

16th October 2026

8am - Rev Paul

10am - Rev Paul

4pm - Mandy Stockwell and Patsy Bailey

NEWSLETTER



Enjoy Garden Day via the article and photo's this week

Or view them on our [WEBSITE](#)

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

*He heals the broken-hearted and binds up all their wounds.
He counts the number of the stars and calls them all by their names
Psalm 147 3-4*

Dear Friends,

Thank you to those of you who have already offered financial support in our application for appointing a new Children's Youth & Families Minister, for both St Mary's and St Peter's. The Diocese Mission Fund have awarded us £135,000 towards a 5-year contract to employ a CYFM, but this must be match funded equally by the two Parishes, and I am hugely grateful to those who have already committed to supporting this vision through financial donations. In the coming weeks we will be launching an official appeal to the two churches and the wider community, but if you feel that God is encouraging you to come on board with this generational vision for both churches, please just message or email our Church Treasurers explaining how much you'd be able to commit and state this is for the CYFM Fund, which will be placed in a restricted fund and can only be used for CYFM Mission.

In light of the above, it's interesting that this Sunday our two churches will hear two very different Gospel readings, yet they share a common thread: what we hold in our hands, and what we choose to do with it.

At St Peter's, we hear Matthew 22:15–22, where the Pharisees and Herodians try to trap Jesus with a question about paying taxes to Caesar. These two groups were usually bitter rivals. The Pharisees resented Roman taxes on religious grounds; the Herodians owed their power to Rome and happily paid. Yet they united against Jesus, hoping that whatever he said would condemn him, either as a rebel against Rome or as a blasphemer against the one true God.

Jesus asks for a coin and asks whose image it bears. "Caesar's," they reply. So he tells them to give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God. Caesar could stamp his face on silver and call it his own, but every human being bears the image of God. To Caesar belonged a person's taxes; to God belongs every human life.

At St Mary's, we hear John 6, the feeding of the five thousand. A vast crowd has followed Jesus, and there is nothing to feed them. The disciples see only the problem. Then a boy steps forward with five barley loaves and two small fish. It is a tiny offering, almost laughable against the size of the need. Yet in Jesus' hands it becomes enough for everyone, with twelve baskets left over.

Put side by side, these readings ask the same question of us. What are we holding, and whose is it really?

The coin reminds us that everything we are belongs to God. The boy's lunch shows what happens when we freely give that "everything", however small it seems, into God's hands. He does not need us to bring a great deal. He asks us to bring what we have.

It is fitting, then, that this Sunday at our 10am Service, we welcome **Lisa Leaf from Compassion UK to St Mary's**. Compassion works to support children and families living in poverty around the world, and Newick Primary School has recently taken them on as their new mission partner. Like the boy on the hillside, our children are learning that a small act of generosity, offered with love, can make a real difference to someone else's life.

Lisa has already visited the school to talk to the children, and this Sunday she'll be speaking to the St Mary's congregation, with some worship songs the children have chosen, along with videos explaining the work Compassion UK does to support children and families around the world.

It's a lovely chance for the children to see how our school and church are working together, and to learn more about the difference this partnership can make. We would love you to join us in supporting this exciting new mission partner, and NYC have already jumped on board by holding a Car Wash last term and raising several hundred pounds for Compassion.

On Sunday afternoon at 4pm, St Mary's will hold a Thanksgiving Service, remembering all those whom we love but see no longer. This is a gentle, reflective service, and everyone is warmly invited, whether your loss is recent or long ago. Refreshments will be served afterwards, and there will be time to sit, talk and share memories together.

Fr Martin will be at St Peter's for both Sunday services.

Don't forget our **quiz at St Peter's tonight, Friday, at 7pm**. Bring friends, family and your best general knowledge for a fun evening together.

A huge thank you to everyone who came to St Mary's gardening day last week. It was a wonderful morning, and the churchyard looks all the better for your hard work.

Now it's **St Peter's turn!** Our second **gardening day is tomorrow, Saturday 17th October**. Please come along and lend a hand, even if you can only spare an hour. Many hands make light work, and good company makes it a pleasure.

Finally, I like to say thank you to everyone who supported the Burdett family at St Mary's last Thursday for Jacky's funeral. It was an amazing celebration of her life, and the church looked beautiful, decorated with Jacky's quilts and crafts. It was a fitting tribute to someone whose gifts brought warmth and colour to so many. Please continue to hold Jeremy and the family in your prayers.

