

NEWSLETTER



**REMEMBER - CLOCKS "SPRING FORWARD"
THIS WEEKEND**

Additional Services in Holy Week

Tuesday 31st March - Lift High the Cross 6.30pm St Mary's

Thursday 2nd April - Maundy Thursday and Service of the Shadows - 7pm St Peter's

Good Friday 3rd April - At the Cross 11am St Mary's

Easter Sunday - Sunrise Service 5.35am St Mary's

Rector's Ramble

Psalm 118:1-2,19-29; Matthew 21:1-11

*"Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!"
Matthew 21:9*

Dear Friends,

It has been a remarkable week in the life of the Church. History was made with the enthronement of Dame Sarah Mullally as the first woman to hold the office of Archbishop of Canterbury. For many, this was not simply a ceremonial moment, but the culmination of decades of prayer, perseverance and hope. It is worth remembering that just over thirty years ago, women could not even be ordained to the Priesthood in the Church of England.

The service itself was rich in tradition, full of the beauty and symbolism that has shaped Christian worship for centuries. Yet it also carried deeply personal touches. One particularly moving detail was the clasp on Archbishop Sarah's vestments, fashioned from the belt buckle she wore during her years serving as a nurse in the NHS — a quiet but powerful reminder of a life rooted in service.

As she left the cathedral, crowds gathered in celebration, cheering and applauding. It was a joyful, exuberant noise.

Some very loud noises have their proper place. The pounding of surf (100 decibels), the crash of a thunderstorm (120 dB), and the clicks of a sperm whale (230 dB, but fortunately underwater!) are part of the natural order. The fortissimo of an opera singer (110 dB), the thunder of a rock band (140 dB), the bangs of fireworks (150 dB), the blast of a rocket launch (200 dB), all have their place in the modern world.

God knows the world is full of noise.

Few I hope would disagree, however, that some noises should have no place. These are associated with our continuing failure to love our neighbours as ourselves: angry mobs, bombs exploding, or the hammering of intruders on our doors. Here, it is not the decibels that matter, but the physical and psychological destruction of lives, limbs and livelihoods.

Warfare and conflict are at their highest levels since the end of World War 2, with 23 international wars, 67 armed conflicts and 9 military occupations directly affecting 831 million people, a further 110 million displaced from their homes and 305 million people requiring humanitarian aid. Alongside these are the innumerable fights and disputes that bedevil people's lives in our institutions, social spaces and homes.

God knows this world is full of noise — both joyful and troubling.

In this context, the story of Palm Sunday feels especially poignant. As Jesus entered Jerusalem, the crowds gathered around him, shouting and celebrating, laying down cloaks and branches in his

path. The noise must have been overwhelming. And yet, the Gospel writers leave us wondering: what was Jesus thinking in that moment?

We hear what he said before the journey began, and we see what he did when he arrived. But during that slow procession into the city, the focus is entirely on the crowd. Jesus himself remains, in a sense, silent.

Was he smiling and greeting those he passed?

Was he sharing words with his disciples?

Or was he, perhaps, quietly reflecting, fully aware of what lay ahead — the suffering and sacrifice that would soon unfold?

Earlier in his ministry, Jesus often withdrew from the crowds to pray, to listen, to discern the path before him. But now there was no retreat, no quiet place to escape the noise. Surrounded by excitement, he may instead have turned inward, listening for that “still, small voice” of God that had guided him throughout his life.

It is not difficult to recognise something of ourselves in this scene. Many of us know what it is to be surrounded by noise — at gatherings, in busy households, or even in the constant hum of modern life — and yet feel strangely alone or unsettled within it.

How often have we found ourselves in the middle of a noisy crowd, a party or family gathering where everyone is either having a marvellous time or shouting and arguing, when we ourselves feel lost and lonely?

It is especially at times like this we need the love of the Church, and we need to feel part of a Church Community.

As Archbishop Sarah shared in her sermon on Wednesday; *“The Church, through the ordinary lives of its people, contains so many extraordinary acts of love:*

God’s people, offering a listening ear, a word of encouragement, or a prayer for healing; offering food and shelter, sanctuary and welcome.”

Perhaps, on that first Palm Sunday, Jesus held fast to the voice of God amid the noise of the crowd.

And perhaps we are invited to do the same. In a world that can feel chaotic and uncertain, we are called not only to listen for that quiet, reassuring voice, but also to help others hear it too — through our kindness, our presence, and our care.

For in the midst of all the noise, one truth remains: we are never alone.

