



NEWSLETTER

14th November 2025



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Rectors Ramble

2nd Sunday Before Advent

Malachi 4:1-2a, 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13, Luke 21:5-19

“Let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.”

John 1

Dear Friends,

Thank you to all who have made our season of Remembrance such a special time, packed services at both St Mary's and St Peter's, an afternoon concert thanks to Andy Rees and Armistice services with our Guides and Rangers on Monday and Bonfire Society on Tuesday in Chailey, and our Member of Parliament Mims Davies joining us on the Green at Newick for the two-minute silence at 11 o'clock on Tuesday.

These events each echo the words of the First Letter of John, *“Let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.”* They call us beyond good intentions into lives of authentic love — a love expressed through truth, care, and concrete action.

This call is at the heart of our faith, and it lies at the centre of what many churches across the country are marking this week: Safeguarding Sunday whose readings are *Psalm 91, 1 John 3: 16-24, John 15: 9-17*.

Safeguarding is not just a policy or procedure; it's an expression of love. It reflects our desire for every person to be safe, protected, welcomed, and valued within our churches and in the wider community. To safeguard is to love “in truth and action” — to take seriously the wellbeing of others and to nurture healthy, trustworthy spaces where relationships can flourish.

In recent years, the Church of England has been confronted with painful truths about its failures in safeguarding. We cannot ignore these realities. The journey toward healing requires honesty, repentance, and a willingness to listen to victims and survivors with humility. The Church must continually learn from the past, acknowledge where it has caused harm, and act decisively to ensure that love, protection, and justice define its future.

If this Safeguarding Sunday raises any concerns or issues for you, please reach out to our **Parish Safeguarding Officer** at safeguarding.stmarysnewick@gmail.com or contact the **Diocesan Safeguarding Team** through the [Diocese of Chichester website](#).

Psalm 91 is often titled *“The Assurance of God's Protection.”* It paints a picture of God as a refuge — a strong fortress who shields and defends those who trust in Him. *“I will protect those who know my name,”* the Psalmist writes. *“When they call to me, I will answer them... I will rescue them and honour them.”* These words bring deep comfort to many. Yet for some, they may be difficult to hear. For those living with the scars of abuse — physical, emotional, or spiritual — such promises can feel distant or even hollow. The *“terrors of the night”* are not poetic metaphors but lived realities.

The challenge for the Church is to embody the safety and compassion described in this Psalm — to be a place where God's protection is made tangible through the care and integrity of His people. And just as importantly, we must sit compassionately with those who struggle with these texts, honouring their pain without dismissing it. Our task is not only to speak of refuge but to be one.

In the reading we had at St Mary's last Sunday's Remembrance Service from John's Gospel, Jesus says: *“No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.”* The night before His crucifixion, He speaks not of power or glory, but of love and friendship. He washes His disciples' feet — even those of the one who would betray Him — and commands them, *“Love one another as I have loved you.”*

This is the model of love the Church is called to follow: a love that refuses domination or abuse, that seeks equality, respect, and humility. It is a love that listens, serves, and restores. To love as Jesus loves means to place the needs of others before our own, to be present in times of trouble, and to offer compassion without judgement.

The First Letter of John expands this vision: *"We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us... All who obey His commandments abide in Him, and He abides in them."* True discipleship, then, is not about words or appearances but about living truthfully — acknowledging hard realities and standing with those who have been wronged or wounded. **Safeguarding work embodies this command.**

It demands truth — facing the painful reality that abuse has occurred within the Church — and action — doing all that is possible to prevent it from happening again. It calls us to listen to survivors, to place their voices at the heart of our concern, and to create spaces where everyone feels safe and valued.

We long to be a refuge for the hurting and the vulnerable. To achieve this, we must nurture communities where mutual care and accountability flourish — where love is more than sentiment and protection is more than procedure. As John reminds us, love must be both truthful and active.

Jesus' command to love as He loves is an invitation to live in **mutual relationship**, where who I am is bound up with who you are. We are all members of one body. When one suffers, all suffer. When one rejoices, all rejoice. This is the community Christ calls us to build — a family where love protects, listens, and restores.

As we look ahead to coming week and the Feast of Christ the King, we remember that the kingdom of God is not for the powerful or the proud, but for the meek, the poor, and the broken.

The Church must be a place where the least and the lost find safety and belonging — a community that reflects Christ's heart for justice, mercy, and truth.

So let us recommit ourselves to this calling.

Let us love not in word or speech, but in truth and action — creating churches where every person, especially the vulnerable, can find hope, healing, and home.

