

## ***Fr Martin's Murmurations***

Like many of us at Chailey and Newick the idea of sabbaticals has been on my mind lately. I have prayed daily with and for our Rector. I've worried about him, rejoiced with him and missed him. I have realised the pressure he works under and can't wait to return to sharing the Blessed Verger's bacon sandwiches and the excellent coffee with him after the 8.00 am services on a Sunday morning. That time is a highlight of the week when we can have a few minutes of good clerical gossip [no not about you!] about things happening in the dear old Church of England. But thinking of Paul reminds me that I never really got around to having a sabbatical. I was once asked by my Bishop in Portsmouth to come up with an idea of what I might like to study if I went on a three-month break. I went back to him and said I would like to study the theology of leisure. I would start with the Chelsea Flower Show, go on to Royal Ascot and Wimbledon. I would want to research the subject at Test Matches. I would go to art exhibitions, Glyndebourne and Glastonbury and many other national social events. I think the Bishop thought I was 'Having a laugh!' But I really wasn't. Millions of people attend these events and the effects of them are enormous. Watching thousands joining together to sing Sailing with Rod Stewart at the Glastonbury Festival was a deeply moving experience which will have touched many souls. Listening to an aria sung beautifully in an opera house often moves people to tears. Watching the English Test team can take the soul to both the depths and the heights of emotions whilst hoping for a home-bred Wimbledon Champion defines what hope actually is! Watching and attending all these things is to witness people moving away from the pressure of work to have their hearts raised, their spirits lifted, and their aspirations both realised and often denied.

I would have used a sabbatical to ask the question as to why the most exciting event in history does not bring about the same effect as say a closely run battle on tennis court or football pitch.. I mean, of course, that moment in time when God chose to revolutionise the world by sending His only begotten Son to bear the price of our sins and gifted us a part in His new creation. The notion we could be deemed fit not by our own merits but by His infinite love to be called heirs to His kingdom is the most amazing experience known to humanity. I wanted to find out why Andy Murray could move people whereas Jesus Christ remains an irrelevance to many. Why I ask, would hundreds of thousands miss their own funerals if they could, in order to attend a football match played by their chosen team - yet would not dream of giving a moment's thought to worshipping their Redeemer.

In the light of the Gospel at the Parish Communion this Sunday morning those who do acknowledge the mighty works of Christ are bidden by Jesus to go out to proclaim the good news. They are invited to join with God in his mission to the world. Called to take the Good News and present it to others in our contemporary world. I wasn't able to make my study on a sabbatical but had I done so I am becoming aware that in our hands the Good News can easily turn to the bad. Often we smugly give the impression we are judging others when we are expressly told not to. We award many A levels in guilt and fail to be the sacred heart of God in our world today.

But, of course, there is hope and that hope lies in you. You who do get the point of life are His witnesses. You who faithfully worship God daily show his power. You present-day disciples who say your prayers and love your neighbours as yourselves are where hope lies.

You who treat everyone no matter who they are or what they are as a brother or sister should realise you are lights in the world and those who show the beauty of God in their goodness and holiness ensure God's mission is carried on in this generation. You are all the hope that one day others will get the point of living by acknowledging God as Father and Christ as Saviour. Let them know God and leisure are not incompatible because, even He needed a time of rest. Enjoy your leisure time and activities and see them for what they are. A gift from a Father simply because He loves us.

Much love and many prayers

**Fr.Martin.**

**Hymns - St Mary's Newick**

**O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness SOF 457**

**Colours of Day SOF 64**

**How deep the Father's Love for us SOF 780**

**How Great Thou art SOF 475**

**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.



**New House Group(s) forming.**

At last week's PCC meeting we agreed to explore setting up some new House Groups. We have a number of successful House Groups of long standing. Discussions are generally focused around religious themes chosen by the groups themselves, with Bible studies, video series on related topics or books often being employed.

But actual discussions at House Group range far and wide as the spirit moves members. Groups generally become quite close knit and caring and they pray together. Experience suggests that a maximum of around ten members is sensible. Our existing groups are around that level, hence our move to create more. I've been a member for going on a decade now, and the longer our house group goes on, the more rewarding it is. Try it!

JEREMY BURDETT will be coordinating this effort. If you are interested in joining or hosting a House Group, please let him know. He will be coordinating times that work for you and planning our way forward. Please contact Jeremy on 07957 869868, mail him at [jeremy.burdett@farming.co.uk](mailto:jeremy.burdett@farming.co.uk) or chat to him at Church.