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

A prayer as Bishop Sarah Mullally legally becomes the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury.

Almighty God,
you call your Church in every age
to proclaim the Gospel of Christ:
look with mercy upon your servant Sarah,
and grant that, as deacon, she may care for those in need,
as priest, sustain us with the ministry of word and sacrament,
and as bishop, guard the faith
and build up the body of Christ in holiness.
Give her wisdom and kindness
that as archbishop, she may promote unity, seek truth,
and lead us in the way of righteousness and peace;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Palm Sunday – Hymns and Readings for St Mary's:

Hymns:

- 1157 All Glory Laud & Honour (verses 2,3,4 & 5)
- King of Kings (Worship Video) Sheet music
- 2007 Praise is Rising (Hosanna) (Worship Video)
- 1900 Hosanna in the Highest
- 1404 King of Kings majesty (Sung through the Communion Liturgy)
- Choir anthems during serving of communion
- 1418 Lift High the Cross verses 1,2,4,6 & 8

Readings:

- Psalm 118:1-2, 19-end
- Matthew 21:1-11

<p>Sunday 29th March Palm Sunday & start of Holy Week</p>	<p>8am BCP* Holy Communion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ A beautiful said service in Traditional Language <p>10am Holy Communion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ A sung service with choir and hymns
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Services St Mary's – April 2026

<p>Thursday 2nd April Maundy Thursday</p>	<p>At St Peter's Chailey 7pm Maundy Thursday and Service of the Shadows</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ A Service of Holy Communion followed by Christian liturgy that meditates on Christ's passion through readings, music, and the symbolic extinguishing of candles.
<p>Good Friday 3rd April</p>	<p>11am At the Cross</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ A Contemplative time of song and scripture as we reflect on the Passion of Jesus Christ
<p>Easter Day 5th April</p>	<p>05:45 am Sunrise Service 8am BCP* Holy Communion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ A beautiful said service in Traditional Language <p>10am Easter Day Communion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ A sung service with Choir and Hymns
<p>Sunday 12th April First Sunday After Easter</p>	<p>8am BCP* Holy Communion at St Peter's Chailey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ A beautiful said service in Traditional Language <p>10am Holy Communion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ A sung service with Choir and Hymns <p>5pm Evensong</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ A Book of Common Prayer sung service with Choir and Hymns
<p>Sunday 19th April Second Sunday after Easter</p>	<p>8am BCP* Holy Communion St Peter's Chailey to join St Mary's</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ A beautiful said service in Traditional Language <p>10am Worship & Praise Owls</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ A service for all with songs and activities
<p>Sunday 26th April Third Sunday after Easter</p>	<p>8am BCP* Holy Communion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ A beautiful said service in Traditional Language <p>10am Holy Communion with Baptism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ A sung service with Choir and Hymns which includes a Baptism

*Denotes standard Year A Lectionary Readings
Prayers for Church Services – barn Centre 9.30am every Sunday

Please remember those on our prayer list:

Francis Bailey, Cole Louise Blackman, Bernice Blundy, Karina Brown, Gabi Brunner,
Beryl Champion-Smith, Jebby Dyson, 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, Yvette Smith, Cheryl Stewart,
Marcus Thrower, Felicity Veasey, Toni Warrilow, Sean Watson, Nasima Wright.

Easter Lily Donations

Traditionally members of the congregation have made donations to the Easter Lilies / Flowers in memory of loved ones, if you would like to contribute to these this can be done by any of the following options:

Option 1

By putting your donation in one of the envelopes marked East Lilies Donation, these can be found on all of the pews and in the appropriately labelled box at the back

of the church, these can either be placed in the box provided for collection or handed to

Christopher Hume or posted through his letterbox at:

Marbles, 7 High Street,, Newick. BN8 4LG

Option 2

Using BACS to donate:

Account: The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary Newick

Sort code 09-01-54

Account number 90773281

Please put Easter Lilies as your reference.

Option 3

Using the card reader at the back of the church. Christopher will there on Sunday's to man it.

If donating by BACS or Card you can write the **name(s) you want remembered on the list at the back of the church.**

Gill.



This is the last opportunity as all envelopes and names need to be in - Palm Sunday at the latest.



Following the
Wedding Blessing of
David and Vera in
St Mary's on 7th
March, David
kindly shared a
couple of photo's
with us.

What a stunning
couple - and we
just couldn't resist
sharing this one of
the cutest Choir
Member of St
Mary's.

Henry - you were one
of the talking points of
the day David says!



