

28th July 2024

Rectors Ramblings

2 Samuel 11:1-15, 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a, John 6:1-21

Dear Friends,

In our Old Testament readings this Sunday, while his troops are away, King David spots and seduces Bathsheba, wife of one of his soldiers, Uriah. Bathsheba becomes pregnant. David tries to cover up what he has done by bringing Uriah home; but Uriah refuses to be with his wife while others are still fighting. So, David sends Uriah back to the battlefield, instructing his commander to use him where he is most likely to be killed – and he is.

David has gone from shepherd boy to king – he has arrived at the position to which God had called him. However, now he is king he has full freedom of action – and, in the same way that his heroism previously led to freedom for others, now his sin will result in the suffering of other people.

The abuse of power is as old as power itself. The Bible takes little more than three chapters to build up to the first murder. The opening scenes of Stanley Kubrick's film *2001: A Space Odyssey* depict a warring tribe of primaeval ape-men discovering that a bone gives their blows greater force. It sometimes seems that, for all the good they do, almost every discovery and invention, from fire and the wheel to nuclear power and the internet, has been abused by one person or group to assert control over another. From domestic abuse to international conflict, our media are full of reports of domination by violence. Often, we focus on our own suffering, but God's justice insists we look also at those who hurt us and those impacted by our own choices.

It may be hard not to despair; but while individually we may sometimes feel like giving up, despair is not an option for the Church community.

The deadline for content is **10am on Thursdays** so if you have anything to include, please make sure it is with churchoffice@stmarysnewicks.church in time.

**Anything that misses the deadline will be included the following week
(unless it has a date restriction)**

When a Christian finds their faith faltering, if they allow themselves to be supported, their Church community is there to carry them through the dark times.

When the nations are divided and at war, the Church community is there to demonstrate a way to live in peace, celebrating our differences rather than using them as excuses for conflict.

That is implicit in its purpose, and if the Church fails to offer this hope, it is no longer the Church of Jesus Christ.

We have been entrusted with the Gospel, and the Gospel assures us that no matter how bad things may be, sin and suffering can never have the last word.

As many of you know, when I find the messages in our Scripture challenging on the context of our modern world, I often turn to poetry as a place of solace and strength. So, with a Baptism this Sunday of baby James I will be praying for Flo and Ian and James' wonderful Godparents and sponsors as we reflect on the world he will inherit, and I find hope again in Malcolm Guites book of Sonnets "David's Crown" Canterbury Press Norwich (15 Jan. 2021) '*Notus in Judea*' A response to *Psalm 76*'.

LXXVI Notus in Judaea

We lift the cup of blessing, life and hope
To one whose name has leapt from Israel
To circle all the world, who opens up
His heart to every nation. Weapons fail;
The sword and shield will rust; the tank and gun
Must come to nothing. Every dark betrayal
Of peace will come to judgment. For the one
Upon the throne will vindicate the meek
And turn our fierceness into praise: The Son
Of God, become the Son of Man. The weak
Will find their strength in him. He will restrain
The men of violence, but all who seek
Their peace in him will find it. And the stain
Of our blood-guiltiness will wash away
As heaven's mercy falls like gentle rain.

Not even death itself could terminate Jesus's message of hope, and this is his – and our – gift to those in despair, whenever and wherever we encounter them.

A silence shared or a word spoken may be all that is required to bring hope in a personal crisis. A donation made or a petition signed may be all that is required to bring hope in a time of conflict.

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 St Mary's Newick

Holy Baptism & Communion

1st Hymn 1202 Come down O love divine.

2nd Hymn (To the Font) 40 Be still for the presence of the Lord.

3rd Hymn (From the Font) 51 Breathe on me breath of God (Tune Carlisle)

4th Hymn 604 Who can sound the depths of Sorrow.

5th Hymn 148 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

Hymns St Peter's Chailey

Holy Communion

1st Hymn 148 Guide me O thou great redeemer

2nd Hymn 215 I heard the voice of Jesus Say

3rd Hymn 316 Just as I Am

4th Hymn 1202 Come down O love divine.

Lewes District Citizens Advice coming to st Mary's...

Lewes District Citizens Advice has recently appointed two Rural Outreach Advisors.

Sue and Nicole will be offering a Rural Outreach Service at multiple rural locations across the Lewes District. Together, they will provide high quality, impartial and professional advice, support and referrals to people in rural areas.

They will deliver support to people on a huge range of topics, including welfare benefits, housing issues, food and energy poverty, debt and much more.

The first 3-hour, in-person, drop-in session will take place at St Mary's Church, Newick on Tuesday 30th July from 12.30-3.30pm and will continue on a roughly monthly basis.

