

# NEWSLETTER



**The content deadline is 10am every Thursday**

Anything received after 10am will be included the following week, if appropriate. Thank you

# Weekly Newsletter contents:

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# Rectors Ramble

**Genesis 12:1-9; Psalm 33:1-12; Romans 4.13-25; Matthew 9.9-13,18-26**

*"Defend, O Lord, this your servant with your heavenly grace, that they may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more, until they come to your everlasting kingdom."*

*Order of Confirmation*

Dear Friends,

Please pray for our services this weekend, but especially for our Services at St Mary's, with the marriage of Kevin & Alison on Saturday and the baptism of baby Ernest on Sunday, then our Deanery Confirmation Service on Monday, so many good things to celebrate.

I missed you all the past couple of weeks, but we had a wonderful time at May Camp a truly special weekend and then a huge family celebration last week in Norfolk, where we were truly blessed by the weather, but I have to say I'm thankful for the rain this week, especially for our farmers. Last Sunday's Churches Together at St Peter's sounded amazing and thank you to Fr Martin, our Readers & Preachers who have been sharing God's love whilst I've been out of the Parishes.

Thank you to the ministry of Cake you excelled yourselves and it was greatly appreciated. Thank you too, for those of you who have given donations towards the costs of our work at May Camp and for our wider Children's, Youth & Families mission.

Huge thankyou to Lee Buck, Mandy Hickey, Lara Thomas, Josh Stockwell, Niamh Mundy & Pam Mundy for all their work, love, care, early mornings and late nights - and for ensuring our young people were well fed, super hydrated, and for the never-ending routine of sunscreen reminders. Without our volunteers we couldn't run May Camp, so please be praying for more volunteers for next year, from both St Peter's and St Mary's.

And so, we move from the season of Pentecost to the season of Trinity, exploring how Christ and the Holy Spirit work in unison to grow the Kingdom and equip the believers on their journey, but often these journeys aren't always easy.

In this Sunday's readings, after calling Matthew, a tax collector, to follow him, Jesus is criticised for his association with 'tax collectors and sinners'. He responds that he was sent to those who are sick. The gathering is interrupted by a synagogue leader whose daughter is sick. On his way to the girl, a woman who has been ill for 12 years touches Jesus' cloak. Jesus restores the girl to life and heals the woman. News of this spread quickly, and the news wasn't all positive!

The death of Jesus would have been very convenient for some. Jesus preached a message of revolution which threatened the ruling Jewish authorities, and they were plotting to kill him. Read the passages from Matthew Gospel this week and you will see why.

Jesus told his opponents to act with compassion: to treat others, no matter how different they were, with respect and love.

Jesus really did not care if people were good Jews, he was kind and welcoming even to the ones who were considered to be under direct punishment from God. Samaritans, lepers, sinners, tax collectors, he opened the flood gates of God's love to them all, yet others were determined to keep them firmly shut.

***For I desire mercy, not sacrifice, and acknowledgment of God rather than burnt offerings  
Hosea 6:6***

Jesus quotes these words from Hosea in the passage from Matthew. He did so in response to criticism concerning the company which he kept, yet book of Hosea tells of how the prophet Hosea became a living lesson on what the mercy of God was like. Hosea married a prostitute named Gomer and despite her unfaithfulness, bearing children from other men, nevertheless Hosea never failed to show love and devotion and took back his wayward wife.

The message was that this was how God behaved towards Israel. Israel behaved badly towards God, nevertheless he never stopped loving them. In Hebrew the word *Hesed*, or *Chesed* is used, it can be translated as “mercy,” “covenant faithfulness,” “kindness,” “loving kindness,” “steadfast love”—it’s all the same word. God was always utterly faithful, when they were faithless.

How can we believe in a “steadfast love” when we have been brought up in families, or have had friends or partners claiming a Christian faith whose ability to love is quite poor?

How do we do “love” when others of us have suffered systemic injustice, presented to us as the best we deserve—as if any of us *deserve* racism, sexism, ageism, homophobia, xenophobia.

