

NEWSLETTER



“Sunset in Newick” courtesy of Jenny Smerdon

Please can anyone who has a **CURRENT** First Aid certificate [get in touch](#) with **Anthony Bailey** (anthonyb213@gmail.com) and let him know what Level you are trained at. . Thank you.

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

Checkout [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](#) of all photo's

Rectors Ramble

"Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted..."
Matthew 4

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your prayers and support for our family time away last week, it was a precious season of rest and joy.

This weekend starts our season of Harvest with School service at St Mary's on Friday, then Newick's Harvest service on this coming Sunday and Chailey's the following Sunday. Harvest is a time when churches traditionally give thanks for the food we eat, the land that produces it and the people whose work makes it possible.

But this year, for many farming families, that thanksgiving comes alongside uncertainty, exhaustion and loss. Across our farming communities, changing weather, livestock disease, rising costs and financial pressures are making an already demanding way of life harder. For some, the future of the farm itself feels uncertain.

So, for this year's Harvest, my focus may take a different tack to previous years, I'll be thinking about wilderness and thanks giving. In Matthew 4, Jesus is led into the wilderness for forty days, a place of physical depletion, extreme heat, and utter isolation. This scripture frequently leads us into stark, unforgiving terrain, and for many in our farming communities today, the reality feels like a long, dry trek through the desert.

When the rain fails, when fields bake dry, or when disease restrictions and soaring input costs drain financial and emotional reserves day after day, the landscape becomes spiritually and physically arid. The wilderness is where resources run dry, where the future feels parched, and where fatigue settles deep into the bones.

It is in this dry place that the severe tests come:

The Temptation of Despair & Isolation: The lie that we are forgotten, that our labour is meaningless, or that we must carry the crushing weight entirely alone.

The Illusion of Quick Fixes: The pressure to make impossible choices in the face of financial ruin when market and international pressures offer no easy relief.

Yet Jesus neither collapses nor avoids. He inhabits the dry place, enduring its full weight, and remains grounded in the presence and promises of the Father.

He meets the wilderness with deep spiritual resilience.

And at the end of that testing time, "angels came and attended Him." Prayers of Lament- p5

As rural Christians, we are called to be a presence in the desert, to step into the parched places alongside our farming neighbours, bringing shade, practical sustenance, and the assurance that even in the most

barren wilderness, God has not abandoned the land or those who tend it. It is here, through the word, that we can bring hope.

With hope in our hearts, I've included a prayer for us for Harvest and for our farmers.

Eternal God, creator and sustainer of life, we praise you for the beauty and fertility of the earth.

We praise you also for its complexity and mystery, before which we bow in wonder and awe.

*Hear our prayers for all upon whom we depend, for the production and provision of our food,
for the management of the countryside and the stewardship of its resources.*

To those who are suffering in a time of crisis, bring comfort and hope.

To those entrusted with decision-making that affects others' lives, give wisdom and discernment.

*To your church, in its ministry to all, grant a watchful eye, a loving heart, and a prophetic voice in the service
of your kingdom.*

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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 FOR ST MARY'S

- ❖ 75 - Come ye thankful people come
- ❖ 664 - Beauty of Brokenness
- ❖ 585 - We plough the fields
- ❖ Look at the world (John Rutter)
- ❖ We Live in God's great garden (Thaxted)

Services St Mary's – October 2026

Sunday 4th October Eighteenth day after Trinity	8am BCP* Holy Communion ❖ Reflective spoken service of Holy Communion following the King James Book of Common Prayer 10am Harvest Service & Lunch ❖ All age Celebration Service for Harvest with traditional hymns and worship songs followed by a community lunch 5pm Evensong ❖ Following the BCP Evening Prayer with Plain chant, sung psalms and hymns
Sunday 11th October Nineteenth day after Trinity	8am BCP* Holy Communion ❖ Reflective spoken service of Holy Communion following the King James Book of Common Prayer 10am Holy Communion ❖ Parish Communion Service with Choir & Congregational hymns involving the whole parish family 6pm Worship2 ❖ Joyful and Spirit Filled service of modern worship
Sunday 18th October Twentieth Sunday after Trinity	8am BCP* Holy Communion ❖ Reflective spoken service of Holy Communion following the King James Book of Common Prayer 10am Worship Praise & Owls ❖ Service of worship and praise with Kids Club – ○ This month with our guest speaker from Compassion UK 4pm Thanksgiving Service & Afternoon Tea ❖ A reflective service of Thanksgiving for all those who have lost a loved one recently, or who would welcome the opportunity to come together and remember a loved one, within the company of others
Sunday 25th October Last Sunday after Trinity Remember – clocks go back!	8am BCP* Holy Communion ❖ Reflective spoken service of Holy Communion following the King James Book of Common Prayer 10am Morning Worship ❖ Joyful celebration of Worship & Praise, God's Word and Prayer

*DENOTES STANDARD YEAR A LECTIONARY READINGS

PRAYER MEETINGS FOR CHURCH SERVICES EVERY SUNDAY 9.30 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,
Rosie Hallett, 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**



Well deserved Josh!!

12 FAITH IN SUSSEX

THANKS FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Forty lay people from across the diocese are to be recognised for their quiet, faithful service which strengthens church and community life.

The Order of St Richard, launched in 2019 by the bishop, is the Diocese of Chichester's annual award recognising the volunteers whose Christian service has made an exceptional difference to their parish, community and the wider area. Each year, people are nominated by their clergy and a supporting parishioner, then formally invested by the bishop during a service in Chichester Cathedral.

