

NEWSLETTER

24th October 2025



Rector's Ramble

*"For I am already being poured out like a drink offering,
and the time for my departure is near.*

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

*Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to
me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing."*

— 2 Timothy 4:6–8

Dear Friends,

As the clocks prepare to go back this weekend and autumn settles in, we're reminded of the rhythm of seasons and the constancy of God through all of them. Life, much like faith, moves in cycles—moments of activity and stillness, of celebration and reflection.

It's been a week filled with thanksgiving and fellowship. A heartfelt thank you goes to the St Peter's team for hosting a wonderful quiz night last Friday. Between the bowls of chilli and the challenging trivia questions (not all answered correctly, mind you!), laughter filled the hall and much-needed funds were raised for the church.

Huge gratitude also goes to Patsy and Mandy for leading St Mary's Thanksgiving Service on Sunday. It was a deeply moving and healing time together. Sharing tea and cakes afterwards inside the church was very precious and thanks to our tireless hospitality team for the tea, cakes and sandwiches, who brought warmth and connection, a reminder that community is one of God's sweetest gifts.

As I write, the King and Queen have just landed in Rome for a historic meeting with Pope Leo XIV. It's the first time a Supreme Governor of the Church of England has prayed alongside the head of the Roman Catholic Church since before the Reformation. Together they will take part in an ecumenical service in the Sistine Chapel—an extraordinary moment of unity.

Let's keep them in our prayers: that their time together will be filled with grace and love, and that their witness might inspire deeper understanding and reconciliation among all Christians.

While thinking about crowns and unity, another story caught my eye—the "Great Parisian Jewel Heist." In less than eight minutes, thieves escaped with some of France's most priceless treasures. For a moment, I wondered if the news had switched to a crime film!

It reminded me of Paul's words to Timothy: *"Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness."* The apostle didn't seek earthly riches or treasures that tarnish, fade or lost. His crown was one that could never be stolen—a reward of righteousness granted by a loving God.

The world often glorifies fleeting success and material wealth, but the true reward, the one that endures, is faithfulness.

This week also brought a reminder of how dependent we've become on another ruler in our world; technology. Monday's massive AWS outage left millions without access to apps and services. Some took to other platforms to complain, while others faced serious disruptions to their work and lives.

We trust technology to always be there—until it isn't. Paul didn't have servers or social media, but he knew a far greater source of connection and reliability. His trust was anchored in God, whose presence never fails and whose support never wavers.

It's also that time of year again—*Strictly Come Dancing* season! Even if you're not a fan, it's hard to avoid the sequins and the sparkle. I must confess, I enjoy watching—though perhaps not the early weeks where the two-left-footed contestants struggle valiantly across the floor.

What I really love is seeing those who learn from their mistakes. The dancers who listen to feedback, practice hard, and return stronger the next week—they're the ones I root for. The joy of improvement, the willingness to persevere despite setbacks—it's inspiring.

And in that, I see something of Paul's journey. His faith wasn't about perfection; it was about persistence. He faced struggles, made mistakes, and endured hardships, yet he never gave up. Like a dancer learning new steps, he kept moving forward, strengthened by God's grace.

The difference, of course, is that Paul wasn't competing for a glitter-ball trophy. His goal was far more glorious—a crown of righteousness, promised by God to all who keep the faith.

So let's take a page from Paul's book—and perhaps from the dance floor too—and *keep on trying*. Even when life's choreography seems complicated, we can trust that God's grace will guide our steps.

Let's close with a timeless prayer for the unity of the Church from Archbishop William Laud (1573–1645):

Most gracious Father,
we pray to you for your holy Church.
Fill it with all truth;
in all truth with all peace.
Where it is corrupt, purge it.
Where it is in error, direct it.
Where anything is amiss, reform it.
Where it is right, strengthen and defend it.
Where it is in want, provide for it.
Where it is divided, heal it and reunite it in your love;
for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

As we turn our clocks back and our hearts toward God, may we hold fast to faith, gratitude, and perseverance. Let's keep doing the little things that bring light and love into the lives of others—because those small acts, done in faith, make all the difference.

Have a joyful week, keep the faith, and never stop dancing in grace.