**CONGRATULATIONS AGAIN
DAVID AND VERA !**

Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you

Romans 15:7



Could you be part of St Mary's Welcome Team?

The welcomer, or what is traditionally known as a “sideperson” is a vital part of God’s work at St Mary’s and we are looking for welcomers of all ages to form a team, so if you would like to be involved or if you have a son or daughter, granddaughter or grandson you would like to share the role with, please get in touch.

Sidespeople play a vital role in the church's daily operations, contributing to the overall success and enjoyment of worship services. Their contributions are often unnoticed, but they are integral to the church's mission and the congregation's experience and here’s an outline of what can be involved:

- Greeting the congregation
- Seating for the congregation
- Guiding the congregation to communion
- Taking the collection:
- Assisting the churchwardens:
- Emergency procedures:

We would love you to join the team and if you would like to know more from those who have been supporting St Mary’s in this, have a chat with Christopher or Tony or send a note in via churchoffice@stmarysnewicks.church

GARDEN DAY, SATURDAY APRIL 11TH

Spring has sprung, and very welcome it is.



Our churchyard is coming to life. The daffodils and crocuses we planted in years gone by are giving us a welcome display. More and more people are tending and decorating graves in the New Churchyard – it looks wonderful.

Now it's time to keep up the good work and continue the development. We have a number of projects this year:-

- Use membrane and wood chippings to improve the southeast bed where we planted trees (they are doing really well) and took out some shrubbery that was past its sell-by date at our autumn garden day. Well done and thanks again to the Dads and Kids who did so well that day.
- Refurbish our garden beds, and in particular use mulch to prevent weed regrowth.
- Refurbish the two mini-gardens at the Martin war grave and the Chemist's grave – he was our only civilian lost in WW2 to a stray bomb
- Clean up our paths, particularly around the Barn Centre and put down more fertiliser to assist our ailing central yew tree
- Have some fun! Our Garden Days are enjoyable Church family days with lots of happy youngsters doing their thing. There is a lovely spirit to the days, and that's the most important thing of all.



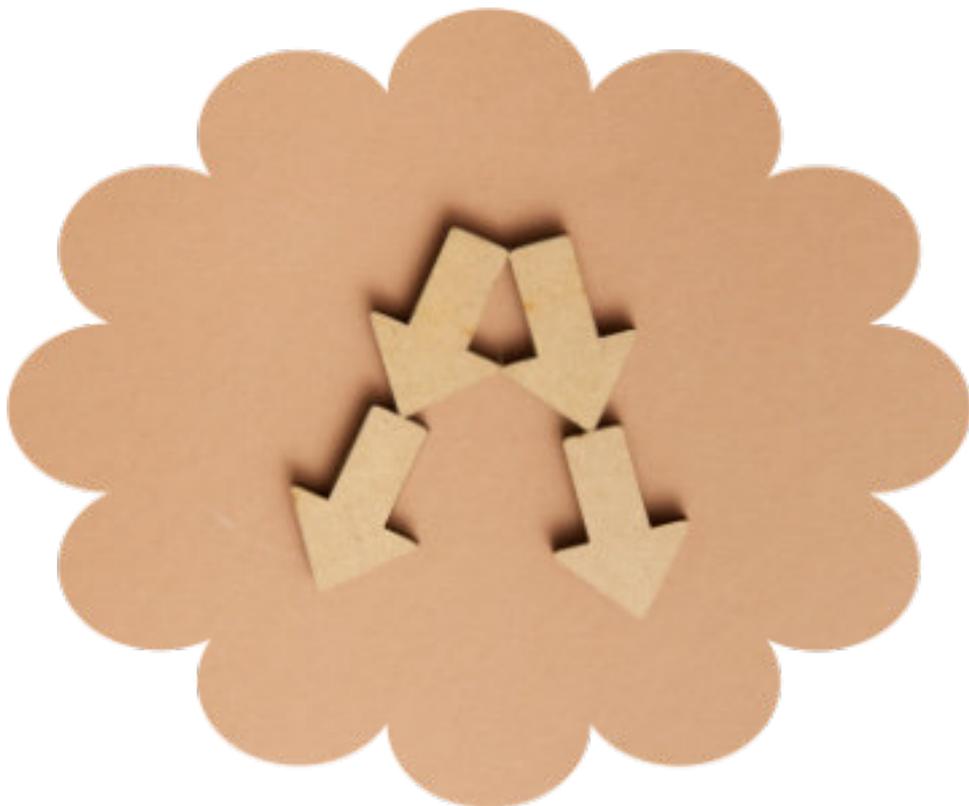
The day will begin with coffee and cakes from 9 o'clock until noon. Then we break for a Rector driven bbq and a happy social time. You don't have to work, just coming to encourage and be a welcome part of it all is a good contribution.



