

# NEWSLETTER



**Equipment will be in full swing this evening when  
The Rector BBQ's for Men's Supper !**

**The content deadline is 10am every Thursday**

Anything received after 10am will be included the following week, if appropriate. Thank you

# Weekly Newsletter contents:

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# ***Rector's Ramble***

*Grant to me, O Lord, a humble, lowly and quiet heart.  
Give to my waking hours patience, kindness and tenderness of soul.  
Let all my words, my works and my thoughts be overshadowed by the gift of your most  
Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.  
Thomas More, 1478-1535*

Dear Friends,

If I'm honest, I'm a bit tired after staying up late watching the footie this week. But worth it as we've had a great start for England and for Scotland too.

Thank you to everyone involved in making last weekend such a success for both our churches, open garden, concerts & baptism.

This week and the coming weekend are no less joyful. Wednesday's NYC was a wonderful evening for the Water Rounders and the Rec at Newick, echoed with joy and laughter. And as I write this Ramble I'm shortly heading up to All Saints Crowborough, for Diocesan Year Six Leavers Service with Bishop Will, then on Friday evening, we look forward to the Men's Supper at St Mary's, with our Guest Speaker Brian Hodge who will be speaking about his life in Aviation. We pray for a wonderful evening together.

On Saturday, we are delighted to celebrate the wedding of Zoe and Grant at St Mary's. As they begin married life together, please keep them in your prayers, asking God's blessing, wisdom and joy upon their future.

Also on Saturday, do support the Jumble Sale at St Peter's if you are able. These events not only raise valuable funds but also strengthen the sense of community that is such an important part of church life.

Then on Sunday, we gather for another celebration of baptism at St Mary's. As we welcome a new member into the family of faith, may we each remember our own calling to follow Christ daily and to live as people of resurrection hope.

As we celebrate Father's Day this weekend, many of us will be giving thanks for Fathers, Grandfathers, Stepfathers, mentors and all those who have nurtured and guided us through life.

For some, this day brings joyful memories and family gatherings. For others, it can be a reminder of loss, absence or complicated relationships. Wherever we find ourselves, we can be assured that God knows our stories and meets us with grace.

This Sunday's readings invite us to reflect deeply on our identity, belonging and discipleship with God the Father. In Romans, St Paul reminds us that through baptism we are united with Christ in both his death and resurrection. The old self is left behind and a new life

begins. This is not merely a future promise but a present reality. Christians are called to live differently because Christ has transformed who we are. Paul's words remind us that Christians are people of resurrection hope. We acknowledge the reality of pain and injustice, but we do not surrender to despair. Jesus calls us to be people who live courageously, speak truthfully, serve generously and trust faithfully. The world may often seem divided, but the Gospel invites us into a different way of living – one shaped by reconciliation, compassion and hope

That message is especially poignant as we prepare to celebrate a baptism at St Mary's this Sunday, the third Baptism across our churches in three weeks. Baptism is a joyful sign of God's love and welcome. It reminds us all that our deepest identity is not found in our achievements, status or even family connections, but in being beloved children of God.

In Matthew's Gospel this Sunday, Jesus offers challenging words about what it means to follow him. He does not promise an easy path. Instead, he speaks honestly about the costs of discipleship and the courage needed to place him at the centre of our lives. Yet these difficult words are also words of freedom. Jesus calls us to live without fear, trusting that we are known and valued by God. *"Do not be afraid,"* he says, because even the hairs of our heads are counted.

Father's Day itself can be a reminder of this calling.

Good fathers seek not only to provide but to encourage, protect and guide. In the same way, our Heavenly Father calls each of us to reflect his character in our homes, workplaces, schools and communities. Whether we are fathers or not, we are all called to model Christ's love to those around us.

As we move through the week ahead, may we hold firmly to Paul's assurance that *"we believe that we will also live with him,"* and to Jesus' reminder that we are precious in God's sight. Whatever challenges we face, individually or collectively, we do so in the company of the One who has conquered death and opened the way to new life.

May God bless all Fathers and Father figures this Father's Day, and may he bless our churches, our communities and our world with his peace.