Sue and Nicole hope that these sessions will benefit your community, so please spread the word!



(Also see flyer further on in this Newsletter)

Services - July 2024

Sunday 7th July

Trinity 6

10am – Morning Worship

2 Samuel 5:1-5,9-10 – 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 – Mark 6:1-13

Preacher: Reader Jeremy Burdett

6pm - Evensong

Preacher: Reader Geoff Clinton

Sunday 14th July

Trinity 7

8am - BCP Holy Communion*

Preacher: Fr Martin Morgan

10am – Holy Communion

2 Samuel 6:1-5,12b-19,

Ephesians 1:3-14,

Mark 6:14-29

Preacher: Fr Martin Morgan

6pm – Worship 2

Leader: Mandy Stockwell

Sunday 21st July

Trinity 8

8am - BCP Holy Communion*

Preacher: Rev'd Paul Mundy

10am – Family Communion & Owls Club

2 Samuel 7:1-14a –

Ephesians 2:11-22

Mark 6:30-34,53-56

Preacher: Rev'd Paul Mundy

Sunday 28th July

Trinity 9

8am - BCP Holy Communion*

Preacher: Reader Geoff Clinton

10am – Holy Baptism

2 Samuel: 11:1-15,

Ephesians 3:14-21,

John 6: 1-21

Preacher: Reader Jeremy Burdett

* Denotes standard Year B Lectionary Readings

SERVICES - AUGUST 2024

<p>Sunday 4th August</p> <p><i>Trinity 10</i></p>	<p>8am - BCP Holy Communion* Preacher: Rev'd Paul Mundy</p> <p>10am – Family Communion 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a Ephesians 4: 1-13 John 6:24-35</p> <p>Preacher: Rev'd Paul Mundy</p> <p>6pm - Evensong Preacher: Reader Geoff Clinton</p>
<p>Sunday 11th August</p> <p><i>Trinity 11</i></p>	<p>8am - BCP Holy Communion* Preacher: Fr Martin Morgan</p> <p>10am Holy Communion 2 Samuel 18:5-9,15,31-33 Ephesians 4:25-5:2 John 6:35,41-51</p> <p>Preacher: Fr Martin Morgan</p> <p>6pm – Worship 2 Leader: Mandy Stockwell</p>
<p>Sunday 18th August</p> <p><i>Trinity 12</i></p>	<p>8am - BCP Holy Communion* Preacher Reader Ian Reekie</p> <p>10am Family Communion 1 Kings 2:10-12,3:3-14 Ephesians 5:15-20 John 6: 51-58</p> <p>Preacher: Rev'd Paul Mundy</p>
<p>Sunday 25th August</p> <p><i>Trinity 13</i></p>	<p>8am - BCP Holy Communion* Preacher: Rev'd Paul Mundy</p> <p>10am – Holy Communion 1 Kings 8: 22-30,41-43 Ephesians 6:10-20 John 6:56-69</p> <p>Preacher: Reader Jeremy Burdett</p>
<p><i>* Denotes standard Year B Lectionary Readings</i></p> <p>Prayer Meeting for Church Service Every Sunday 9.30 - 9.45 Barn Centre</p>	

As always, please remember those on our prayer list:

Francis Bailey, Cole Louise Blackman, Bernice Blundy, Margaret Butterfield,
Beryl Campion-Smith, Harri Gande, John and Elizabeth Gould, Rubie Geer,
Juliette Lucas, Helen Lloyd, Spike MacGuire, Christina McCann, Shirley Mansfield,
Derek Marshall, George Morrison, Patricia Moss, Adrian, Andrea and Amber Pariss,
Gemma Peacock, June and Ron Perou, Christine Ripley, Rubie (aged 11),
Cheryl Stewart, Martin Tardif, Marcus Thrower, Peter Todd, Danielle Tora,
Toni Warrilow, Sean Watson, Nasima Wright.



If you would like to receive prayers, or know someone who would,
please contact
Rev Paul Mundy on 01825 723186 or church.newick@gmail.com

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

Prayers for Church
Barn Centre every Sunday 9.30-9.45

Prayer Group
Barn Centre every 1st and 3rd Monday 2pm

Legacies

A LEGACY FOR
ST MARY'S
CHURCH
NEWICK



Please consider
making a lasting gift to
St Mary's Church, Newick

YOUR WILL
YOUR WISHES
YOUR WAY

We shall all die in time, and leave behind us legacies of love and friendship, of family and friends and of the lives we've lived.

The Church of England has always encouraged people to make wills, and at St Mary's we encourage that too.

Making a will ensures that the assets in your Estate are distributed as you see fit. Many people will of course leave the bulk of their assets to their families, and favourite "good causes".