Since its inception, more than 220 people from over 150 parishes have received the award, each presented with a certificate signed by the bishop, a medal for special occasions and a lapel badge to wear day to day.

This year's ceremony is on Saturday, September 26, when the latest cohort will join a growing community whose service is invaluable. They include:

Josh Stockwell

St Mary's, Newick

Josh has served for many years at St Mary's, supporting the church's audio visual ministry and volunteering weekly with the local youth group. He has also taken a large group of young people to Maycamp, hosted Maycamp in 2024 and 2025 and this year helped produce a promotional video for the event. He said: "To be awarded the Order of St Richard is a huge privilege and something that came as a great surprise. I am hugely thankful to everyone who has supported me."



What a lovely line-up !!



Enjoying a coffee and a chat after Church is always welcome at St Mary's - as this lovely bunch show.

And we are always looking for church cafe volunteers so if you fancy joining in - add your name to the list at the back of Church.



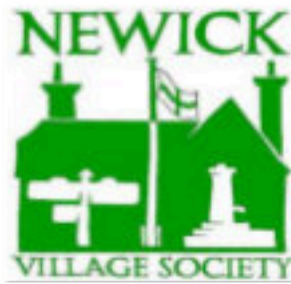
***HARVEST LUNCH THIS SUNDAY
SALAD AND PUDDING DONATIONS
WILL STILL BE GRATEFULLY RECEIVED!***



(Thanks again this year to
our wonderful Village Bakers
for our Harvest Loaf)

Here's just a taster of the
wonderful work our flower
team are currently doing in
readiness and more photo's
will be in here next week for
you to enjoy.....





NEWICK AFTERNOON CLUB



We will meet at the Coach House,
Sutton Hall Farm, Spithurst at 2.30pm
Rob Wallace

We will be taken in a trailer to see how the land and woods
we live near have changed in the last 2000 years - perhaps
even longer

THURSDAY 8th OCTOBER 2026

2.30PM AT THE COACH HOUSE, SUTTON HALL FARM

(There is no membership of the Newick Afternoon Club just come – sometimes
it may cost a £1, for the hire of the Community Centre/Barn Centre)
In the meantime, if you would like any further information please give one of us
a call: Paddy C. 01825 722154, Malcolm S. 01825 722705

OPEN TO ALL IN NEWICK AND BEYOND



ST MARY'S GARDEN DAY - SATURDAY 10TH OCTOBER

9AM START WITH COFFEE AND

CAKE - (DONATIONS WELCOMED)

LUNCH PROVIDED

ALL HELP MUCH APPRECIATED



PLEAS FROM PATSY - BAGS AND CAKES.....

We need **plastic bags** to help distribute food around the village so if you have any carrier bags or bags for life that you would be happy to let us have - please can you put them
at the back of St Mary's
(under the long shelf where the foodbank boxes are).
Thank you.

Cakes, cakes glorious cakes!!

If any **cake makers** out there are able to provide some for the
Thanksgiving Service on October 18th, please can you
let Patsy know. Thank you

Christmas Trees

We already have a good number of Clubs, Societies and Small Businesses registered to have a tree in this year's festival but there is still a bit of space so if you are local and fit the bill, send an email to

churchoffice@stmarysnewicks.church

and we can add you in.

Its a lovely weekend and as usual there will be entertainment, music and food so - make a note in your diary to pop along and support

St Mary's and St Peters & St James Hospice.

11th - 13th December



Free Electric Blanket and Heat Pad Testing 2026

Monday 19 th October		
Robertsbridge Village Hall	Station Road, TN32 5DG	10.00 - 12.00
Crowborough Fire Station:	Beacon Road, TN6 1AF	14.00 - 16.00
Tuesday 20 th October		
Hove Fire Station	English Close, BN3 7EE	10.00- 12.00
Seaford Fire Station	Cradle Hill, BN25 3JA	14.00 - 16.00
Wednesday 21 st October		
Bexhill Fire Station	Beeching Road, TN39 3LB	09.00- 12.00
Hastings, Bohemia Road Fire Station	Hastings TN34 1EX	14.00- 16.00
Thursday 22 nd October		
Eastbourne Fire Station	Whitley Road, BN22 8LA	10.00-12.00
Uckfield Fire Station	Bell Farm Rd, TN22 1BA	14.00 - 16.00

Bring your electric blanket and/or heat pad along for a **FREE** safety check at any of the above events. If you are unable to attend, please ask a friend or neighbour to bring your blanket for you.

**East Sussex Fire & Rescue Service working
with partners for your safety**

www.esfrs.org



Message from Lee Buck - Newick & Chailey Youth Worker

We are delighted to offer a February Retreat for our Yr8 – Yr13 youth members. It follows a similar format to Maycamp, but is for our youth only. We have a limited number of spaces, so please register your child's interest asap to secure a place.

Any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

youth.newick@gmail.com - 07543 511181



ST MARY'S NEWICK AND ST PETER'S CHAILEY PRESENTS...

13-15 Feb
£75pp

the **BiG**
FEBRUARY
RETREAT

Worship-Talks-Games-Food

**Holcott Group Holiday Centre,
Hilders Lane, Edenbridge**

youth.newick@gmail.com

Events **at** St Mary's

- 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 - follows the Children's Choir session on 1st Sunday of each month 11am-12pm £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