



NEWSLETTER

7th November 2025



SERVICES – NOVEMBER 2025	
Sunday 2nd November Fourth Sunday before Advent	8am BCP* Holy Communion Preacher : Ian Reekie 10am Holy Communion Isaiah 1. 10-18 – 2 Thessalonians 1. – Luke 19. 1-10 Preacher: Rev Paul 5pm Evensong Leader: Reader Geoff Clinton
Sunday 9th November Remembrance Sunday Third Sunday before Advent	8am BCP* Holy Communion Preacher: Rev Paul 10:30 am Service of Remembrance (<i>Procession from The Green 10am</i>) Micah 4:1-8 - Revelation 22:1-5 - John 15:9-17 Preacher: Rev Paul 5pm Remembrance Day Recital Lead by Andy Rees
Tuesday 11th November Armistice Day	10:45 Act of Remembrance The Centenary Stone, Newick Green
Sunday 16th November Second Sunday before Advent	8am BCP* Holy Communion Preacher: Rev Paul 10am Family Communion & Owls Malachi 4. 1-2a – 2 Thessalonians 3. 6-13 - Luke 21. 5-19 Preacher: Rev Paul
Sunday 23rd November Christ The King Sunday next before Advent	8am BCP Holy Communion Preacher: Fr Martin Morgan 10am Holy Communion Jeremiah 23. 1-6 – Colossians 1. 11-20 – Luke 23. 33-43 President: Fr Martin Morgan Preacher: Reader Geoff Clinton
Sunday 30th November Advent Sunday	<i>(There are no 8am Communion Services this Sunday)</i> 10am Churches Together Holy Communion at St Peter's Challey Isaiah 2:1-5 - Romans 13:11-end – Matthew 24:36-44 Preacher: Rev'd Chris Lawrence 6pm Advent Carols Preacher : Reader Jeremy Burdett
*DENOTES STANDARD YEAR C LECTIONARY READINGS PRAYER MEETINGS FOR CHURCH SERVICES EVERY SUNDAY 9.30 BARN CENTRE	

As always, please remember those on our prayer list:

Francis Bailey, Cole Louise Blackman, Bernice Blundy, Karina Brown, Gabi Brunner, 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.

Rector's Ramble

Remembering and Hoping

Micah 4:1–8 | Revelation 22:1–5 | Psalm 46 | John 15:9–17

“See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.” — *Revelation 21*

Dear Friends,

This week we gather for **Remembrance Sunday** and **Armistice Day**, moments when, as a nation and as individuals, we pause to remember, in prayer, in song, and most poignantly in silence, we look back on the wars and conflicts that have scarred our world and shaped our history.

We remember with gratitude not only those who gave their lives but also those who came home carrying wounds—both visible and unseen. Many were forever changed by what they endured.

We remember, too, the young men and women from our own communities who made the ultimate sacrifice so that we might live in freedom.

They served with a vision of a better world—a world where peace might take root and where future generations could flourish. If our gratitude for their sacrifice is incomplete, then the hope they died for cannot be fully realised.

That is why remembrance matters. It is not only an act of memory but a renewal of our commitment to the peace they dreamed of.

In our busy world, moments of collective silence are rare. Yet, on Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day, everything stills at 11 o'clock. The hush is striking precisely because it is so unusual.

At first, it can feel awkward—the sound of shuffling feet, a cough, a baby's cry, a whispered “shush.” But then something profound happens. The noise fades, and in that space, something sacred opens up. In the silence, we touch something deep within ourselves and, perhaps, encounter God.

As a child, I used that silence to think of my Great Uncle Ted, who was killed in August 1917 during the Third Battle of Ypres, aged just 18—though his grave says 20 because he lied about his age to enlist. I also thought of my Grandfather Tom, who died in North Africa in 1942 when my mother was only a few months old. I was told I looked like him. Remembering Ted and Tom made the act of remembrance deeply personal, and it connected me to the millions of others who also carry stories of loss and love.

Many of us remember people we never knew—strangers who went to war on our behalf. Their courage, their suffering, and their sacrifice are beyond words. And that is why silence can be so powerful: there are no adequate words for what they endured.

St John of the Cross once said, “*God's first language is silence.*” In silence, our hearts open to what God may be saying. We make room for His voice and for the presence of others. Silence is not emptiness—it is the space where love and understanding grow. Love cannot be practised in a hurry.

The suffering and sacrifice we remember this week also remind us that the world's ultimate hope cannot rest on human strength or politics, but in God alone. The prophet Micah spoke of a time when God's peace would reign—a New Jerusalem where nations would beat their swords into ploughshares, where the resources of the world would be shared, and where God Himself would dwell among His people.

For Christians, this hope is made real through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Through Him, we find a living, eternal hope that cannot be destroyed. As St Paul writes, *"If God is for us, who can be against us?"* (Romans 8:31).

This is the hope we share—the hope that gives meaning even in sorrow.