Rev Paul

HYMNS FOR ST MARY'S

From heaven you came (120)
From the highest of heights (1775)
Hear the call of the Kingdom (1819)
Thou whose almighty word (557)
I cannot tell (205)

SERVICES – OCTOBER 2025	
Sunday 5TH October Sixteenth day after Trinity	8am BCP* Holy Communion Leader: Rev Paul Mundy Preacher: Ian Reekie 10am Harvest Deuteronomy 26:1-11, Phillipians 4:4-9, John 6:25-35 Preacher: Rev Paul Mundy 6pm Evensong Leader: Geoff Clinton Preacher: Patsy Bailey
Sunday 12th October Seventeenth day after Trinity	8am BCP* Holy Communion Preacher: Fr Martin 10am Holy Communion 2 Kings 5. 1-3, 7-15c – 2 Timothy 2. 6-15, Luke 17. 11-19 Preacher: Fr Martin 6pm Worship2 Leader: Mandy Stockwell
Sunday 19th October Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity	8am BCP* Holy Communion Preacher: Rev Paul Mundy 10am Family Communion & Owls Genesis 32. 22-31 – 2 Timothy 3. 14—4.5 – Luke 18. 1-8 Preacher: Rev Paul Mundy 4pm Thanksgiving Service – In memory of loved ones Lead by Patsy Bailey and Mandy Stockwell and followed by tea and cake
Sunday 26th October Last Sunday after Trinity	8am BCP* Holy Communion Preacher: Rev Paul Mundy 10am Morning Worship Jeremiah 14. 7-10, 19-end – 2 Timothy 4. 6-8, 16-18 - Luke 18. 9-14. Leader: Rev Paul Mundy Preacher: Jeremy Burdett
*DENOTES STANDARD YEAR C LECTIONARY READINGS PRAYER MEETINGS FOR CHURCH SERVICES EVERY SUNDAY 9.30 BARN CENTRE	

As always, please remember those on our prayer list:

Francis Bailey, Cole Louise Blackman, Bernice Blundy, Karina Brown, Beryl Campion-Smith, Harri Gande, Morris Gee, John and Elizabeth Gould, Rubie Geer, Juliette Lucas, Spike MacGuire, Christina McCann, Shirley Mansfield, Derek Marshall, George Morrison, Patricia Moss, Ann Parker, Adrian, Andrea and Amber Parris, Gemma Peacock, June and Ron Perou, Christine Ripley, Rubie, Cheryl Stewart, Marcus Thrower, Toni Warrilow, Sean Watson, Nasima Wright.

SERVICES – NOVEMBER 2025

Sunday 2nd November Fourth Sunday before Advent	8am BCP* Holy Communion Preacher : Ian Reekie 10am Holy Communion Isaiah 1. 10-18 – 2 Thessalonians 1. – Luke 19. 1-10 Preacher: Rev Paul 5pm Evensong Leader: Reader Geoff Clinton
Sunday 9th November Remembrance Sunday Third Sunday before Advent	8am BCP* Holy Communion Preacher: Rev Paul 10:30 am Service of Remembrance (<i>Procession from The Green 10am</i>) Micah 4:1-8 - Revelation 22:1-5 - John 15:9-17 Preacher: Rev Paul 5pm Remembrance Day Recital Lead by Andy Rees
Tuesday 11th November Armistice Day	10:45 Act of Remembrance The Centenary Stone, Newick Green
Sunday 16th November Second Sunday before Advent	8am BCP* Holy Communion Preacher: Rev Paul 10am Family Communion & Owls Malachi 4. 1-2a – 2 Thessalonians 3. 6-13 - Luke 21. 5-19 Preacher: Rev Paul
Sunday 23rd November Christ The King Sunday next before Advent	8am BCP Holy Communion Preacher: Rev Paul 10am Holy Communion Jeremiah 23. 1-6 – Colossians 1. 11-20 – Luke 23. 33-43 President: Rev Paul Mundy Preacher: Reader Geoff Clinton
Sunday 30th November Advent Sunday	<i>(There are no 8am Communion Services this Sunday)</i> 10am Churches Together Holy Communion at St Peter's Chailey Isaiah 2:1-5 - Romans 13:11-end – Matthew 24:36-44 Preacher: Rev'd Chris Lawrence 6pm Advent Carols Preacher : Reader Jeremy Burdett

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Come along to the **Remembrance Day Recital** at 5pm on Sunday 9th November in St Mary's. It's being lead by Andy Rees and there will be refreshments available from 4pm

Poppy wreath lovingly made by some pupils of Newick School



The Bishops Certificate

The Bishop's Certificate is being piloted from January 2026 in various locations and is an exciting opportunity for lay people across the diocese to deepen and grow in their understanding of Christian faith.

Whether you're exploring lay ministry or seeking to enrich your discipleship, this course is designed to support and inspire you.

