & Quiz Night 7pm

12th - Elf Workshop 10am-2pm

12th - BBQ Lunch 11am-2pm

12th - Andy's Annual Singalong 3pm

19th - East Sussex Concert Band 7.30pm

20th - Lessons and Carols by Candlelight 5pm

Christmas Eve -

Crib Service 4pm

Midnight Mass 11pm

Christmas Day -

BCP Communion 8am

Family Service and Communion 10am

Posters and flyers can be seen in this Newsletter, on our WEBSITE and on our Facebook Page.



If you would like to support our Grand Raffle - with prizes including £100 cash, a £100 John Lewis voucher, a glamping weekend, a 3-course meal at The Griffin, and luxury hampers - you can buy tickets here using this link or - scan the QR code below.

https://newick-school-ptfa.sumupstore.com/product/grand-christmas-raffle-2026-purchase-tickets-online

Thursday 10th December 2026 -

5:30pm -

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The Sussex Christmas Barn

invites you to join the Youth Choir from St Mary's Church Newick, for a selection of festive songs and a free glass of Mulled Wine.

The shop will be open for Christmas Tree & Decoration sales until 6:30pm



Gipps Barn, Spithurst Road, Barcombe,

BN8 5EH - 01273 401021

St Mary's Newick's Church

Christmas Tree Festival

11th - 13th December

10am - 6pm Friday & Saturday
12pm - 4pm Sunday



Saturday

11am - 2pm

BBQ
Christmas Craft Workshop
Patsy's Emporium
Tombola

3pm

Singalong with
Andy Rees

Daily

Church Cafe
Hamper Raffle

Fundraising for:

St Mary's Church
and
St Peter & St James
Hospice

St Mary's Newick's Church

Christmas
Quiz& Curry

Friday 11th December
7pm for 7.30pm

Join Us At Our Fun Fundraiser
In aid of St Mary's Church

Teams Of Four
£15 per head

Food
Curry, rice & poppadoms

Drinks
Paybar available



Email to Book
churchoffice@stmarysnewicks.church

St Mary's Newick's Church

Christmas Craft Workshop

Sharing The Love This Christmas

To family • To neighbours • To the community



Saturday 12th December

Anytime from 11am until 2pm

In St Mary's Church

All are welcome



East Sussex Concert Band

conducted by Jonathan Bailey

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Saturday 19th December 7.30pm

St Mary's Church, Newick BN8 4JZ

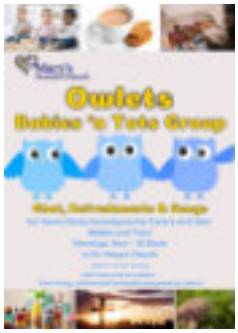
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www.trybooking.com/uk/126235
scan the QR code or
eastsussexconcertband@hotmail.com

East Sussex Concert Band

Supporting *Live Music &*
St Mary's Church, Newick

REGULARS AT ST MARY'S

Babies, Tots, Toddlers and Teens



Owlets Babies 'n Tots Group: Chat, refreshments and songs for Mums, Dads, Grandparents, Carers and their Babies and Tots.

Mondays 9.00-10.30am (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.



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 - follows the Children's Choir session on 1st Sunday of each month 11am-12pm £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

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