Please consider including St Mary's.

We struggle to meet our expenses year by year, and have always relied on legacies to support our service to the community

The daunting costs of upkeep of our beautiful Grade 2* listed church must also be met.

A key element of our work in the community is youth work and pastoral outreach.

HOW DO I PUT A
LEGACY IN PLACE?

First, make sure you have a will in place that includes how you would like to distribute your assets using either your own solicitor or the service provided by the Church of England.
(www.churchlegacy.org.uk)

Please contact Rev Paul Mundy or any member of our Treasurer's team if you would like assistance.

Please remember that St Mary's is a charity, so gifts to St Mary's are free of Inheritance Tax.

Many people find the idea of their assets continuing their work and witness for the Lord, long after they have died, a blessed and rewarding prospect.



Contact: Rev Paul Mundy
Telephone: 07717000281
Email: church.newick@gmail.com
Web: newickchurch.org

For more information visit [St Mary's Website](http://www.newickchurch.org)

WE NEED YOU....

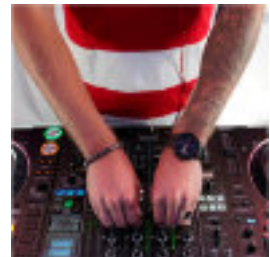
If you would like to get involved with the team in helping manage the sound and screens at our Church Services and potentially other events.

We are looking for someone with a keen eye and who would be willing to learn the AV desk and sound system in St Mary's.

You will need to be available to attend Services on a Sunday (the main 10am Service is vital) and be flexible to help cover other times.

If you think this is something for you - and you are over the age of 15 then [drop us a line](#) via the church office and we will get back to you.

AV Team



Something for everyone.....

Yoga at The Barn Centre

**Monday 6.30 to 7.30pm
and Friday 12.30 to
1.30pm**

Alignment Based Vinyasa
Strengthen and improve
flexibility with flowing
movement.

**Monday 7.45 to 9pm
Yin Yoga**

Floor based, long
supported holds, breath
work, and deep rest.

**Friday 1.45 to 2.45pm
Restorative Hatha**

Gently build flexibility,
mobility and strength.
Perfect for those with
injuries or returning to
exercise.



**First
Class £7**

For further details
scan the QR or visit:
wellnesswithdanni.com
Or contact Danni on
07540173243



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What's coming up?.....

**citizens
advice**

**Lewes
District**

DROP-IN ADVICE SESSION



**Lewes District Citizens Advice are offering a
Rural Outreach Service at St. Mary's Church, Newick**

TUESDAY 30TH JULY, 12.30-3.30PM

**Local transport can be provided by the Newick Good Neighbours
service from Chailey, Newick and Fletching.**

Please ring 07933 096033

High quality, impartial and professional advice, support and referrals given on a huge range of topics, including **welfare benefits, housing issues, food and energy poverty, debt** and much more.

**3-HOUR, IN-PERSON
DROP-IN SESSIONS**



www.lewesdistrictca.org.uk/community-outreach

Concert and Cream Tea

Featuring the Harmonia Trio

An early music acapella trio singing a selection of
folk and early music



Saturday 3rd August

Doors open at: 3pm

Concert: 3.30-4.30pm

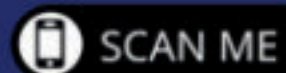
St Mary's Church, Newick, BN8 4JZ

Tickets £10 incl. Cream Tea (kids go free)

Email: churchoffice@stmarysnewicks.church

Web: stmarysnewicks.church

All profits will go towards the youth work at St Mary's, Newick



Holiday at Home

Come and enjoy a fun filled day at St Mary's Barn Centre

Friday 9th August

11am - 3pm

Everyone is welcome

(children need to be accompanied by an adult)

11.00am - 12.30pm

12.30pm - 1.30pm

1.30pm - 2.00pm

2.00pm - 2.30pm

2.30pm - 3pm

Arts and crafts (Drinks and biscuits provided)

Lunchtime (Please bring a packed lunch)

Performance by St Mary's Youth Choir

Dance performance by Shimmy and Shake

Huge Singalong!



Free to attend (donations to the youth work at St Mary's welcome)

To book a place, please contact Patsy (shimmyandshake@yahoo.co.uk)

Places limited, book early to avoid disappointment

Not St Mary's Newick - St Mary's Ringmer



Opera Gala Evening

Join us for an unforgettable evening with performers from Glyndebourne Opera, English National Opera and the Royal Opera House

Four professional opera singers and their accompanist perform a variety of popular operatic repertoire at

Sunday 11th August 2024, 7.00pm

St. Mary's Church, Church Hill, Ringmer Lewes BN8 5JX

Tickets are £15.00 per person. Reservations advised.
For ticket reservations call **Charlotte Wicks on 07966 621229** or email intergenopera@gmail.com
Payment by cash or cheques on the night.

