

28th August 2026

Sunday Service Leaders

8am - Rev Paul

10am - Rev Paul

NEWSLETTER



**Congratulations to John Baker who is the
Newick Men's Bowls Champion!!**

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
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- Prayers
- General articles, requests and photo's
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- Regulars: Babies, Tots, Toddlers and Teens
- Regulars: Adults

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Rectors Ramble

Jeremiah 17:5-8, 1 Peter 3:1-7, Matthew 16:21-28

Dear Friends,

Hasn't the rain been a welcome relief this week?

Climate affects us all in so many ways, and as we give thanks for the rains this weekend across our own country, we hold the people of Nepal and Tibet in our prayers after the catastrophic glacial collapse causing, devastating floods have left communities grieving and hundreds missing on Wednesday.

This Sunday we have our Churches Together Service at St Mary's, and at the start of our Service I will be baptising Nathan into our Church family as he prepares to accept the responsibilities of becoming Isla's Godfather on the 4th of September.

This Sunday Mandy Stockwell will be preaching a sermon she has written on 1 Peter 3:1-7 as part of her training with Sussex Gospel Partnership. This passage is a tricky one, and I'm overjoyed that Mandy is preaching on it instead of me!!

1 Peter 3 gives practical advice for Christian Husbands and wives to live in harmony by focusing on godly character, mutual respect and their Spiritual equality before God. Mandy has given us an amazing Spirit filled banger so please make sure you are there to hear it.

There is something wonderfully down-to-earth about this week's readings. Jeremiah gives us the picture of a tree planted beside water; Peter speaks about the way our faith is lived out in our homes and relationships; and Jesus challenges his disciples with the costly words, *"Take up your cross and follow me."*

It is a striking combination for a world in which there is plenty to make us feel uncertain.

The news this week reminds us just how fragile our world can be. Conflict continues to cast a long shadow, with tensions surrounding Ukraine and Russia again bringing warnings of possible escalation involving Britain. In the Middle East, disruption around the Strait of Hormuz is affecting shipping and energy supplies. Closer to home, rising energy bills continue to put pressure on household budgets, while governments wrestle with difficult questions about how best to respond. And then there are the natural disasters which remind us how little control we sometimes have

Jeremiah's image therefore feels particularly appropriate. *"Blessed are those who trust in the Lord... they are like a tree planted by water."* The tree is not promised a life without drought. Its roots simply go deeper than the circumstances around it.

That is also Jesus' challenge to Peter. Peter wants a Messiah who will avoid suffering and triumph on human terms. Jesus instead speaks of the cross. Christian faith does not promise that following Christ will make life easy; it promises that we need not face difficult times alone.

Perhaps that is something we need to hear today. We cannot control international events, economic pressures or tomorrow's headlines. But we can choose where we put our roots.

Peter reminds us that faith is not merely something we believe on a Sunday. It is seen in how we treat one another—with humility, patience, respect and love. In a world often marked by argument and division, those ordinary acts of Christian faithfulness matter enormously.

And its heartening that so much of these words have been reflected in the two Vision Days we have run recently at St Mary's & St Peter's.

So, this Sunday, perhaps the question is simple:

Where are our roots? If they are planted deeply in Christ, we may discover that even when the headlines are troubling, we can still bear fruit, offer hope, and become a blessing to those around us.

Jesus wants his followers to know that the realisation of His love brings with it responsibility. In our relationships we know that we cannot take somebody for granted just because they love us.

Indeed, a real relationship should mean total commitment and a willingness to give everything to the one we love.

So it is that Jesus tells his disciples they must be totally committed to him.

It is no good professing dedication and being half hearted. This meant that his disciples would have to be prepared to openly stand up for Jesus and be prepared to take consequences.

At the time that meant the probability of persecution and quite possibly death.

As we reflect on Mandy's words this week and on the words of Jesus, we are called again to consider:

- ❖ How are we prepared to commit ourselves to Christ?
- ❖ How deep is our commitment?
- ❖ Would we be prepared to give everything for Jesus?

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

P.S. Please too, be praying for our Owlets, Owls and School returners as we begin the start of the new school year, and please be praying for our application for our new CYF Minister serving both parishes, as we wait to hear if our application has been successful, copies of which are up in both Churches.

Exciting times ahead

Worship this Sunday

- ❖ Let us build a House
- ❖ 1702 - Amazing Grace
- ❖ Praise the Name
- ❖ 1030 The Lords my shepherd
- ❖ NEH 307 Sweet Sacrament divine & WLV Agnus dei
- ❖ 1346 In Christ alone

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**



Bubbles return to St Mary's!

Hot on the recent post-service celebration of Rosemary Walters 80th birthday there will be a **celebration this Sunday 30th August after our 10.00 am service** to mark Dorothy Thrower's 85th birthday and the 65th anniversary of her marriage to Frank.

The picture with this article was taken on that day. Dorothy's smile was just as winning back then as it is today.

Dorothy requests no presents please, but there will be a collection bowl and a card machine available after the service for anyone who would care to mark the occasion by making a donation to St Mary's Youth Work.

Sunday also marks a day of celebration for Mel Balloch who will be celebrating his 21st birthday for the 65th time. Well done Mel! Sue will be providing nibbles for us to go with the bubbles. Well done Sue!



And a little bird whispered in my ear – pity about the billet doux on my shoulder – that our august and much-loved Ministry of Cake is also celebrating this week.....

Dorothy, Mel, Pat and Sue have all been wonderful servants of our Lord and St Mary's over many years and it is fitting that we should celebrate with them in Church after our Sunday service.

Christopher Hume

An inspiring piece of love in action

Christine Ripley, who lived in Brooks gardens for many years has turned 92. She was a faithful member of our congregation and loved St Mary's. Sadly ill-health and failing eyesight meant she couldn't continue to live on her own. She is now living in sheltered accommodation in Polegate.

Ron and June Perou visit her from time to time and take communion to her. Christine is always glad to take the sacrament, which means an enormous amount to her. Ron and June were able to sing "Happy Birthday" for Christine. It was a happy and successful visit.

It's a long drive down to Polegate and back. It left Ron "a little tired" but didn't deter him.

There are lots of acts of love and kindness like Ron and June's visit which take place under the St Mary's umbrella. God's love in action, much to give thanks for, praise be.

God bless Christine, and well-done Ron and June.

Christopher Hume

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

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

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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