

17th July 2026

Sunday Service Leaders

8am - Rev Paul

10am - Rev Paul

6pm - Choral Evensong

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

***Please remember to:** check out [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](#) all photo's*

Rectors Ramble

Righteousness shall yield peace and its fruit be quietness and confidence for ever.

Isaiah 32:17

Dear Friends,

What does it feel like to be walking with God in these uncertain times?

Our readings this Sunday remind us that God is always at work, even when we cannot immediately see it.

In Genesis 28:10-19, Jacob, fleeing from his past and uncertain of his future, falls asleep in the wilderness. There he dreams of a ladder reaching to heaven, with angels ascending and descending, and wakes to the astonishing realisation: *"Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it."* God meets Jacob not in a grand palace or temple, but in an ordinary place during a difficult moment. It is a reminder that God's presence often surprises us, especially when life feels unsettled.

St Paul, writing to the Romans (Romans 8:12-25), encourages us to live as children of God, holding fast to hope. We know that creation itself longs for renewal, and while we may experience uncertainty and struggle, our hope rests in God's promises rather than our present circumstances. Hope, Paul says, is often about patiently trusting in what we cannot yet see.

Jesus' parable of the wheat and the weeds (Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43) speaks powerfully into our own lives. We naturally want everything sorted immediately—the good separated from the bad, justice swiftly done. Yet Jesus reminds us that God is patient. We are called not to become judges of one another but faithful growers of the good, trusting that God will bring about his perfect harvest in his own time.

In her book on Benedictine spirituality, *'Seeking God'*, Esther de Waal, reflects on the Benedictine aspect of balance and moderation. She says, 'The monk lives constantly at the point of tension between stability and change; between tradition and the future; between the personal and the community; between obedience and initiative; between the desert place and the marketplace, between action and contemplation. Yet this is in fact nothing more and nothing less than the paradox of the Christian life itself. This is something which is known in the Bible and which the [Benedictine] Rule expresses as part of its dependence on the Bible. We discover that things are not as we thought they were.'

When St Benedict showed his monks how to climb the ladder to God, it was at the same time a descent into humility and self-abandonment. We find the same paradox expressed in the gospels and the psalms, that in darkness we see light; in death we find life, that we are filled by emptying ourselves; that we are happiest not when we receive but when we give. What might have been a tearing apart, a splitting and a fragmentation can become a means of establishing a wholeness and balance.'

Whilst we are not necessarily called to a life which is governed by the Benedictine rule, we too can find a wholeness in our lives through a conscious seeking after God as we seek to know more of Him and a balance and moderation expressed in how we live

As we look back over the past week in our country, we have seen once again stories that reflect both the best and the worst of human nature. News has included continuing debates over the economy and public services, concern for communities affected by extreme summer weather, and ongoing international tensions that touch so many lives. Alongside these have been countless quieter stories of neighbours

helping neighbours, volunteers giving generously of their time, and communities pulling together. The weeds may sometimes seem obvious, but so too is the wheat. Christ calls us to notice, nurture and celebrate the signs of God's kingdom already growing among us.

Last Saturday gave us a wonderful example of that spirit. Our heartfelt thanks go to Andy and Jo for their fabulous Bubbles on Broadway celebration. It was a joyful occasion, full of laughter, song andBubbles !! Bringing together people of all ages from across our two communities. Thank you for all the hard work, planning and generosity that made the event such a success, and to everyone who helped behind the scenes or came along to support it.

This coming Saturday promises to be another important day in the life of our parishes.

At St Mary's, our Vision Day takes place from 9.00am until 3.00pm. This is an opportunity to pray, listen, reflect and share together as we consider where God is leading us in the years ahead. Every voice matters, and everyone is warmly encouraged to come and take part, whether for the whole day or as much as you are able.

Meanwhile, at St Peter's, our Craft Fair will be open from 11.00am until 2.00pm. Please come along to browse the stalls, enjoy refreshments, support our talented local makers and help raise funds for the life and ministry of the church. Bring friends, neighbours and family—you will be assured of a warm welcome.

As Jacob discovered, God is present in unexpected places. He is present in our worship, in our conversations, in our village halls and churchyards, in our celebrations, and in our planning for the future. May we continue to recognise his presence, nurture the good that is growing among us, and look forward with hope.

Please be praying for our end of term School Leavers Services next week, and that our summer holidays will keep our young people safe, our teachers and support staff well rested and a stronger connection can grow between our churches and our families and schools in the coming year.