Proceeds are in aid of Dementia UK and Intergenerational Opera, a project which brings together primary school children with older people in the community through creative music making.

More details of Intergenerational opera can be found at
www.intergenerationalopera.com





RURAL CONFERENCE 2024

'RURAL, FAITHFUL, and FLOURISHING'



You are warmly invited to join us this autumn for the Chichester Diocesan Rural Conference: **'RURAL, FAITHFUL and FLOURISHING'**.



This Conference, open to all who are interested in rural mission and ministry (lay or ordained), will provide both encouragement and inspiration, as well as practical ideas and advice, on how the rural churches and communities we represent can be faithful and flourishing.



Richard Jackson, Bishop of Hereford (and former Bishop of Lewes), will give a Keynote Address and facilitate discussion on the encouragements, challenges and opportunities of being the rural church. While Jeremy Kerswell, the Principal of Plumpton, will give a presentation on the College's vision: *'People, Place and Purpose'* - which resonates with what is important to most rural Communities. There will be an opportunity to visit the working farm at Plumpton College, after we finish, for those who would be interested in doing so!



So, why not *'make hay while the sun shines'* and sign up today!



- WHEN?** Friday 11th October 2024, between 10.00 am until 3.30 pm
- WHERE?** Plumpton College, AgriFood Centre, Nr Lewes, East Sussex, BN7 3AE (with ample free parking)
- COST?** £30 per person* (covers refreshments on arrival, buffet lunch, admin. costs, etc)

For more information please contact: Revd Gary Cregeen, Rural Officer For East Sussex
Tel: 07749 904887

Email: iary.Cregeen@chichester.anglican.org

* We do not want anyone to miss out! If cost is an issue, please contact the Rural Officer.

To book please visit: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/DSII>

A request from Bishop Martin

2025 marks the 950th anniversary of the move of Christian mission in this diocese from Selsey to Chichester. This gives us an opportunity to say something about who we are as the inheritors in the 21st century of this great momentum of Christian witness and faith.

To this end there is a questionnaire that has been compiled - with just four questions - to cover what faith means. The Diocese would really like as many people as possible to respond, in a succinct way, and you can access the questionnaire by [clicking here](#). The deadline for responses is **31st September 2024**.

There is also an invitation to send photographs that illustrate the diversity of our diocesan life and context and they would like photos that depict the following:

Worship

- Photos of regular services, special services (e.g., Easter, Christmas), and different types of worship (e.g., traditional, contemporary).
- Captures the essence of congregational prayer and worship.

Life Events

- Images from baptisms, confirmations, weddings, blessings.
- Documents significant spiritual milestones and life events of church members.

Ministry and Outreach

- Photos of various ministry activities such as youth groups, Sunday school, Bible studies, and community service projects.
- Highlights the Church's efforts in outreach, social engagement, and service to the local community.

Community and Fellowship

- Images from social gatherings, lunches, picnics, anniversary/patronal festivals, and church outings.
- Showcases the community spirit, friendships, and social interactions among church members.

Buildings and History

- Pictures of the church building, interior spaces, historical artefacts, and renovations.
- Setting of church buildings in the atmospheric landscape of Sussex countryside and coastline.

Portrait or landscape photos with a high resolution are preferable and there will be a need to provide a very brief description of the event. Any identifiable people within the photograph will need to provide explicit written consent so that the photograph can be shared with the Diocese and used to illustrate church life on the Diocese website.

If you have anything you feel would be suitable, please email the [church office](#) in the first instance. with details of what you have and would like to submit.

YOUR VIEWS MATTER!

SAFEGUARDING AUDIT 2024

The Diocese would like as many people as possible to complete this audit, and there are various options to choose when you start:

Parish Workforce, Community, Child/Young Person, Victims/Survivors

[INEQE Safeguarding Group](#) have been commissioned to conduct Independent Safeguarding Audits of the Church of England to make sure dioceses and cathedrals are doing all they can to create environments where everyone feels safe, valued and respected. Our diocese will be audited from 30th September.

As part of the audit, INEQE hope to engage with people involved in the life of the Diocese of Chichester and Chichester Cathedral through an online survey. The survey will act as a mechanism through which individuals can comment on any matters relevant to the audit's focus.

The survey is both anonymous (INEQE are not seeking to identify you) and confidential (you will not be identified). Survey responses are collected and analysed by INEQE, not by either the Diocese of Chichester or Chichester Cathedral. We would ask you to be open and honest with your responses.

INEQE's survey for Chichester can be found by clicking on this link [here](#)

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

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