COME AND ENJOY!

Events and Regulars

*at St Mary's
and further afield....*



DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES!

Events coming to St Mary's - rolling list

- 31st March - Lift High the Cross 6.30pm
- 4th April - Easter Egg Trail and Craft Morning
- 11th April - Garden Day
- 15th April - NYC/NCT Get Hyped starts!
- 3rd May - Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) followed by lunch
- 15th May - Ladies Supper
- 17th May - Intergenerational Opera Evening
- 13th June - Vivace choir 4pm
- 19th June - Mens Supper
- 11th July - Bubbles and Broadway 7pm
- 19th July - Combined Churches Choral Evensong

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

NIGHTINGALES

RESIDENTIAL CARE HOME

EASTER FAIR

SATURDAY

28TH MARCH 2026

TIME: 2 - 4PM

COME AND JOIN
US FOR A

Wonderful

AFTERNOON!

CAKES



POPCORN



EASTER EGG HUNT



TOMBOLA



MUSIC



STALLS • GAMES • MUSIC • FUN!

ADDRESS:

38 WESTERN ROAD, NEWICK, BN8 4LF

Lift High the Cross

Music and Readings for Holy Week
Tuesday 31st March 6.30pm
St Mary's Newick



Newick School PTFA

Children can follow the Easter Egg Trail with a prize at the end! before heading into the Barn Centre for some creative Easter crafts. It's always such a lovely, relaxed morning and a great way to celebrate the Easter holidays with friends.

Tickets are £5.50 per child and must be purchased in advance.

Book here: <https://pta.events/easter-trail-2026>



The poster features a central wreath of flowers and a blue rabbit. At the top, it says 'NEWICK SCHOOL PTFA' with a logo of five colorful figures. To the right is a circular logo for 'Newick Pre-School' with illustrations of children. The main title 'Easter Egg Trail & Craft Morning' is in large, bold, orange and red letters. Below the title, the date and time are 'SATURDAY 4 APRIL | 10AM - MIDDAY' and the location is 'THE BARN CENTRE ST. MARY'S CHURCH, NEWICK'. The price is '£5.50 per child' in red, with 'ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY PLEASE' in black below it. In the bottom left, there is a paragraph of text. In the bottom right, it says 'TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW:' next to a QR code. At the very bottom right is the logo for 'St Mary's Newick's Church'.

NEWICK SCHOOL PTFA

Newick Pre-School

Easter Egg Trail & Craft Morning

SATURDAY 4 APRIL | 10AM - MIDDAY
THE BARN CENTRE
ST. MARY'S CHURCH, NEWICK

£5.50 per child
ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY PLEASE

Please arrive between 10am - 11am for an Easter Egg trail around the Churchyard, followed by crafts and a cake & refreshment sale in The Barn Centre.

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW:



St Mary's
Newick's Church

NYC/NCT Get Hyped is coming !!

Starting 15th April with the first three dates being in the Barn Centre (6th May onwards are on the Rec) it's our NYC and NCT groups together each Wednesday 7 - 8.30pm



FLETCHING SINGERS' SPRING CONCERT

Fletching Church, TN22 3SR. Saturday 25th April 2026 at 7.30pm

Fletching Singers will be celebrating spring with some joyful music by Vivaldi, Durante
Tickets £15 on the door or £12.50 early bird until Tuesday 21st April. Available online at <https://www.fletchingsingers.co.uk> , from members, or info@fletchingsingers.co.uk or 07802 855113

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

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

NYC & NCT: Fun clubs for the young people of the village. Barn Centre.

Wednesday evenings during term-time:

- NYC - Year 7 - 6 to 7.30pm
- NYT - Years 8-11 - 7.30 to 9pm

More information: [HERE](#)