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**

## Service St Mary's – June 2026

<p><b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June</b> First Sunday After Trinity</p>	<p><b>8am BCP* Holy Communion</b> ❖ A beautiful said service in Traditional Language.</p> <p><b>10am Morning Worship &amp; Praise with Baptism</b> ❖ A mixed style of service, with both traditional and contemporary elements and includes a Baptism.</p> <p><b>5pm Evensong</b> ❖ A Book of Common Prayer sung service with choir and hymns.</p>
<p><b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June</b></p>	<p><b>7.30pm Deanery Confirmation Service</b> ❖ A special church service in which a person confirms the promises that were made when they were baptized. Lead by Bishop Will Hazlewood</p>
<p><b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June</b> Second Sunday After Trinity</p>	<p><b>8am BCP* Holy Communion</b> ❖ A beautiful said service in Traditional Language.</p> <p><b>10am Holy Communion</b> ❖ A sung service with choir and hymns</p> <p><b>6pm Worship2</b> ❖ A reflective service with contemporary songs</p>
<p><b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June</b> Third Sunday After Trinity</p>	<p><b>8am BCP* Holy Communion</b> ❖ A beautiful said service in Traditional Language.</p> <p><b>10am Father's Day All Age Worship with Baptism</b> ❖ A service for all with songs and worship and includes a Baptism.</p>
<p><b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June</b> Fourth Sunday after Trinity</p>	<p><b>8am BCP* Holy Communion</b> ❖ A beautiful said service in Traditional Language.</p> <p><b>10am Worship &amp; Praise</b> ❖ A mixed style of service, with both traditional and contemporary elements.</p>

\*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**



# Don't forget to tell us if you are coming to the Vision Day

As mentioned at the APCM, Paul wishes us to have two Vision days for St Mary's this year, a summer and an autumn/winter one and so please make a date in your diary for the first one which is on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July**.

It will be 9am to 3pm with lunch provided and will be a really valuable day for us all, with everyone being able to contribute thoughts and views to help shape the vision and future for St Mary's.

It is important that we know how many will be coming so we would really like a commitment to be able to plan to accommodate and of course cater for the day.

Please email [churchoffice@stmarysnewicks.church](mailto:churchoffice@stmarysnewicks.church) to confirm you can come (and if you are bringing a partner/friend to save two messages). There is a sign up sheet for anyone who doesn't have email at the back of church, but hopefully if you are reading this as it's been sent to you, you are able to respond. Thank you.

**Thank you to those who have already confirmed whether they will/will not be able to attend.**

# Events at St Mary's

- 12<sup>th</sup> June - Afternoon Club 2.30pm
- 13<sup>th</sup> June - Vivace choir 4pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> June - Mens Supper 7pm for 7.30pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> July - Bubbles and Broadway 7pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> July - St Mary's Vision Day 9am - 3pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> July - Combined Churches Choral Evensong
- 10<sup>th</sup> October - Autumn Garden Day
- 11<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Tree Festival

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 so

Keep coming back!.....

## **CITIZENS ADVICE DATES - NEWICK COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> August  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December

# MENS' SUPPER RETURNS .....TONIGHT!!!

We shall welcome **Brian Hodge** as our Guest Speaker. Brian is Chair of our local Newick Parish Council (NPC).

NPC is a keystone of our community dealing with important planning issues, caring for local facilities like the Recreation Ground and leading the splendid recent revamp of the Sports Pavilion.

NPC members work long and hard in their service to our village. 2027 will see important NPC elections where new Councillors must be elected to replace those retiring after long years of demanding and meritorious service. Candidates are needed! The downside of being unable to elect a viable Council would be a truly serious blow to the future of Newick.

Brian has a rather wicked sense of humour. He served in the Royal Navy for many years as a pilot and has some interesting tales to tell.

