

**24<sup>th</sup> July 2026**

Sunday Service Leaders

8am - Rev Paul

10am - Bishop Will **at St Peter's**

# NEWSLETTER



**REMEMBER - NO 10AM SERVICE AT ST MARY'S THIS WEEK  
BUT PLEASE DO GO TO ST PETER'S CHAILEY FOR THE  
RE-DEDICATION SERVICE WITH BISHOP WILL**

**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

1 Kings 3:5-12, Psalm 121, Romans 8.26-39; Matthew 13.31-33,44-52

*The world does not say: "blessed are the poor."*

*The world says: "Blessed are the rich. You are worth as much as you have."*

*But Christ says: "Wrong. Blessed are the poor, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven, because they do not put their trust in what is so transitory."*

*Blessed are the poor, for they know that their riches are in the One who being rich made himself poor in order to enrich us with his poverty, teaching us the Christian's true wisdom. - Oscar Romero 1917-1980*

Dear Friends,

I really hope you can join us at St Peters on Sunday for our 10am Churches Together Rededication Service following the completion of building works at St Peters for the new Chapel, Nave and the restoration of the Church Clock. Bishop Will is presiding, and we are hugely grateful for his support for all that is happening across our two churches.

What a week it's been, a truly Spirit led Vision Day on Saturday, thank you to all who attended the day and especially to Jonathan & Lorraine for guiding us so powerfully, and a fantastic Craft Fair at St Peters too, thank you Teresa & team. Then a beautiful Choral Evensong at St Mary's last Sunday evening with over 50 choir members from across our local churches, well done Jonathan and the choirs. On Monday we welcomed a new Prime Minister and on Tuesday and Wednesday over 400 young voices praising God, from across our churches as we celebrated our Year Six Leavers Services

Thinking about the new PM, that makes six prime ministers in just ten years! The past decade has seen the UK go through a period of unusually high political turnover. Andy Burnham, who took office on Monday 20 July, was preceded by Keir Starmer, Rishi Sunak, Liz Truss, Boris Johnson, and Theresa May, none of whom made it past three years in post. If David Cameron had hung on for just one more week, we'd have made it to seven PMs in a decade; but as his premiership finished on 13 July 2016, he's just outside the limit. The press and pundits have noticed. And, as one news channel has illustrated, delightfully, Larry the cat is now the most stable force in Downing Street. We live in tumultuous, messy times.

Our reading from Kings, sees a young King Solomon famously asks God not for wealth or power, but for an understanding heart to discern between good and evil.

This ancient quest for wise leadership directly mirrors our current national landscape. As the UK welcomes a new Prime Minister, we are collectively reminded of our deep hunger for leadership rooted in humility, unity, and a genuine desire to serve.

Andy Burnham's route to the top job in UK politics has been a winding one too. He has two unsuccessful party leadership bids under his belt, in 2010 and 2015. But he persisted. A detour to become the first mayor of Greater Manchester could have kept him further off course but instead allowed him to build the momentum that's brought him to power.

Life doesn't always follow a simple, straight line.

Speaking of which . . . Did you watch any of the World Cup?

For the majority of the tournament, it seemed as if France were the team to beat. They were playing the best football, beating teams with ease. It was theirs to lose. And then they went and lost to Spain in the semi-final, before they lost to England in the Bronze Medal match.

Suddenly, having made playing football seem so easy, they went and made it all Messi. Sorry...messy...

And then the final – beautiful Spain a well-deserved win and congratulations on a fantastic tournament . . . as for the other team . . . . . Human leadership, often stumbles into pride. The shocking, unprovoked physical confrontations and poor sportsmanship from Argentina’s players toward Spain provoked widespread disgust, proving how easily earthly glory turns to chaos.

And what a contrast to end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> place plays off between England and France when following the final whistle eight players from both sides formed a circle and prayed together giving thanks to God and praying together at the end of their journey this summer. Opponents on the pitch . . . together in their faith.

