

**6<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

*Remember this Sunday morning it's:*

*8am Holy Communion - at St Mary's and 10am Churches Together - at St Peter's*

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

There was a wonderful story once told of how the late Queen Mother was making a visit to a centre which employed young men and women who had learning difficulties. It is said Her Majesty asked one of the young men if he knew who she was. "No", he replied, "but if you ask matron she will tell you."

We might at some point ask ourselves the same question. "Who am I?" Even Jesus asked Simon Peter, "Who do men say that I am?" There are many books, articles, in today's world connecting wellness with a heightened sense of who we are. For those who own the Christian Faith the answer to that question is there for all to see in our readings for Pentecost Sunday. We learn in Romans Chapter 8 the wonderful truth when it reveals to us, 'all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption.

When we cry "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ - if, in fact we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him." As our Rector might say, "Wowza!!!!!" That puts me in my place. There am I telling myself that I am a miserable sinner, identifying with the centurion who claims 'Lord I am not worthy that you should come under my roof'. But it is not just me, there is a majority of Christians who in worship often forget who we are. We seem obsessed by our supposed unworthiness. Pentecost tells a different story. God adopts us, which means he chooses us. This is further emphasised in the Epistle of James Chapter 12 when we are told, 'Blessed are those who persevere under trial because, having stood the test, they will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.'

Our destiny, if we joyfully take up our cross and follow Him is eternal life. Our journey like Christ's is through Cross to Crown but unlike Jesus we will never as heirs have cause to cry out 'Eloi. Eloi Lama Sabachthani, which means 'My God. My God why have you forsaken me.' Our co-heir's sacrifice ensured we will never be abandoned. Pentecost is also our liberation day. We are no longer slaves. We are free. Yet we are still open to temptations and at times will fall into sin but when this happens we must not return to fear. There is to be no stifling the work of the Spirit by blocking off the outpouring of his grace with the spiritual plug called guilt. We are set to gather even more love from the Father by returning to him.

Remember the parable of the Forgiving Father in Luke 15. One of the heirs decides he wants his inheritance whilst his father is alive. The generous father complies with the son's demand. Off the boy goes and lives a life of debauchery. A famine sets in where he is living and as a Jewish boy he is faced with the shame of eating the food given to the pigs. The choice set before him is of either returning to the family or remain an outsider. He decides to go back to the Father and to offer to act as one of his servants as penance.

The Father, we can imagine, looked day by day to the horizon just in case he should see the beloved son returning is rewarded by this becoming a reality.

A recognisable shape appears a distance away. The father doesn't wait for his boy to arrive home and apologise, on the contrary he rushes to embrace him. When they meet the son recites his confession and requests that he be taken on as a servant. There is no paternal finger wagging. We just find the father putting the cloak around him and his ring on his son's finger. There is a party where they eat the fatted calf. For the son the famine is over. This is how God is to his daughters and sons. When we turn back to him there is much rejoicing in heaven for we have returned from the desert and famine of sin. Pentecost affirms this to us. It tells us to know our place. Not slaves but co heirs with Christ. Never abandoned, even when we sin. I can hear a voice from the road St. Columba trod crying out 'Wowza'. Have a blessed Pentecost. Be filled with the Holy Spirit. Show the world what true liberation means. Be willingly led into all truth.

Much love and many prayers

**Fr. Martin**

### **Prayers for Reverend Paul as he begins his Pilgrimage (Thursdays 9.30am at St Peter's Chailey)**



### **As always, please remember those on our prayer list:**

Francis Bailey, Cole Louise Blackman, Bernice Blundy,

Beryl Campion-Smith, Harri Gande, Morris Gee, John and Elizabeth Gould, Rubie Geer, Juliette Lucas, Helen Lloyd, 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.



## SERVICES – JUNE 2025

<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June</b> Seven Sunday after Ascension Day	<b>8am BCP* Holy Communion at Chailey</b> <b>Preacher : Fr Martin</b> <b>10am Holy Communion</b> Acts 16. 16-34 – Revelation 22. 12-14, 16-17, 20-end – John 17. 20-end <b>Preacher: Fr Martin</b> <b>6pm Evensong</b> <b>Preacher: Reader Geoff Clinton</b>
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June</b> Whit Sunday	<b>8am BCP* Holy Communion</b> <b>Preacher: Fr Martin</b> <b>10am Churches Together at Chailey - Holy Communion</b> Acts 2. 1-21 – Romans 8. 14-17 – John 14. 8-17 (25-27) <b>Preacher: Fr Martin</b> <b>6pm Worship2</b> <b>Leader: Mandy Stockwell</b>
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June</b> Trinity Sunday	<b>8am BCP* Holy Communion</b> <b>Preacher: Fr Martin</b> <b>10am Leprosy Mission and Owls</b> Proverbs 8. 1-4, 22-31 – Romans 5. 1-5 – John 16. 12-15 <b>Leader: Reader Jeremy Burdett</b> <b>Preacher: Wendy Piccinini Leprosy Mission</b>
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June</b> First Sunday after Trinity	<b>8am BCP* Holy Communion at Chailey</b> <b>Preacher: Fr Martin</b> <b>10am Holy Communion with Baptism</b> Isaiah 65. 1-9 – Galatians 3. 23-end – Luke 8. 26-39 <b>Preacher: Fr Martin</b>
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June</b> Second Sunday after Trinity	<b>8am BCP* Holy Communion at St Peter's</b> <b>Preacher: FR Martin</b> <b>10am Churches Together Celebration at St Mary's</b> <b>President &amp; Preacher: Bishop Will Hazlewood</b>

\*DENOTES STANDARD YEAR C LECTIONARY READINGS

PRAYER MEETINGS FOR CHURCH SERVICES EVERY SUNDAY 9.15 BARN CENTRE

Here comes our

## **SUMMER MEN'S SUPPER**

Friday June 20<sup>th</sup> in the Barn Centre

Doors open at 7.00 for a 7.30 sharp start.