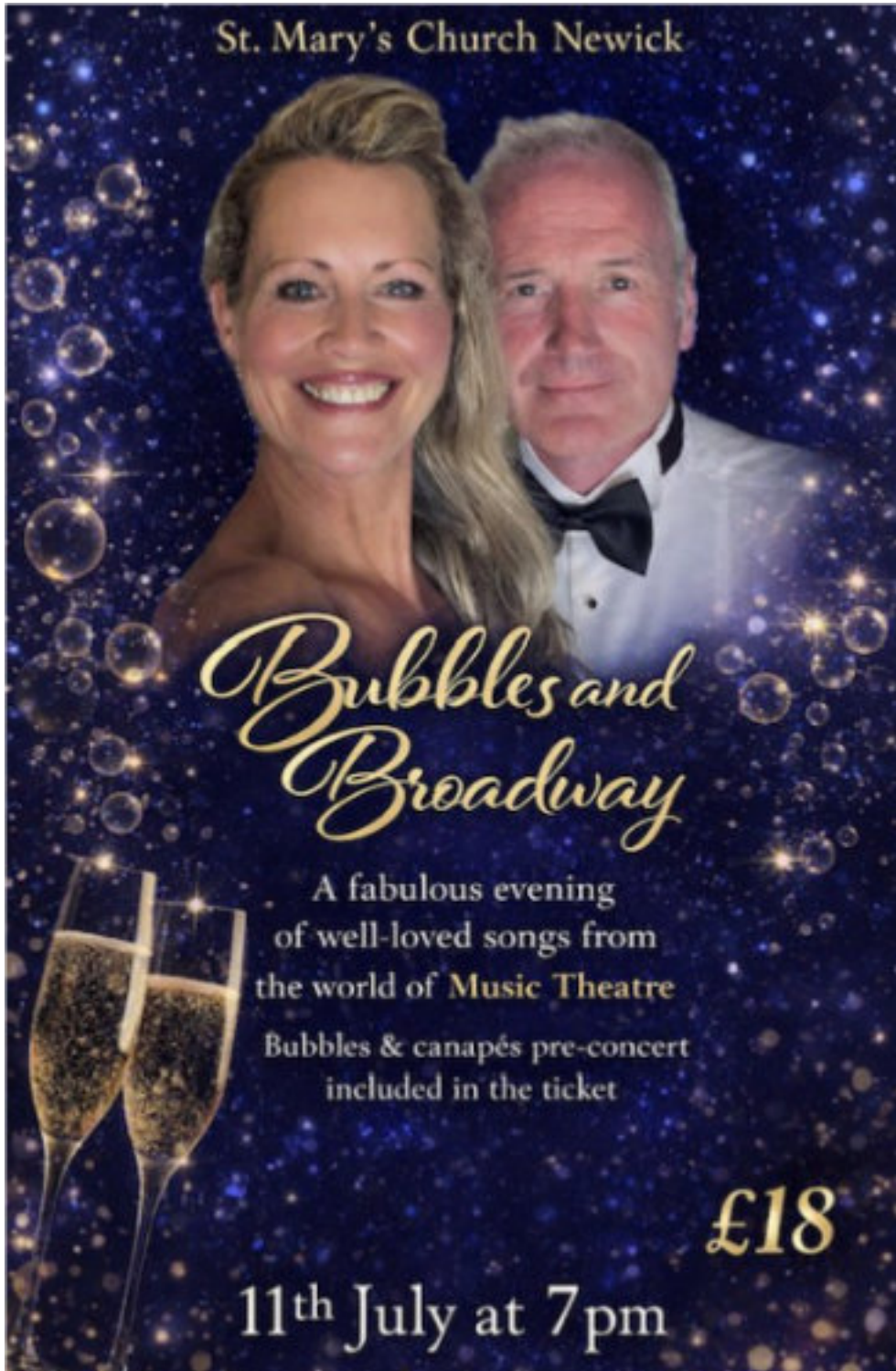
This year we will be privileged to enjoy the services of a Master BBQ Chef aka Rev Paul Mundy, our Rector. He will deploy the new all-singing all-dancing BBQ provided by the Diocese for the recent Youth May Camp. Paul, ably assisted by Josh Stockwell cooked and served a bbq supper of over 400 attendees at the Friday night opening supper of May Camp. Bravo!



We have a healthy number coming along and look forward to seeing you all later.

**Christopher Hume**

St. Mary's Church Newick



*Bubbles and Broadway*

A fabulous evening  
of well-loved songs from  
the world of **Music Theatre**  
Bubbles & canapés pre-concert  
included in the ticket

**£18**

11<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm

**Cash or card on the night at the door or - scan this QR code to get tickets and pay in advance.**



# Choral Evensong

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jsfv@hotmail.co.uk)



East Sussex Parishes



**CHORAL  
EVENSONG**  
at  
St Mary's Church NEWICK  
SUNDAY JULY 19<sup>TH</sup> 6.00  
All are welcome to this  
service with combined choirs  
from across local parishes  
([details.jsfv@hotmail.co.uk](mailto: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 Responses.

If you would like to take part please contact your choir leader or vicar, and email [jsfv@hotmail.co.uk](mailto: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 preceding 3 weeks. ALL singers invited to full run through on Sunday July 19<sup>th</sup> from 3.00pm at St Mary's, Church Rd, Newick, BN8 4JZ, with refreshments provided. (Car parking at the church).



# 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](mailto:churchoffice@stmarysnewicks.church)

Web: [stmarysnewicks.church/youthchoir](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:childrenandfamilies@stmarysnewicks.church)

Check the Owls Poster on Website, in Newsletters and up in the Church Porch for dates.



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## 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