Our passages this week show how Jesus offers love and acceptance for those who others judge to be unworthy. How might we live as a witness to others so that no one sees themselves as beyond God’s love?

Our faith is judged by how good we are at respecting and showing compassion to people whom others reject. In a world where many are battered, bruised or ignored, how can we be bearers of a Christ-like mercy, love and hope in the communities we serve? (Matthew 9:13)

The month of June is ordination season in the Church of England, like Abram and Sarai (Genesis 12:1-9) men and women will be publicly responding to God’s call to go – often into the unknown and, what may be for them, strange lands - and be a blessing with the only assurance that of God’s blessing for them. It is a time of both trepidation and hope. Please be holding our ordinands in this diocese and across the country in your prayers

As a Church one of our greatest hopes, is to welcome new members into our churches and on Monday evening we will be celebrating 10 Confirmation Candidates from St Mary's & St Peter's who will be making their own promises of faith before Bishop Will the acting Bishop of Chichester at our Confirmation Service at 7.30 at St Mary's, Newick. Please be praying for Doug, John, Joe, Alex, Serena, Hollie, Terry, Sam, Chloe & Niamh on this very special day.

As the new Faith in Sussex magazine says *"Across the Diocese of Chichester, we have recently seen a notable increase in confirmations, with several parishes reporting especially strong numbers as people of all ages affirm their faith. Nearly 600 people were confirmed in 2025. .*

*. . . . Acting Bishop of Chichester, Will Hazlewood, added: "Each confirmation tells a story of journey and transformation. It is a privilege to walk alongside candidates as they publicly affirm their faith and become more deeply rooted in the life of the Church." These celebrations offer a hopeful sign of spiritual growth across the diocese.*

<https://tinyurl.com/53et7556>

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

**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.**

## Service St Mary's – June 2026

<p><b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June</b> First Sunday After Trinity</p>	<p><b>8am BCP* Holy Communion</b> ❖ A beautiful said service in Traditional Language.</p> <p><b>10am Morning Worship &amp; Praise with Baptism</b> ❖ A mixed style of service, with both traditional and contemporary elements and includes a Baptism.</p> <p><b>5pm Evensong</b> ❖ A Book of Common Prayer sung service with choir and hymns.</p>
<p><b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June</b></p>	<p><b>7.30pm Deanery Confirmation Service</b> ❖ A special church service in which a person confirms the promises that were made when they were baptized. Lead by Bishop Will Hazlewood</p>
<p><b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June</b> Second Sunday After Trinity</p>	<p><b>8am BCP* Holy Communion</b> ❖ A beautiful said service in Traditional Language.</p> <p><b>10am Holy Communion</b> ❖ A sung service with choir and hymns</p> <p><b>6pm Worship2</b> ❖ A reflective service with contemporary songs</p>
<p><b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June</b> Third Sunday After Trinity</p>	<p><b>8am BCP* Holy Communion</b> ❖ A beautiful said service in Traditional Language.</p> <p><b>10am Father's Day All Age Worship with Baptism</b> ❖ A service for all with songs and worship and includes a Baptism.</p>
<p><b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June</b> Fourth Sunday after Trinity</p>	<p><b>8am BCP* Holy Communion</b> ❖ A beautiful said service in Traditional Language.</p> <p><b>10am Worship &amp; Praise</b> ❖ A mixed style of service, with both traditional and contemporary elements.</p>

\*DENOTES STANDARD YEAR C LECTIONARY READINGS

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, Felicity Veasey, Toni Warrilow, Sean Watson, Nasima Wright.

# **Our Prayer for Growth**

## **God of Mission**

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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**





## Confirmation Service

All welcome! - Monday 8th June to the Deanery Confirmation Service at 7.30pm with Bishop Will Hazlewood presiding.

There will be confirmation candidates from St Mary's and St Peter's with their Clergy, family and friends and there will be refreshments afterwards.