Our guest will be PETER SUTER who will be known to many of you as a local radio host and from our recent Alpha course. Peter is a man of many parts and wide experience and will be sharing some reminiscences with us.

Our redoubtable ladies plan a splendid menu:-  
Chicken a la Walters and a glorious summer Beeston mess.

There will be wine!

Please let Christopher Hume know if you can join us – we need to establish catering numbers:-  
01825 724378, [mcmhume@outlook.com](mailto:mcmhume@outlook.com) or at Church.

Book early to avoid the shattering disappointment of missing another great night.





## *A message from Charlotte Wicks*

**Intergenerational opera** would like to thank everyone involved in supporting us over the past few years.

Without the support of audiences at our fundraising concerts, plus the congregation attending our five week projects at Newick Primary school, Intergenerational opera would not have been able to reach the (now hundreds) of primary school aged children and introduce them to opera.

We thought you would like to see just a few photos from the project and say a big thank you to all the willing participants who joined in.



# 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:** Drop in sessions for free, confidential, impartial advice on topics including housing, benefits issues, cost of living, debt and much more:

• **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 10am - 1pm - \*\*\*\*Barn Centre and not the Church\*\*\*\***

**NOTE: Sessions from July onwards will be in the Community Centre and not St Mary's**

Free advice: 0208 278 7893 Tues -+-9 Thurs 10am - 3pm or email

[info@lewesdistrictca.org.uk](mailto:info@lewesdistrictca.org.uk)

**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

**Charity Quiz Night**



SCAN HERE TO BUY YOUR TICKETS

7.00pm Drinks - 7.30pm Start  
**£10 PER PERSON**  
**TEAMS OF 8. DRINKS & RAFFLE**  
**FREE DRINK ON ARRIVAL**

**FRIDAY 13th JUNE**

www.teambenhammond.co.uk  
 Raising Money for Team Ben Hammond. Are you between 15 & 35 years old? Would you like to know your heart is **HEALTHY?** Help us raise money for a free screening.

**SUSSEX CHRISTMAS BARN, GIPPS FARM BARCOMBE, EAST SUSSEX, BN8 5EH**  
 TEL: 07811 178628



**Cardiac Risk in the Young**

**OPEN Gardens**  
 La Pierre & St James Hospice  
 Newick Wine Estate tours

**Ketches Garden Open Day**  
**Newick Wine Estate tours**  
 Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June 10am-4pm  
 48 Church Road, Newick, BN84JZ



Teas and homemade cakes  
 Pimms tent from The Crown  
 Vineyard tours must be booked in advance via the St Peter and St James website (stpjhospice.org)  
 Parking available on Newick Rugby ground (access via Allington Road)

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SCAN TO BOOK

**A Celebration of Marriage at St Mary's Church, Newick**

It is now 20 years since we had a "Wedding Festival" in St Mary's in June 2005, when over £1,300 was raised to support children at risk in Bogotá. It has been decided to mark the anniversary with a Celebration of Marriage. Displays will obviously be far less ambitious. This time donations will be asked for 'Farms in Crisis'.

There will be a small display of a few wedding dresses and lots of photographs on:

Thursday 19th June	2.30 pm - 5.00 pm
Friday 20th June	10.00 am - 5.00 pm
Saturday 21st June	10.00 am - 5.00 pm

We would be delighted to include any newly weds since 2005.

If you were at Playgroup/Pre-School at that time we have photos of you watching Allen Lucas ringing the bells. You must now be in your 20's - come and see the difference! Rainbows & Cubs were also involved.

Should you be able to contribute in any way - in time, as stewards on 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> for an hour or two; the loan of Taylor dummies or equivalent, displays, photos or flowers, please contact:  
 Monica Tidd on 01825 722 660.

Thank you.



Photographs: Craig Payne

Those of you who were married this century and would like to take part, please contact Monica as above.



**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

\* 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 6th, 13th, 20th**

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

To book your place  
 Email: churchoffice@stmarysnewicks.church  
 Tel: Cara 07944 344108

**Yoga at The Barn Centre, Newick**

**Alignment Based Vinyasa**  
 Monday 6.30 to 7.30pm  
 Friday 12.30 to 1.30pm  
 A bit of flow, a bit of hold to focus on alignment & build strength, with flexibility, mobility & release all included.

**Yin Yoga**  
 Monday 7.45 to 9pm  
 Mostly working from the floor with long supported holds & using the breath to soften & release. Includes guided meditation/visualisation for deep rest at the end of class.

**New Class Added**  
 Restorative Hatha  
 Mondays 5pm

**Restorative Hatha**  
 Monday 5 to 6pm  
 Friday 1.45 to 2.45pm  
 Gently building flexibility, mobility & strength whilst listening to our bodies. Perfect for those with niggles & injuries, or those returning to exercise.

For further details and to book please go to:  
**Wellnesswithdanni.com**  
 For more information contact Danni:  
 danni@wellnesswithdanni.com  
 07540 173243



# 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)

11.00am - 12.30pm	Arts and crafts (Drinks and biscuits provided)
12.30pm - 1.30pm	Lunchtime (Please bring a packed lunch)
1.30pm - 2.00pm	Performance by St Mary's Youth Choir
2.00pm - 2.30pm	Dance performance by Shimmy and Shake
2.30pm - 3pm	Huge Singalong!



To book a place, please contact Patsy (shimmyandshake@yahoo.co.uk)  
 Places limited, book early to avoid disappointment

**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  
 All proceeds go to the Youth work of the Church





## **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.