Dear God,
help us to be a church
that loves, welcomes, protects, listens, learns, serves,
repents, restores, transforms, values, cares, believes.
God of justice and compassion,
hear our prayer.
Help us, heal us, guide us, we pray,
in Jesus' name. Amen.

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.

Rev Paul xx

Hymns for Sunday:

Cornerstone --- You never let go --- O Church of Christ Invincible
For the healing of the Nations --- To God be the Glory

SERVICES – NOVEMBER 2025	
Sunday 2nd November Fourth Sunday before Advent	8am BCP* Holy Communion Preacher : Ian Reekie 10am Holy Communion Isaiah 1. 10-18 – 2 Thessalonians 1. – Luke 19. 1-10 Preacher: Rev Paul 5pm Evensong Leader: Reader Geoff Clinton
Sunday 9th November Remembrance Sunday Third Sunday before Advent	8am BCP* Holy Communion Preacher: Rev Paul 10:30 am Service of Remembrance (<i>Procession from The Green 10am</i>) Micah 4:1-8 - Revelation 22:1-5 - John 15:9-17 Preacher: Rev Paul 5pm Remembrance Day Recital Lead by Andy Rees
Tuesday 11th November Armistice Day	10:45 Act of Remembrance The Centenary Stone, Newick Green
Sunday 16th November Second Sunday before Advent	8am BCP* Holy Communion Preacher: Rev Paul 10am Family Communion & Owls Malachi 4. 1-2a – 2 Thessalonians 3. 6-13 - Luke 21. 5-19 Preacher: Rev Paul
Sunday 23rd November Christ The King Sunday next before Advent	8am BCP Holy Communion Preacher: Fr Martin Morgan 10am Holy Communion Jeremiah 23. 1-6 – Colossians 1. 11-20 – Luke 23. 33-43 President: Fr Martin Morgan Preacher: Reader Geoff Clinton
Sunday 30th November Advent Sunday	(There are no 8am Communion Services this Sunday) 10am Churches Together Holy Communion at St Peter's Chailley Isaiah 2:1-5 - Romans 13:11-end – Matthew 24:36-44 Preacher: Rev'd Chris Lawrence 6pm Advent Carols Preacher : Reader Jeremy Burdett
*DENOTES STANDARD YEAR C LECTIONARY READINGS PRAYER MEETINGS FOR CHURCH SERVICES EVERY SUNDAY 9.30 BARN CENTRE	

As always, please remember those on our prayer list:

Francis Bailey, Cole Louise Blackman, Bernice Blundy, Karina Brown, Gabi Brunner, 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.

Ladies' Supper - Born Again!

St Mary's first Ladies Supper for four years was a great success.

Bev Connor led the way and 47 ladies dined in the Barn Centre last Friday. The noise level was epic and a good time was had by all.

Kate Gould gave a well-organised talk on the "Beating the Bounds" tradition in Chailey, complete with interesting slides. Kate is leading the charge to bring the tradition back to life in 2026, with our Rector Paul also involved. The parish of Chailey has a 24 mile boundary - one of the longest parish boundaries in the country - which will be circumnavigated by a relay of runners, walkers, riders (bicycles only, no horses this time round) etc etc. Good luck to all concerned.

Rector Paul Mundy prepared a fine supper which was much admired and enjoyed. The wine consumption for the evening raised the odd eyebrow and was a fitting tribute to our ladies' dedication to the vintners of the world. Eleven of St Mary's finest (men!) led by Rector Paul turned out to successfully support the evening and enjoyed a happy and vinous hour in the coffee room while Kate was speaking in the Cart Lodge.

Ladies! Suppers were a popular and welcome feature of Church life for many years. We are most grateful to Bev for leading the charge to bring the tradition back to life. More are planned for 2026, bring 'em on.



WHAT A TEAM THEY WERE

Remembrance 2025

For these photo's and more, visit our [St Mary's Gallery](#)



Do you play an instrument or do you know someone who does?

We would love to have a Worship Band in St Mary's and are really hoping that we can find people from the village or close to Newick who would enjoy starting out on a journey - forming, learning and growing a band together.

We welcome any age, church goer or not, with the main criteria being to want to have fun and play worship music in a beautiful setting - for an hour or so once or possibly twice a month..

We even have tea, coffee and cake.

Interested? Mail us at churchoffice@stmarysnewicks.church



Men's Supper Friday 21 November

Barn Centre, 7.00pm gather for a 7.30pm sit-down.

Speaker will be Rev Paul Mundy!