Have a great 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 x

St Mary's Hymns this Sunday:

- ❖ 75 Come Ye thankful People come
- ❖ WLV I speak Jesus
- ❖ 2856 O Praise the name
- ❖ 2558 There is a hope that burns within my heart
- ❖ 1819 Hear the call the Kingdom

Services St Mary's July 2026

Sunday 5TH July Fifth Sunday after Trinity	10am Worship & Praise ❖ A mixed style of service, with both traditional and contemporary elements 5pm Evensong ❖ A Book of Common Prayer sung service with choir and hymns
Sunday 12th July Sixth Sunday after Trinity	8am BCP* Holy Communion ❖ A beautiful said service in Traditional Language 10am: Holy Communion ❖ A sung service with choir and hymns 6pm Worship2 ❖ A reflective service with contemporary songs
Saturday 18th July	St Mary's Vision Day - 9:30-am till 3pm
Sunday 19th July Seventh Sunday after	8am BCP* Holy Communion ❖ A beautiful said service in Traditional Language 10am Worship & Praise with Owls Club ❖ A mixed style of service with both traditional and contemporary elements 6pm Churches Together Evensong @ St Mary's Newick ❖ Combined choirs from across local Parishes
Tuesday 21st July	School Leavers Service
Sunday 26th July	8am BCP* Holy Communion ❖ A beautiful said service in Traditional Language 10am Dedication Service Churches Together at St Peter's Chailey ❖ Preacher: Bishop of Lewes & Acting Bishop of Chichester Will Hazlewood

*DENOTES STANDARD YEAR C LECTIONARY READINGS

PRAYER MEETINGS FOR CHURCH SERVICES EVERY SUNDAY 9.15 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,
Summer Kilgour, Juliette Lucas, Spike MacGuire, Christina McCann,
Shirley Mansfield, Derek Marshall, George Morrison, Patricia Moss,
Adrian, Andrea and Amber Parris, Gemma Peacock,
June and Ron 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**



**VISION DAY
TOMORROW!!!**

A time to.....

**Pray
Listen
Reflect
Share**



Another wonderful opening to another wonderful show!!



Fantastic evening last Saturday with Jo and Andy and their Bubbles and Broadway

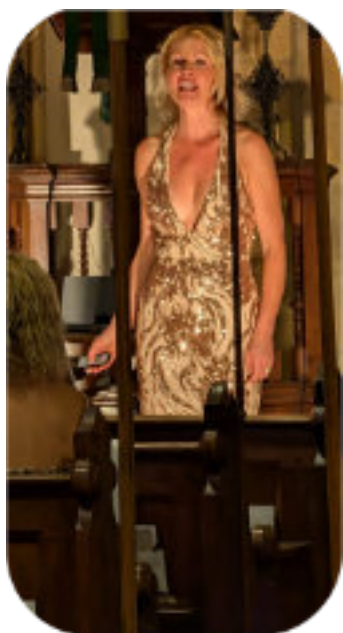
night.

The atmosphere was great, the bubbles and canapes were



gorgeous and Jo and Andy were on fire

(not literally you understand in this heat) but an awesome performance, thoroughly enjoyed by all.



Here's to the next one guys!



Some lovely photo's from the Churchyard courtesy of our Verger Rebecca.



All our photo's are on the [website in the gallery](#)



Events at St Mary's

- 11th July - Bubbles and Broadway 7pm
- 18th July - St Mary's Vision Day 9am - 3pm
- 19th July - Combined Churches Choral Evensong
- 25th September - Men's Supper
- 10th October - Autumn Garden Day
- 6th November - Ladies Supper
- 20th November - Men's Supper
- 11th - 13th December Christmas Tree Festival
- 12th December - Andy Rees annual Singalong!
- 19th December - East Sussex Concert Band

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

New events will be added through the year too, as well as any events
being advertised outside of St Mary's so

Keep coming back!.....

CITIZENS ADVICE DATES - NEWICK COMMUNITY CENTRE

Tuesday 14th July, Tuesday 11th August, Tuesday 8th September
Tuesday 13th October, Tuesday 10th November,
Tuesday 8th December

Choral Evensong

Sunday 19th July 6pm
at St Mary's

All welcome to the service with combined choirs from across local parishes.

For more information or if you would like to take part, contact your choir leader or Vicar and email

jsfv@hotmail.co.uk

East Sussex Parishes



**CHORAL
EVENSONG**
at
St Mary's Church NEWICK
SUNDAY JULY 19TH 6.00
All are welcome to this
service with combined choirs
from across local parishes
(details jsfv@hotmail.co.uk)

We shall sing Walmisley's Magnificat and
Nunc Dimittis in Dm, Wood's O thou the
Central Orb, Introit, Psalm and Repones.

If you would like to take part please contact your choir leader or vicar, and email jsfv@hotmail.co.uk by July 1st. You can also join Friday rehearsals at St Mary's RINGMER from 7.00 on St Mary's Newick from 6.00 on the preceeding 3 weeks. ALL singers invited to full run through on Sunday July 19th from 3.00pm at St Mary's, Church Rd, Newick, BN8 4JZ, with refreshments provided. (Car parking at the church).



Village Activities



REGULARS AT ST MARY'S

Babies, Tots, Toddlers and Teens



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 - every third Thursday of the Month - 4pm - 5pm in the Barn Centre. £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



Owlets Babies 'n Tots Group: Chat, refreshments and songs for Mums, Dads,



Grandparents, Carers and their Babies and Tots. Mondays 9.15-10.30am (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.



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