### **LAST REQUEST FOR DONATIONS:**

**If you are able to donate a cake or a quiche it would be very well received.**

Please let our Verger Rebecca know either:

- via email: [rebeccahume@hotmail.com](mailto:rebeccahume@hotmail.com)
- or by giving her a call/text on 07796332867

Thank you.

# Date for the diary!

## Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July

As mentioned at the APCM, Paul wishes us to have two Vision days for St Mary's this year, a summer and an autumn/winter one and so please make a date in your diary for the first one which is on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July.**

It will be 9am to 3pm with lunch provided and will be a really valuable day for us all, with everyone being able to contribute thoughts and views to help shape the vision and future for St Mary's.

It is important that we know how many will be coming so we would really like a commitment to be able to plan to accommodate and of course cater for the day.

Please email [churchoffice@stmarysnewicks.church](mailto:churchoffice@stmarysnewicks.church) to confirm you can come (and if you are bringing a partner/friend to save two messages). There will be a sign up sheet for anyone who doesn't have email at the back of church a bit nearer the time, but hopefully if you are reading this as it's been sent to you, you are able to respond. Thank you.

Thank you to those who have already confirmed whether they will/will not be able to attend.

# Newick Afternoon club



## Message from Paddy Cumberlege & Malcolm Smith

The Newick Afternoon Club July meeting will be a private visit to Bridge Farm Roman Settlement on Thursday 9th July. This will be in place of the usual talk at The Barn Centre. The tour will commence at 2.30pm and arrival at the site is requested by 2.15pm at the latest.

The excavations are run by The Culver Archaeological Project, more details may be found at <https://www.culverproject.co.uk/>

A donation of £10.00 per person is requested. This can be paid to either Paddy or Malcolm.

**At this moment in time, we need to establish an idea of numbers. Please could you email Paddy's secretary, Karen at [karen@cumberlege.org](mailto:karen@cumberlege.org) with a copy to me at [malcolmatcuttings@gmail.com](mailto:malcolmatcuttings@gmail.com) if you would like to attend.**

**We would be grateful for your answers as soon as possible, and in any case by the end of this month.**

We will aim to organise car-sharing, but this can be arranged in June.

# Events at St Mary's

- 12<sup>th</sup> June - Afternoon Club 2.30pm
- 13<sup>th</sup> June - Vivace choir 4pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> June - Mens Supper 7pm for 7.30pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> July - Bubbles and Broadway 7pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> July - St Mary's Vision Day 9am - 3pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> July - Combined Churches Choral Evensong
- 10<sup>th</sup> October - Autumn Garden Day
- 11<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Tree Festival

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

New events will be added through the year too so

Keep coming back!.....



## NEWICK AFTERNOON CLUB



**Janet Taylor**

will speak about

### **Pevensey Castle**

Begun in about AD 290, Pevensey was the biggest of the Roman 'Saxon Shore' fortresses. Its hugely impressive walls, more than 500 metres (1,640 feet) long, still stand almost to their full height.

**THURSDAY 11<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2026**

**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. 01825 722154, Malcolm S. 01825 722705

**OPEN TO ALL IN NEWICK AND BEYOND**

# MENS' SUPPER RETURNS FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE!

Our first Mens' Supper for the year is just a fortnight away.

We shall welcome **Brian Hodge** as our Guest Speaker. Brian is Chair of our local Newick Parish Council (NPC).

NPC is a keystone of our community dealing with important planning issues, caring for local facilities like the Recreation Ground and leading the splendid recent revamp of the Sports Pavilion.

NPC members work long and hard in their service to our village. 2027 will see important NPC elections where new Councillors must be elected to replace those retiring after long years of demanding and meritorious service. Candidates are needed! The downside of being unable to elect a viable Council would be a truly serious blow to the future of Newick.

Brian has a rather wicked sense of humour. He served in the Royal Navy for many years as a pilot and has some interesting tales to tell.

This year we will be privileged to enjoy the services of a Master BBQ Chef aka Rev Paul Mundy, our Rector. He will deploy the new all-singing all-dancing BBQ provided by the Diocese for the recent Youth May Camp. Paul, ably assisted by Josh Stockwell cooked and served a bbq supper of over 400 attendees at the Friday night opening supper of May Camp. Bravo!