Paul will be speaking on his recent Scottish Pilgrimage during his sabbatical. A tale of ancient Celtic Christian trails wind rain thunder gales lightning broken toes pain exhaustion exhilaration enlightenment inspiration fog self-discovery and revelation at 4mph (on a good day!)

And that's just the beginning of the story of a seminal and intensely vivid and personal mental spiritual and physical experience.

Please BOOK EARLY to give us catering numbers, and to avoid missing out. Early indications are this will be a sellout!

£7 per head, pay at the door, cash or card.

Call me on 07770 771653, email me - mcmhume@outlook.com or catch me at Church.

Christopher Hume



A Seasonal Concert in aid of The Bevern Trust

Music & Readings for a Winter's Evening

Jingle Bell Rock - Joe Beal & Jim Boothe

Winter Wonderland - Felix Bernard & Richard B Smith

The Snow - Edward Elgar

Sleepers Awake - Johann Sebastian Bach

This is the Record of John - Orlando Gibbons

Seasonal Poetry

Soprano Soloist - Isabelle Peters

Tenor Soloists - John Baker & Norman Armstrong

Bass Soloist - Guy Minch

The Choir of St Mary's

Sunday 7th December 4pm

St Mary's Church Newick

Family Tickets £15

Adult Tickets £7.50

Children & Concession Tickets £5.00

Ticket price includes a glass of wine or soft drink, and a mince pie.

Reservations Contact:

jsfv@hotmail.co.uk

Christmas Tree Festival

12 - 14 December

10am - 6pm Friday & Saturday

12pm - 4pm Sunday

Saturday

11am - 2pm

BBQ

Elf Workshop

Bric a Brac Stall

Tombola

2pm - 3pm

Sing A Long with
Andy Rees

Daily

Church Cafe

Hamper Raffle

Fundraising for:

St Mary's Church
and

St Peter & St James
Hospice



GET YOUR TEAM AND BOOK YOUR PLACE

It's in the Church, amongst the trees and it's pay at the door - cash or card on the night



 **St Mary's**
Newick's Church

Christmas Quiz & Curry

Friday 12 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
Pay bar available

Email to Book
churchoffice@stmarysnewicks.church

Christmas Craft Workshop

Sharing The Love This Christmas

To family • To neighbours • To the community

St Mary's Church

Saturday 13 December

Anytime from 10.30am until 2pm

All are welcome



East Sussex Concert Band

conducted by Jonathan Bailey

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Saturday 20th December 7pm

St Mary's Church, Newick BN8 4JZ



Tickets: £7, under 12s free
www.trybooking.com/uk/96785
or scan the QR code
eastsussexconcertband@hotmail.com



East Sussex
Concert Band



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

Advent Calendar

- **Advent Carols Sunday 30th November (followed by refreshments)**
- **Seasonal Concert in aid of The Bevern Trust Sunday 7th December with refreshments.**
- **The annual Christmas Lunch Club Monday 8th December**
- **Christmas Tree Festival 12th-14th December**
- **East Sussex Concert Band with refreshments Saturday 20th December**
- **Lessons and Carols Sunday 21st December**
- **Crib Service and Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve**
- **Early Communion Service and Family worship for all on Christmas Day**



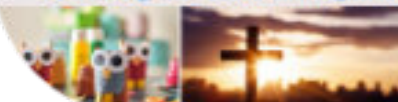


St Mary's Newick's Church

Owlets Club



Chat, Refreshments & Songs
For Mums/Dads/Grandparents/Carers and their Babies and Tots!
Mondays, 9.30am - 10.30am
in St. Mary's Church
(term time only)
Feel free to be in contact -
Pam Mundy, childrenandfamilies@stmarysnewicks.church




St Mary's Newick's Church

Owls Club



Crafts, Bible Story, Fun! LEGO & Refreshments
9.55am - 11.00am
Next dates: 20 July, 21 September, 19 October
Feel free to be in contact -
Pam Mundy, childrenandfamilies@stmarysnewicks.church




St Mary's Newick's Youth Choir

When: The 1st Sunday of the month
Time: 10-11am
Ages: All ages welcome
Where: Barn Centre, St Mary's Church, Newick

Sing, have fun and make friends

Call: 01825 724004
Email: churchoffice@stmarysnewicks.church
Web: stmarysnewicks.church/youthchoir

NEWICK YOUTH CLUBS! NYC & NCT

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS (TERM TIME)

The Barn Centre, Church Road, Newick

6.00 - 7.30PM Year 7

7.30 - 9.00pm Year 8 onwards

Go to our [WEBSITE](#) for full details



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



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.