What a wonderful example this sets for our own churches across the breadth of Churchmanship in our country.

Faced with life’s mess, from the trivial, to the truly painful, be it the derailment of a dream, a dysfunctional family dynamic, a personal betrayal, or a disrupter spreading division within our own community, we might be tempted to give up - to throw up our hands in despair.

But God suggests there is another way, through the tumult towards transformation. In Romans 8:26-27, Paul writes that the Spirit will help us call out to God, even when we are too troubled to know how. The Spirit *“intercedes with sighs too deep for words”*. And God will answer. *“We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.”* (Romans 8:28)

In God’s hands the unlikely material of our lives is transformed into something glorious (Romans 8:30), the loving family of the kingdom of God.

when human systems and behaviours fail us, Romans 8:26-39 offers an immovable anchor. God’s Spirit actively intercedes for us in our weakness, and His sovereign promise ensures that nothing—neither political upheaval nor worldly hostility—can ever separate us from His perfect, enduring love.

As Jesus reminds us the hope of the Kingdom of Heaven starts small, like a tiny mustard seed, but grows quietly to transform the world. Even amidst global chaos and political upheaval, God's grace is actively working beneath the surface

Let us pray for our new Prime Minister and his cabinet to seek Solomon's wisdom, while we seek the signs of growth promised through God's eternal victory for our Churches and our communities.

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**

## Services St Mary's July 2026

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

## Services St Mary's August 2026

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| <b>Sunday 2nd August</b><br><br>The Ninth Sunday after Trinity                                                        | <b>8am BCP* Holy Communion</b><br>❖ A beautiful said service in Traditional Language<br><br><b>10am Morning Worship and Praise</b><br>❖ A mixed style of service, with both traditional and contemporary elements<br><br><b>5pm Evensong</b><br>❖ A Book of Common Prayer sung service with choir and hymns |
| <b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August</b><br><br>The Tenth Sunday After Trinity                                             | <b>8am BCP* Holy Communion</b><br>❖ A beautiful said service in Traditional Language<br><br><b>10am Holy Communion</b><br>❖ A sung service with choir and hymns                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August</b><br><br>Tenth Sunday after Trinity                                                | <b>8am BCP* Holy Communion</b><br>❖ A beautiful said service in Traditional Language<br><br><b>10am Worship &amp; Praise</b><br>❖ A mixed style of service, with both traditional and contemporary elements                                                                                                 |
| <b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August</b><br><br>Eleventh Sunday after Trinity                                             | <b>8am BCP* Holy Communion</b><br>❖ A beautiful said service in Traditional Language<br><br><b>10am Holy Baptism</b><br>❖ A sung service with Choir and Hymns and Baptism                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August</b><br><br>Twelfth Sunday after Trinity                                              | <b>8am BCP* Holy Communion</b><br>❖ A beautiful said service in Traditional Language<br><br><b>10am Churches Together Holy Communion at St Mary's Newick</b><br>❖ A sung service with Choir and Hymns                                                                                                       |
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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,  
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**



## **Churchwarden Corner:**

### **Vision Day**

Following an initiative from Mel Balloch at this year's APCM, Rector Paul Mundy organised a Vision Day in our Church on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July. Working with churchwarden Jonathan Campbell and his wife Lorraine, Paul put together a well-considered and stimulating agenda for the 30 odd members of the congregation who attended. Grateful thanks to Jonathan and Lorraine for their thoughtful, understanding and effective leadership on the day.

The results will be collated and analysed. The leadership team will work on building a plan to discern and deliver god's will and plan for our parish. The PCC and congregation will be kept informed.

There will be a follow-up vision meeting in September to take this forward.