Come and enjoy! Meet from 7.00pm for a 7.30pm sit down in the Barn Centre at St Mary's. Entrance fee £7.00, pay at the door, cash or card accepted.

I would like numbers for catering, please so you can email me on [mcmhume@outlook.com](mailto:mcmhume@outlook.com) or phone me on 07770 771653 if you can join us.

We look forward to seeing you.

**Christopher Hume**

# Vivace! - In Concert

A small, Sussex based choir performing a wide range of music. Featuring a special appearance by St Mary's Youth Choir.



**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June**

**3.30pm to 5pm**

**St Mary's Church, Newick, BN8 4JZ**

**Tickets £10 (all on the door) includes tea/coffee/cake at 3.30pm with concert starting at 4pm. (kids go free)**

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

**Web: [stmarysnewicks.church](http://stmarysnewicks.church)**

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

**[www.vivacechoirsussex.org.uk](http://www.vivacechoirsussex.org.uk)**

# **Open Garden at Northfields; East Grinstead Road, North Chailey**

## **Supporting St. Peter's Church, Chailey**

Come and enjoy a relaxing summer afternoon exploring a beautiful one-acre garden designed with a changing climate in mind. Whether you are a gardening enthusiast or just looking for a peaceful spot for tea, there is something for everyone.

### **Event Details**

- **Date:** Saturday, 13th June
- **Time:** 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM
- **Location:** Northfields, North Chailey, **BN8 4JB**
- **Entry:** £5 (All proceeds to St. Peter's Church)
- **Parking:** Ample free parking available on-site



### **Garden Highlights**

- **Climate-Conscious Design:** See how the garden adapts to environmental changes.
- **Features:** Topiary balls, a serene maple-shaded area, and a specialized grass garden for hot spots.
- **Sustainability:** Visit the vegetable patch that provides nearly all the owners' needs.
- **Collections:** A stunning variety of Hosta Plants and much more.