**Christopher Hume**

## SERVICES – JULY 2025

<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July</b> Third Sunday after Trinity	<b>8am BCP* Holy Communion</b> <b>Preacher : Fr Martin</b> <b>10am Holy Communion</b> 2 Kings 5. 1-14 – Isaiah 66. 10-14 – Galatians 6. (1-6), 7-16 – Luke 10. 1-11, 16-20 <b>Preacher: Fr Martin</b> <b>6pm Evensong</b> <b>Leader: Reader Geoff Clinton      Preacher: Ian Reekie</b>
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July</b> Fourth Sunday after Trinity	<b>8am BCP* Holy Communion</b> <b>Preacher: Fr Martin</b> <b>10am Family Worship</b> Deuteronomy 30. 9-14 – Colossians 1. 1-14 – Luke 10. 25-37 <b>Preacher: Reader Geoff Clinton</b> <b>6pm Worship2</b> <b>Leader: Mandy Stockwell</b>
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July</b> Fifth Sunday after Trinity	<b>8am BCP* Holy Communion is at St Peter's Chailey</b> <b>Preacher: Fr Martin</b> <b>10am Family Communion &amp; Owls</b> Genesis 18. 1-10a – Colossians 1. 15-28 – Luke 10. 38-end <b>Preacher: Fr Martin</b>
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July</b> Sixth Sunday after Trinity	<b>8am BCP* Holy Communion is at St Peter's Chailey</b> <b>Preacher: Fr Martin</b> <b>10am Churches Together – Holy Communion at St Mary's</b> Genesis 18. 20-32 – Colossians 2. 6-15, (16-19) – Luke 11. 1-13 <b>Preacher: Reader Geoff Clinton</b>
<p align="center">*DENOTES STANDARD YEAR C LECTIONARY READINGS</p> <p align="center">PRAYER MEETINGS FOR CHURCH SERVICES EVERY SUNDAY 9.30 BARN CENTRE</p>	



## Bishop Will's visit a great success, Patsy Bailey honoured.....

We were honoured to have Bishop Will lead our Churches together service last Sunday and it was wonderful. Am I allowed to say that where there's a Will there's a way? Bishop Will delivered a memorable service for us, it was a cracker.

One of the highlights of the day was Bishop Will licensing Patsy Bailey to preach as an Assistant Lay Minister (ALM).

A great day for Patsy, a great day for St Mary's and a seriously feel-good occasion.

Patsy had been unable to go to Chichester for her licensing which seemed most unfortunate at the time, but proved to be a blessing in disguise.

It was truly moving to see Patsy licensed in her home Church.

After the licensing Bishop Will invited us to show our appreciation for our loved and admired Patsy which we did in full measure with long and heartfelt applause.

**Christopher Hume**



To see this "*photo of the week*" visit the [St Mary's website](#) homepage. Then go to the [gallery](#) to view photos from events so far this year. There won't be a "photo of the week" every week, but when there is a special something like this - it deserves front page of the website.

## Wonderful gift in memory of a Wonderful Lady.....

Clive Maxwell and the Maxwell family have generously donated a new set of comfortable chairs for our Barn Centre in memory of Anne, much loved and sorely missed by us all.

These chairs are most comfortable and will greatly enhance the use of our Barn Centre. The family's gift also enabled us to buy ten sets of arms for these chairs which will be of great assistance to users who require chair arms to safely use the chairs.

Many thanks to Clive and his family for their thoughtful and much appreciated generosity.

**Christopher Hume**



# REGULARS AT ST MARY'S

**Children's Choir:** 1st Sunday of each month 10am - 11am Barn Centre

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

Web: [stmarysnewicks.church/youthchoir](http://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](mailto:churchoffice@stmarysnewicks.church) to register.

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

16<sup>th</sup> July, 20<sup>th</sup> August, 17<sup>th</sup> September, 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 19<sup>th</sup> November and 17<sup>th</sup> 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. Where? The Barn Centre. When? 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](mailto:youth.newick@gmail.com)

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

Email: [childrenandfamilies@stmarysnewicks.church](mailto:childrenandfamilies@stmarysnewicks.church)

18th May - 15th June - 20th July - 17th August  
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



# Coming up.....



**NEWICK AFTERNOON CLUB**




**Anthony and Janet Mottram  
STANDEN HOUSE & WILLIAM MORRIS**

Standen House is a very special National Trust house built in the 1890's to fit into the countryside close to East Grinstead. It is a family home entirely furnished and wallpapered by William Morris.

