

21st August 2026

Sunday Service Leaders

8am - Fr Martin

10am - Fr Martin

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*

Rector's Ramble

*"And I tell you, you Peter, and on this rock, I will build my Church,
and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.
I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven"*
Matthew 16:18-19

Exodus 1:8–2:10; Psalm 124; Romans 12.1-8; Matthew 16.13-20

Dear Friends,

I hope you have been enjoying the cooler temperatures and a little rain.

A busy weekend ahead, so prayers please for St Peter's Chailey Vision Day on Saturday, and for the Baptism's of George, Philippa, James and Ray Barling on Sunday at St Mary's. Because of the large amount of baptism's at 10am St Mary's Service, we will not be offering a Eucharist, but Communion is offered at both churches at 8am and St Peter's for the 10am.

As August moves on, we've arrived in a season of exam results and, for many, time to make decisions about what the next steps in our lives look like. After a lot of preparation, revision and waiting, the time has come to look ahead, to consider what and where we'd like to focus our energies, alongside pondering what God might be calling us to.

Milestones like this happen throughout our lives and, whilst some of us might have a really clear sense of purpose for 'what's next', others might feel some uncertainty. Being empowered as we navigate our way, taking these next steps in life, can mean including parents and/or carers as well as other adults and friends around us who are trusted companions in our life and faith journeys.

This weekend is the second of our Parish Vision Day's this time at St Peter's as we look and pray about where God is calling us over the next 5-10 years, it's a good opportunity for us to reflect on what it means to be church, and Jesus' words to Peter, *"I will build my Church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven"*. How are we doing as keepers of those keys, ourselves, how are we reflecting Christ's love to those around us.

In this Sunday's Gospel reading we hear Jesus ask what the popular expectation is around the 'Son of Man'. The talk is of the return of powerful figures: John the Baptist, and prophets like Elijah. The hope on the street is for a strong Messiah coming back to save the people from Roman oppression.

But when Jesus asks Simon Peter, Peter sees that Messiahship is a divine, not earthly, mission. Because of Peter's insight into Jesus' true nature and purpose, he is entrusted with the spiritual task of establishing the truth about Jesus on earth. It is a very different scenario from President Trump's AI aggrandisement we've seen in the news this week.

Jesus asks his disciples NOT to proclaim his Messiahship. He turns away from the pull of popular desires around earthly kingship and power and seeks only the path God the Father has laid before him.

Life can be complicated and frustrating, and it's tempting to try and set out one's credentials to pull rank, silence naysayers, and get one's own way. But that way lies unhealthy patterns of behaviour: abuse of power; self-aggrandisement and pompery; believing stubbornly that others are simply wrong and refusing to listen. How then, do we hold on to humility and listening to others, and hold on to God in prayer? Jesus didn't force his power and authority on the disciples; they only had to look into their hearts to see and acknowledge that he was, and is, Lord. And by that understanding, they themselves were empowered, not as warriors and winners, but as bearers of Jesus's light and truth.

Involving God in our decision making – praying, reflecting on our gifts and skills and learning from stories we read in the Bible, is a vital way that can help us find a path through.

It's worth remembering we don't do any of this alone! God is with us every step of the way and that can give us confidence when making big choices.

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

- ❖ 32 At the name of Jesus
- ❖ 40 Be Still
- ❖ 22 A New Commandment
- ❖ 54 Brother, Sister Let me serve you
- ❖ 362 Lord the Light of your Love is shining

Services St Mary's August 2026

Sunday 2nd August The Ninth Sunday after Trinity	8am BCP* Holy Communion ❖ A beautiful said service in Traditional Language 10am Morning Worship and 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 9th August The Tenth Sunday After Trinity	8am BCP* Holy Communion ❖ A beautiful said service in Traditional Language 10am Holy Communion ❖ A sung service with choir and hymns
Sunday 16th August Eleventh Sunday after Trinity	8am BCP* Holy Communion ❖ A beautiful said service in Traditional Language 10am Worship & Praise ❖ A mixed style of service, with both traditional and contemporary elements
Sunday 23rd August Twelfth Sunday after Trinity	8am BCP* Holy Communion ❖ A beautiful said service in Traditional Language 10am Holy Baptism ❖ A sung service with Choir and Hymns and Baptism
Sunday 30th August Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity	8am BCP* Holy Communion ❖ A beautiful said service in Traditional Language 10am Churches Together Holy Communion at St Mary's Newick ❖ A sung service with Choir and Hymns
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Services St Mary's September 2026

Sunday 6th September The 14 th Sunday after Trinity	8am BCP* Holy Communion ❖ A beautiful said service in Traditional Language 10am Holy Baptism ❖ A sung service with Choir and Hymns and Baptism 5pm Evensong ❖ A Book of Common Prayer sung service with choir and hymns
Sunday 13th September The 15 th Sunday After Trinity	8am BCP* Holy Communion ❖ A beautiful said service in Traditional Language 10am Holy Communion and Owls Club ❖ A sung service with choir and hymns 6pm Worship2 ❖ A reflective service with contemporary songs
Sunday 20th September The 16 th Sunday after Trinity	8am BCP* Holy Communion – St Peter's to join St Mary's ❖ A beautiful said service in Traditional Language 10am Worship & Praise ❖ A mixed style of service, with both traditional and contemporary elements
Saturday 26th September Order of St Richard Awards	Please pray for Josh Stockwell from St Mary's and Anthony Meadows from St Peter's as they receive the Order of St Richard at Chichester Cathedral
Sunday 27th September The 17 th Sunday after Trinity	8am BCP* Holy Communion – St Peter's to join St Mary's ❖ A beautiful said service in Traditional Language 10am Holy Communion ❖ A sung service with Choir and Hymns

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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**



Events **at** St Mary's

- 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 weekly 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 checking!!.....

CITIZENS ADVICE DATES - NEWICK COMMUNITY CENTRE

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

**A message from
Dorothy and Frank
Thrower**



Please join us after the 10am service on
Sunday 30th August, to celebrate
our 65th Wedding Anniversary
and **Dorothy's 85th birthday.**

No cards or presents please, but any
donations to St Mary's in lieu of
cards or presents would be appreciated.



Dorothy and Frank



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 - 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



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

Citizens Advice:

Now at the Community Centre - details can be found in the Porch
of St Mary's or at the Community Centre.

Lunch Club:

Second Monday of the month in the Barn Centre 12.30pm.
To book your place call 01825 722186

Mens Meeting:

Monday mornings 7.30am - 8.30am in the Barn Centre

Prayer Group:

1st and 3rd Monday 2pm Barn Centre
(unless otherwise notified)

Prayers for Church Services:

Sundays 9.30-9.45am Barn Centre