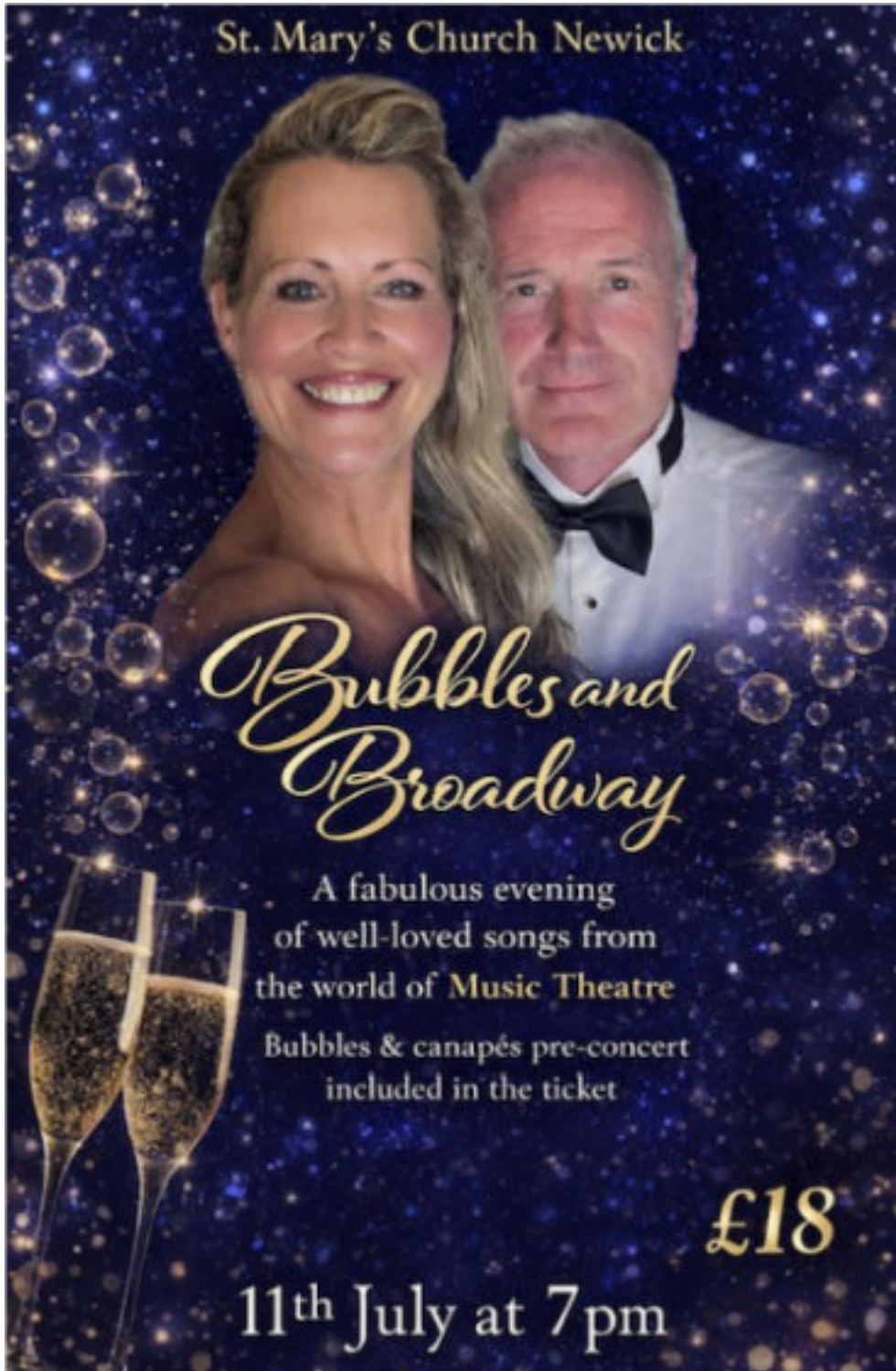
### **Tea & Relaxation**

Not a "walker"? No problem. Grab a seat in the dappled shade of the **large blue Cedar** and treat yourself to:

- Delicious homemade cakes
- Freshly brewed tea
- A perfect view of the summer sun



St. Mary's Church Newick



*Bubbles and Broadway*

A fabulous evening  
of well-loved songs from  
the world of **Music Theatre**  
Bubbles & canapés pre-concert  
included in the ticket

**£18**

11<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm

**Cash or card on the night at the door or - scan this QR code to get tickets and pay in advance.**



# Choral Evensong

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July 6pm  
at St Mary's

All welcome to the service with combined choirs from across local parishes.

For for more information or if you would like to take part, contact your choir leader or Vicar and email

[jsfv@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jsfv@hotmail.co.uk)

East Sussex Parishes



**CHORAL  
EVENSONG**  
at  
St Mary's Church NEWICK  
SUNDAY JULY 19<sup>TH</sup> 6.00  
All are welcome to this  
service with combined choirs  
from across local parishes  
([details.jsfv@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:details.jsfv@hotmail.co.uk))

We shall sing Walmisley's Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in Dm, Wood's O thou the Central Orb, Introit, Psalm and Reponses.

If you would like to take part please contact your choir leader or vicar, and email [jsfv@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jsfv@hotmail.co.uk) by July 1st. You can also join Friday rehearsals at St Mary's RINGMER from 7.00 on St Mary's Newick from 6.00 on the preceding 3 weeks. ALL singers invited to full run through on Sunday July 19<sup>th</sup> from 3.00pm at St Mary's, Church Rd, Newick, BN8 4JZ, with refreshments provided. (Car parking at the church).



# REGULARS AT ST MARY'S

## Babies, Tots, Toddlers and Teens



**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** - every third Thursday of the Month - 4pm - 5pm in the Barn Centre. £5. Email: [churchoffice@stmarysnewicks.church](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:childrenandfamilies@stmarysnewicks.church)

Check the Owls Poster on Website, in Newsletters and up in the Church Porch for dates.



# 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