We enjoyed a bacon roll breakfast before starting, and simple but enjoyable ploughman's lunch after the morning session. Thank you Rebecca, Pat and Rosemary. We are most grateful to Phil and Chris Leycester at the Village Bakery for donating the rolls for our breakfast and the bread for our lunch. Jolly good bread and rolls they were! Phil and Chris are wonderfully hard-working and generous people and the Village Bakery is a key contributor to making our village the splendidly hospitable place it is. Many thanks, Chris and Phil!

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### **Wonderful Choral Evening Prayer at St Mary's!**

Jonathan Fenton-Vince organised and conducted a marvellous choral Evensong last week. Over 40 choristers from local churches banded together for a beautiful Evensong. Jeremy Burdett led and preached with distinction, Audrey Ford and Anthony Mallinson read very well, John Baker led the Choral portion of the liturgy quite beautifully – no surprises there! – and the singing was sublime.

The choristers had gathered for practice during the afternoon and had time for a good St Mary's afternoon tea. Judging by the emptied plates and general hubbub it sounded like a good afternoon. And I am told by some of our own choir members that singing in the actual service itself was a most enjoyable and inspiring experience. I was glad to see that Cara and her children's choir were centrally placed in the heart of the choir on the night – an unforgettable and enriching experience for the children who acquitted themselves well.

Over 100 people were in the Church and the service was uplifting, thoroughly enjoyable.

St Mary's enjoys excellent acoustics and the music garnered a well-deserved and enthusiastic reception from the congregation in the pews.

Following the service our hospitality team took over in fine style. The ladies had excelled themselves with a seemingly endless supply of well-received nibbles and the bubbles and soft drinks flowed.

All in all an outstanding evening. A beautiful worshipful service of Evening Prayer, memorably good choral singing and organ music, a thoroughly successful multi-parish social occasion, new friendships were formed. The atmosphere was wonderful – St Mary's at its best.

Many thanks to Jonathan and all who participated. More please!

Christopher Hume.



# Events **at** St Mary's

- 25<sup>th</sup> September - Men's Supper
- 10<sup>th</sup> October - Autumn Garden Day
- 6<sup>th</sup> November - Ladies Supper
- 20<sup>th</sup> November - Men's Supper
- 11<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Tree Festival
- 12<sup>th</sup> December - Andy Rees annual Singalong!
- 19<sup>th</sup> 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 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



♥ *Nightingales* ♥  
RESIDENTIAL HOME

# SUMMER FAIR!



**SATURDAY**

**22ND AUGUST 2026**



**TIME: 11AM - 4PM**



**STALLS**



**BBQ &  
SWEET  
TREATS**



**TOMBOLA  
& RAFFLE**



**PUNCH  
AND  
JUDY**



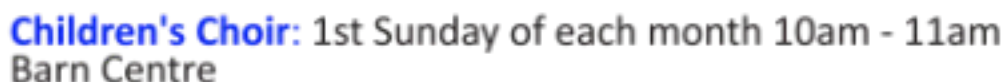
**LIVE  
ENTERTAINMENT**

*please come  
and join us*

**EVERYONE  
WELCOME!**



## Babies, Tots, Toddlers and Teens



Email: [churchoffice@stmarysnewicks.church](mailto:churchoffice@stmarysnewicks.church)

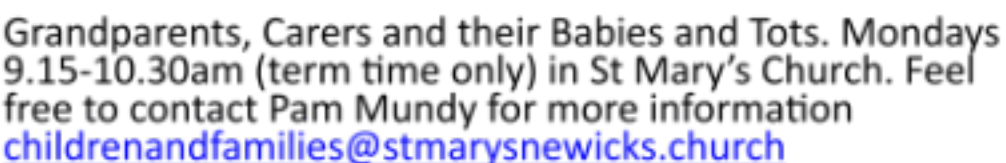
Web: [stmarysnewicks.church/youthchoir](http://stmarysnewicks.church/youthchoir))

**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.

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Wednesday evenings during term-time. More information: [HERE](#)

Email: [youth.newick@gmail.com](mailto:youth.newick@gmail.com)



**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.



# 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