Course Overview

- Duration: 20 weeks + 3 study days, over three terms
- Start Date: January 2026
 - St Laurence Church, Sea Place, Worthing BN12 4BY. Start date, Monday January 19th 7pm – 9pm
 - St Peter & Paul Church Hall, Parkstone Rd, Hastings TN34 2NT. Start date, Monday 26th January 7.30pm – 9pm
 - Church House, 211 New Church Road, Hove, BN3 4ED. Start date, Tuesday 13th January 7.30pm-9pm
 - Church of the Ascension, Vale Rd, Haywards Heath RH16 4JS. Start date Wednesday 28th January 7.15pm – 9pm.
 - Joint study days for all participants at a central location, location TBC:

Term 1, Saturday March 14th; Term 2, Saturday June 6th ; Term 3, Saturday 14th November

Further details and an application form can be found on the diocesan website -

[Bishop's Certificate - Diocese of Chichester](#)



It's Back.....

..... after a long wait, **Ladies Supper** is back in the church calendar!

The date for this is Friday 7th November (7pm) in the Barn Centre and it promises to be a lovely evening.

A fabulous meal cooked by our Rector, a glass or two and not least, some local history; as Kate Gould will be coming to talk about Chailey 'Beating of the Bounds' which is an ancient tradition and set to be revived in 2026.

And all for £7, payable on the door.

Numbers are needed for catering, so please email churchoffice@stmarysnewicks.church if you would like to come along. Please advise how many spaces you would like to book and whether there are any dietary requirements.

For anyone who isn't able to email, there will be a sign up sheet at the back of the church from Sunday.

Many thanks,

Bev Connor

REGULARS AT ST MARY'S

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 with St Mary's Youth Choir - every third Thursday of the Month - 4pm - 5pm in the Barn Centre. £5. Email: churchoffice@stmarysnewicks.church to register.

Citizens Advice: **Now at the Community Centre - Wednesday's 12 - 3**

16th July, 20th August, 17th September, 22nd October, 19th November and 17th December

Lunch Club: Second Monday of the month in the Barn Centre at 12.30pm. to book Your place please ring 01825 722186

Mens Meeting: Monday mornings 7am - 8am in the Barn Centre

NYC & NCT: A fun club for the young people of the village. The Barn Centre.

Wednesday evenings during term-time. Time? 18.00 Juniors and 19.30 Seniors

- Juniors: 11-15 years
- Seniors: 16-18 years

More information: [HERE](#)

Email: youth.newick@gmail.com

Owls: Crafts, Bible story, fun and refreshments **Sundays 9.55am - 11am**

Email: childrenandfamilies@stmarysnewicks.church

**18th May - 15th June - 20th July -
21st September - 19th October - 16th November**

Prayer Group: Every 1st and 3rd Monday 2pm Barn Centre (unless otherwise notified)

Prayer Meetings for Church Services: Sundays 9.30-9.45am
Barn Centre

Tea at Three: Third Thursday of the month at 3pm in the Barn Centre. For more information contact Patsy on 01825 722590

**It's never too early to start thinking
about Advent and the festive season so
here's a taster of what's to come
at St Mary's**

- Advent Carols Sunday 30th November (followed by refreshments)
- Choir Recital with the combined choirs of St Mary's and St Peter's (followed by refreshments) Sunday 7th December
- The annual Christmas Lunch Club Monday 8th December
- Christmas Tree Festival 12th-14th December
- East Sussex Concert Band with refreshments Saturday 20th December
- Lessons and Carols Sunday 21st December
- Crib Service and Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve
- Early Communion Service and Family worship for all on Christmas Day

More detail and timings coming out nearer the time so -
watch this space.....



Christmas Tree Festival

12 - 14 December

10am - 6pm Friday & Saturday

12pm - 4pm Sunday

Saturday

11am - 2pm

BBQ

Elf Workshop

Bric a Brac Stall

Tombola

2pm - 3pm

Sing A Long with
Andy Rees

Daily

Church Cafe

Hamper Raffle

Fundraising for:

St Mary's Church
and

St Peter & St James
Hospice





Christmas Quiz & Curry

Friday 12 December
7pm for 7.30pm

**Join Us At Our
Fun Fundraiser**
In aid of St Mary's Church

Teams Of Four
£15 per head

Food
Curry, rice & poppadoms

Drinks
Pay bar available

Email to Book

churchoffice@stmarysnewicks.church



Christmas Craft Workshop

Sharing The Love This Christmas
To family • To neighbours • To the community

St Mary's Church
Saturday 13 December
Anytime from 10.30am until 2pm

All are welcome



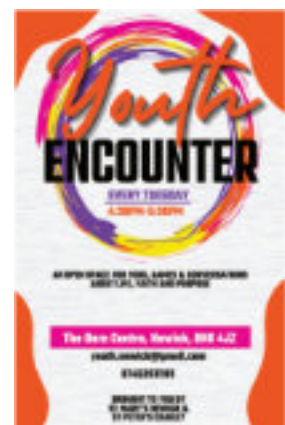
Youthwork at St Mary's



Exciting opportunity to get involved with our Youth Work at St Mary's

Our Youth Worker Lee Buck is committed to continuing to offer Encounter - the Christian Club to young people in Newick, but for this to happen he is looking for an adult volunteer to help. Last school year Lee was very ably supported by Josh Stockwell, but Josh's Uni timetable this time around means he is unable to commit.

If you are interested in supporting this programme and would like to get involved, please get in touch with Reverend Paul (revpaul@stmarysnewicks.church) to arrange a quick chat.





Owlets Club



Chat, Refreshments & Songs

For Mums/Dads/Grandparents/Carers and their
Babies and Tots!

Mondays, 9.30am - 10.30am

in St. Mary's Church

(term time only)

Feel free to be in contact -

Pam Mundy, childrenandfamilies@stmarysnewicks.church



Owls Club



Crafts, Bible Story, Fun! LEGO & Refreshments

9.55am - 11.00am

Next dates: 20 July, 21 September, 19 October

Feel free to be in contact -

Pam Mundy, childrenandfamilies@stmarysnewicks.church



Mary's Newick's Youth Choir



When: The 1st Sunday of the month
Time: 10-11am
Ages: All ages welcome
Where: Barn Centre, St Mary's Church, Newick

**Sing, have fun and
make friends**

Call: 01825 724006
Email: churchoffice@stmarysnewicks.church
Web: stmarysnewicks.church/youthchoir



YEAR AT A GLANCE



Wednesday Evenings 6:00—7:30

The Barn Centre, Church Road, Newick

For School Year 7

£2 Entry (50p for tuck)

Autumn Term 2025

10 Sep	Club Night
17 Sep	Club Night
24 Sep	Club Night
1 Oct	Deeper Night
8 Oct	Club Night
15 Oct	Club Night
22 Oct	Club Night
<i>Half Term</i>	
12 Nov	Club Night
19 Nov	Club Night
26 Nov	Deeper Night
3 Dec	Club Night
10 Dec	Beat the Parents

Spring Term 2026

14 Jan	Club Night
21 Jan	Club Night
28 Jan	Deeper Night
4 Feb	Club Night
11 Feb	Club Night
<i>Half Term</i>	
25 Feb	Club Night
4 Mar	Club Night
11 Mar	Deeper Night
18 Mar	Club Night
25 Mar	Club Night

Spring Term 2026

15 Apr	Get Hyped
22 Apr	Get Hyped
29 Apr	Get Hyped
6 May	Get Hyped
13 May	Get Hyped
<i>22 - 25 May Camp</i>	
<i>Half Term</i>	
3 Jun	Get Hyped
10 Jun	Get Hyped
17 Jun	Deeper Hyped
24 Jun	Get Hyped
1 Jul	Get Hyped
8 Jul	Get Hyped
	+ Parents

For more information contact

Lee Buck: 07453511181

Email: Youth.Newick@gmail.com

YEAR AT A GLANCE



Wednesday Evenings 7:30—9:00

The Barn Centre, Church Road, Newick

For School Years 8 onwards

£2 Entry (50p for tuck)

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For more information contact
Lee Buck: 07453511181

Spring Term 2026

15 Apr	Get Hyped
22 Apr	Get Hyped
6 May	Get Hyped
13 May	Get Hyped
<i>22 - 25 May Camp</i>	
<i>Half Term</i>	
3 Jun	Get Hyped
10 Jun	Get Hyped
17 Jun	Deeper Special
24 Jun	Get Hyped
1 Jul	Get Hyped
8 Jul	Get Hyped + Parents

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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

Please visit our website stmarysnewicks.church for more information on the various organisations and events and activities available to you.

If you have any news you would like to share, any photos you would like to display, or any stories about St Mary's Newick or wider afield that you think the readers may enjoy - please mail us at:

churchoffice@stmarysnewicks.church

The content deadline is 10am on Thursday

so please make sure you send anything to us in time. Anything received after 10am will be included the following week if appropriate.

Thank you.