A Closing Thought

Whether we are pulling weeds in a churchyard, singing, praying and sharing memories together at a friend's funeral, sponsoring a child on the other side of the world, or simply turning up on a Sunday morning, we are offering our loaves and fishes. They may not feel like enough to us at the time. But placed in God's hands, they are always blessed and always more than enough.

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 St Mary's

- ❖ 42 - Be thou my vision
- ❖ 453 - Our God is an awesome God
- ❖ 664 - Beauty for brokenness
- ❖ 1627 - With a prayer you fed the hungry
- ❖ 519 - Take my life and let it be

Services St Mary's – October 2026

Sunday 4th October Eighteenth day after Trinity	8am BCP* Holy Communion ❖ Reflective spoken service of Holy Communion following the King James Book of Common Prayer 10am Harvest Service & Lunch ❖ All age Celebration Service for Harvest with traditional hymns and worship songs followed by a community lunch 5pm Evensong ❖ Following the BCP Evening Prayer with Plain chant, sung psalms and hymns
Sunday 11th October Nineteenth day after Trinity	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 6pm Worship2 ❖ Joyful and Spirit Filled service of modern worship
Sunday 18th October Twentieth Sunday after Trinity	8am BCP* Holy Communion ❖ Reflective spoken service of Holy Communion following the King James Book of Common Prayer 10am Worship Praise & Owls ❖ Service of worship and praise with Kids Club – ○ This month with our guest speaker from Compassion UK 4pm Thanksgiving Service & Afternoon Tea ❖ A reflective service of Thanksgiving for all those who have lost a loved one recently, or who would welcome the opportunity to come together and remember a loved one, within the company of others
Sunday 25th October Last Sunday after Trinity Remember – clocks go back!	8am BCP* Holy Communion ❖ 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

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PRAYER MEETINGS FOR CHURCH SERVICES EVERY SUNDAY 9.30 BARN CENTRE

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 Morning Worship & 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.
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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**



MESSAGE FROM PATSY BAILEY

After almost 30 years! we have had to change our landline number (thanks to good old Phone and Internet providers) and so moving forward our contact number for all Pastoral enquiries etc is **01825 372526**



Another splendid Garden Day!

Well blessed by a beautiful day a good crowd of all ages worked their hearts out last Saturday. **Thank you!**

Rosemary, Bobbie and all the ladies supported us splendidly with cakes and goodies and an excellent BBQ lunch. **Thank you!**

Rector Paul, ably assisted by Churchwarden Jonathan Campbell barbecued manfully on our new all-singing all-dancing barbecue provided by the Diocese for May Camp and now destined to feed St Mary's for years to come.

Our wonderful Village Bakery donated all our rolls and bread - Phil and Chris are wonderfully generous to us - **Thank you!**

We got a lot done. Richard Haw led and directed the team (thanks Richard!) who planted up the southeast bed and finished the work started in April to control the weeds there by putting down a membrane and securing it with chippings. With that planting we now have at least one of all the plants our Flower Team have requested to provide greenery for their important and beautiful floral ministry in our Church through the year.

Alan Young cemented his title of Incendiarist of the Year on the bonfire which dealt with an amazing amount of fuel.

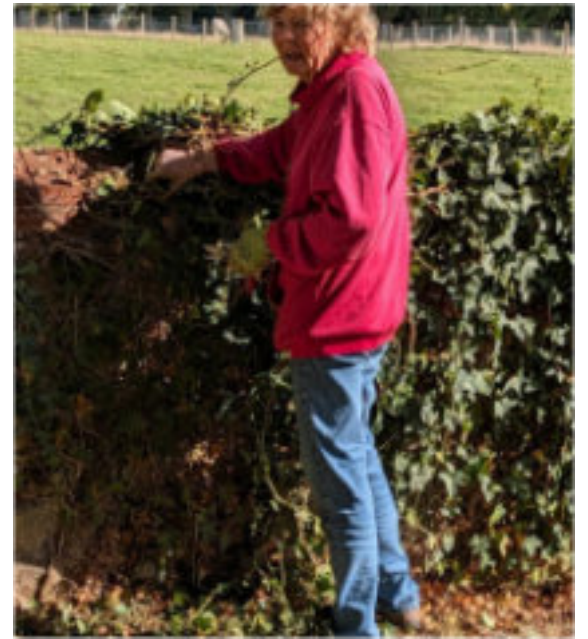
I always enjoy seeing the varied company who work so hard and in such a good spirit. Young and old (an age range of over 80 years), welcome new faces and equally welcome old faithful's - I am hugely grateful to you all.