Email: youth.newick@gmail.com

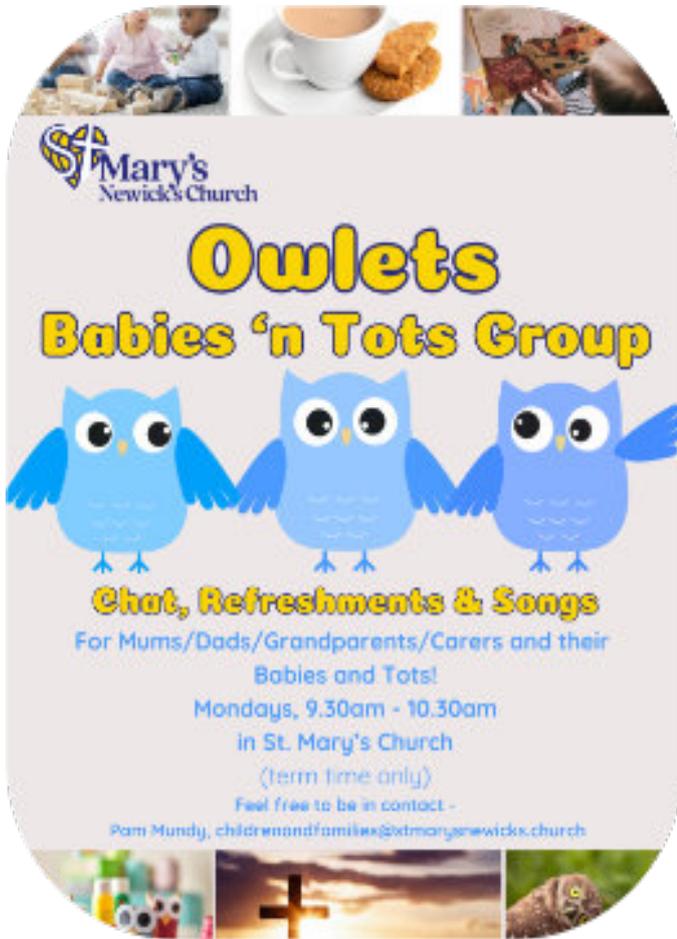
Owlets Babies 'n Tots Group: Chat, refreshments and songs for Mums, Dads, Grandparents, Carers and their Babies and Tots. Mondays 9.15-10.30am (term time only) in St Mary's Church. Feel free to contact Pam Mundy for more information childrenandfamilies@stmarysnewicks.church

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

Next dates - check the Owls Poster on Website, in Newsletters and up in the Church Porch

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

Prayers for Church Services: Sundays 9.30-9.45am Barn Centre



St Mary's
Newick's Church

Owlets

Babies 'n Tots Group



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St Mary's
Newick's Church

Owls Club



**Crafts, Bible Story, Fun!
LEGO & Refreshments**

9.55am - 11.00am
Next dates 15th February 15th March
Feel free to be in contact -
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NEWICK YOUTH CLUBS NYC & NCT

Wednesday evenings
(Term Time)

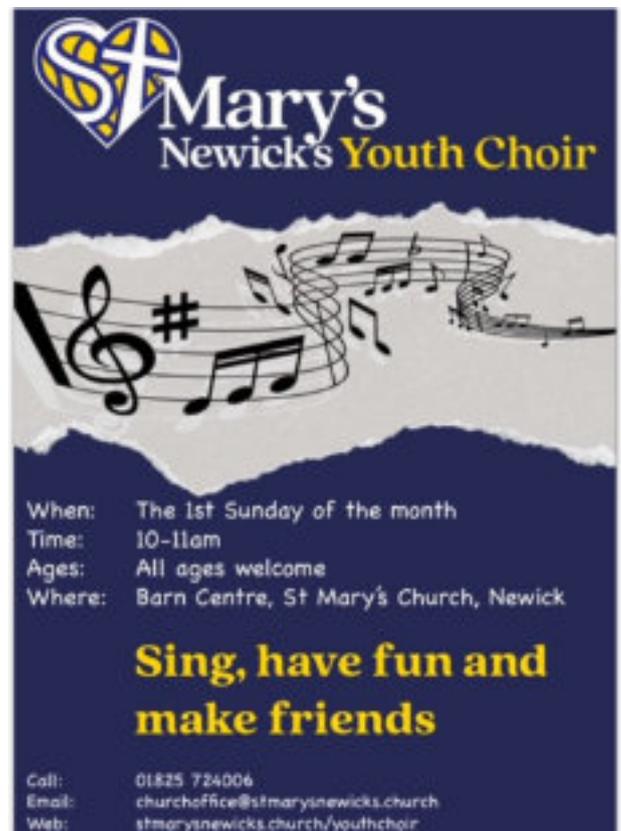
The Barn Centre

6.00 - 7.30pm Year 7

7.30 - 9pm Year 8 Onwards

Full details, including the **Get Hyped**
Sessions April-July are on our

[WEBSITE](#)



St 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