**THURSDAY 10<sup>th</sup> JULY 2025**  
2.30PM IN THE BARN CENTRE, NEWICK

(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. 722154, Malcolm S. 722705

**OPEN TO ALL IN NEWICK AND BEYOND**





**Celebrating Faith**

Look out for...

## family camp

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2025**  
Join us for a weekend of fun, worship and family time!

Don't miss out on the opportunity to come together with other families from across the diocese. We will gather in the heart of the beautiful South Downs National Park to enjoy a weekend of fun activities and adventure, combined with worship and family time. Designed primarily (but not exclusively) for families with primary school aged children. The weekend will start on Friday afternoon and finish at lunchtime on Sunday. The cost of the weekend is £25 per person\* (under 5's free) including two evening meals and use of all the Stedham Campsite and Outdoor Centre facilities.



For more information about the weekend and how to book tickets, speak with your church leader or visit: [www.celebratingfaith.co.uk](http://www.celebratingfaith.co.uk)



\* Bursaries may be available for disadvantaged families

**FREE SESSIONS!**

**BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISSAPPOINTMENT**



## SUMMER 2025

### VOICE FOR LIFE SINGING SESSIONS

**Wednesdays 11-12pm**  
**July 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**August 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Venue- The Barn Centre**  
St Mary's Church  
Church Road  
Newick  
BN8 4JZ

**To book your place**  
Email: [churchoffice@stmarysnewicks.church](mailto:churchoffice@stmarysnewicks.church)  
Tel: Cara 07944 344108



**St Mary's  
Newick's Church**

# Holiday at Home

**Come and enjoy a fun filled day at St Mary's Barn Centre**  
**Wed 30<sup>th</sup> July & Wed 13<sup>th</sup> August**  
**11am - 3pm**

All are welcome (children need to be accompanied by an adult)

<p>11.00am - 12.30pm 12.30pm - 1.30pm 1.30pm - 2.00pm 2.00pm - 2.30pm 2.30pm - 3pm</p>	<p>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!</p>
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To book a place, please contact Patsy ([shimmyandshake@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:shimmyandshake@yahoo.co.uk))  
Places limited, book early to avoid disappointment

 **St Mary's**  
Newick's Church

# Bubbles & Broadway

A celebration of Broadway hits with  
complimentary glass of fizz and canapés



**BROADWAY**

with  
Jo Appleby  
and  
Andrew Rees

Saturday 30th August  
7.00pm  
St Mary's Church, Newick, BN8 4JZ  
Tickets £18 (£20 on the night)  
including a glass of fizz and canapés  
(kids under 16 go free)



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All profits from this event will go towards St Mary's Church, Newick

*Two Trios*

# Summer CONCERT

SATURDAY 2ND AUGUST



2-3PM

£12-pay on door



*featuring*  
**'The Cocktail Party' and the 'Harmonia Trio'**

*refreshments included*

VENUE ST MARY'S CHURCH,  
CHURCH ROAD NEWICK BN8 4J

*for further information*  
contact: [churchoffice@stmarysnewicks.church](mailto:churchoffice@stmarysnewicks.church)  
*All proceeds go to the Youth work of the Church*

**citizens  
advice**

**Lewes  
District**

**COMMUNITY  
hub**



## Drop-in Advice Sessions

Lewes District Citizens Advice is a local, independent charity.  
Offering free, confidential and impartial advice.  
Drop-in for a chat.

**NEWICK COMMUNITY CENTRE**  
12.00-3.00PM

Wednesday 16 July  
Wednesday 20 August  
Wednesday 17 September  
Wednesday 22 October  
Wednesday 18 November  
Wednesday 17 December

Help with benefits, housing issues, cost of living,  
**debt, energy** and much more.

FREE Advice line on 0800 278 7883 Tues-Thurs 10am-3pm or email  
[info@lewesdistrictca.org.uk](mailto:info@lewesdistrictca.org.uk)

[www.lewesdistrictca.org.uk/rural-outreach](http://www.lewesdistrictca.org.uk/rural-outreach)



## **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](http://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](mailto: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.