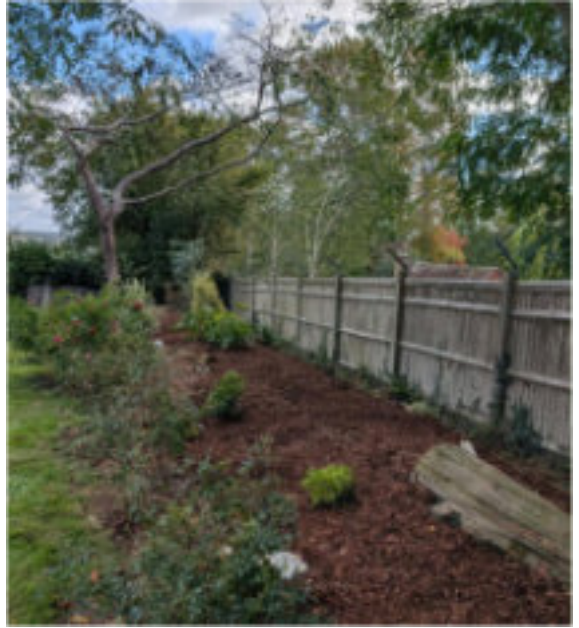
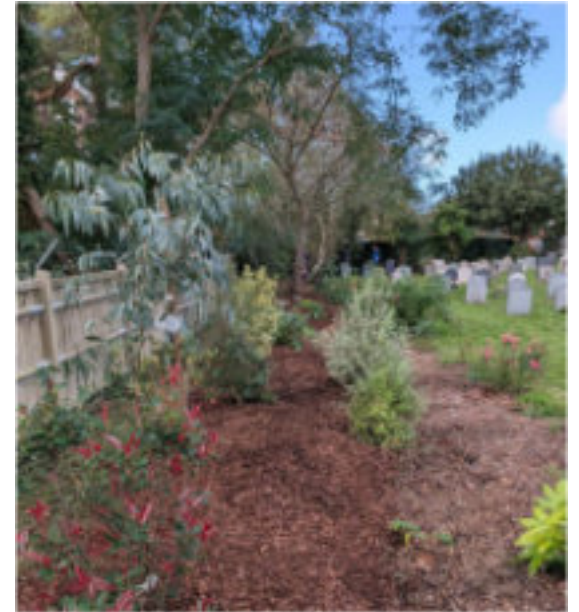
We enjoyed a wonderful lunch to finish the day in style. As always, the happy Church family vibe was a memorable delight. And of course there is more to come. **Saturday April 10th 2027** is our next Garden Day - please put it in your diaries now! **Christopher Hume**

PS Hope you enjoy all the photos on the coming pages and of course as always all the photo's are in the [Gallery](#) on our Website.











Remembrance Sunday
Sunday 8th November - The Green and St Mary's Church
10:00 Meet on the Green
Gathering of Standard bearers, associations and societies
10:10 Procession to St Mary's
10:30 Service begins in Church

Armistice Day Act of Remembrance
Wednesday 11th November - The Green
10:45 Commencement
11:00 The Silence
11:10 Closing prayer

*At the going down of the sun, and in the morning
we will remember them.*

Please note two maroons will be fired from the Green on Wednesday 11th November
marking the beginning and end of the Silence.

The poster features a silhouette of a soldier in profile, holding a rifle, set against a background of a sunset or sunrise over a field with trees. The text is arranged in a clear, readable format with bold headings and italicized quotes.

Christmas Trees

It's a lovely weekend and as usual there will be entertainment, music and food so - make a note in your diary to pop along and support

St Mary's and St Peters & St James Hospice.

11th - 13th December

Events **at** St Mary's

- 20th November - Men's Supper
- 29th November - Advent Carols
- 11th - 13th December Christmas Tree Festival
 - ...Curry and Quiz Night 11th
 - ... Craft Morning 12th
 - ... Andy's annual Singalong 12th
- 19th December - East Sussex Concert Band

Posters and information relating to the dates are either in the weekly Newsletter now, or will be added as the dates get closer.

New events will be added through the year too so

Keep checking!!.....

CITIZENS ADVICE DATES - NEWICK COMMUNITY CENTRE

Tuesday 10th November, Tuesday 8th December

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