Yet today, our world still bears the marks of division and conflict. Across the globe, men and women continue to serve and, all too often, to die in the pursuit of peace. Since the end of World War II—eighty years ago—over seven thousand British Service men and women have lost their lives on active duty. Their sacrifice, too, must be remembered.

Therefore, this week we gather, as generations before us have gathered, to remember those who gave their lives fighting for peace, justice, and freedom.

We remember, too, the families who waited, the communities forever changed, the silence that fell where laughter once rang out.

As we do so, we continue to pray for peace across the world.

This Remembrance Sunday let us be encouraged to take this familiar ritual of silence and model more of our lives on it.

To remember, to reflect, to hear the voices we need to hear, those of other people and most importantly, to hear God.

May we allow ourselves to be broken by the pain of the past and the present, and through that, to also be transformed by the hope which the resurrection brings.

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.

Rev Paul xx

P.S Please join us for our Remembrance Concert with Andy Rees at St Mary's, Tea & Cake from 4pm then concert at 5pm on Sunday 9th

Hymns for Sunday

- God our help in ages past
- Abide with me
- Eternal Father strong to save
- National Anthem
- valiant hearts
- Praise to the lord the almighty
- God is our strength and refuge

!Splendid Remembrance Day Concert!

which will follow an

!Even more Splendid Remembrance Day Afternoon Tea!

Andy Rees will be giving us another fine concert at **5pm on Remembrance Sunday 9th November**. Last year's was a really memorable and much enjoyed by a substantial and enthusiastic audience. Not to be missed.

And Afternoon Tea from 4pm!! Another splendid St Mary's afternoon tea with the Ministry of Cake making its presence felt in spades. Quiet advice – don't have too much lunch!

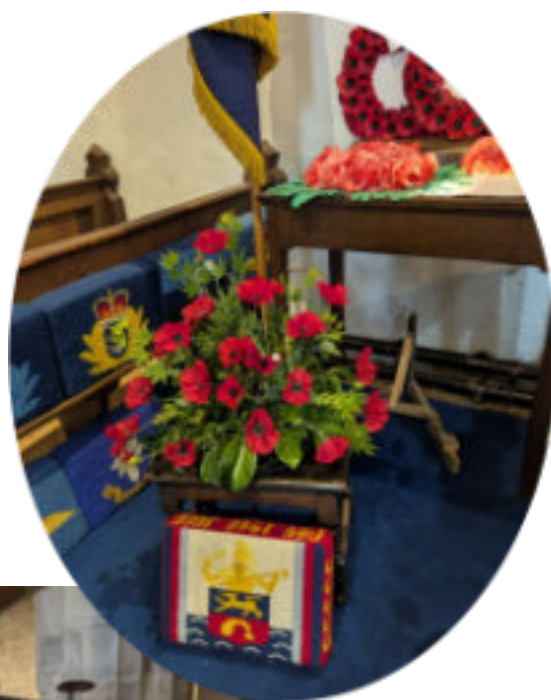


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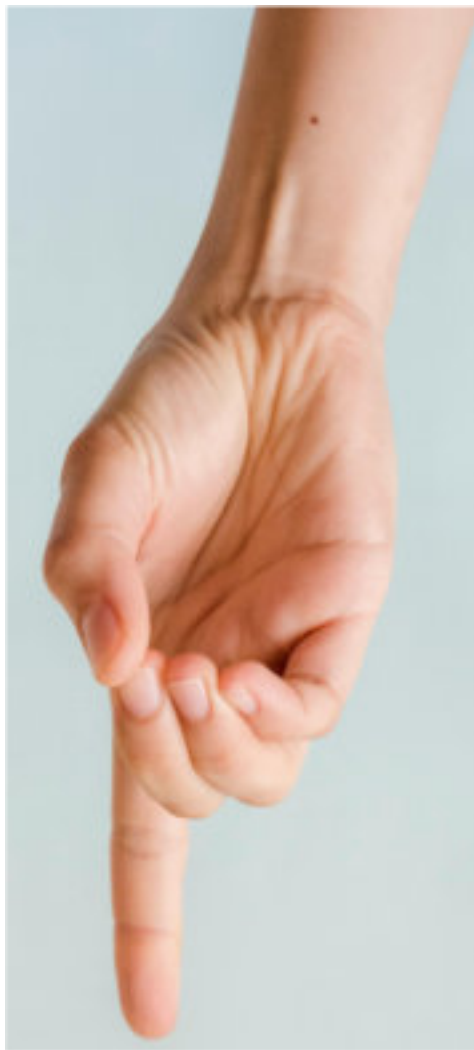
Remembrance in St Mary's







LOTS COMING UP



**The list of events over Advent
follow the various posters**



NEWICK AFTERNOON CLUB



Doctor Rajan

**How your GPs are using AI to improve
your healthcare.**

**This is an important talk. Your healthcare is changing.
Do not complain, come and find out from the lead doctor
at Newick Health Centre.**

THURSDAY 13th NOVEMBER 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

Men's Supper Friday 21 November

Barn Centre, 7.00pm gather for a 7.30pm sit-down.

Speaker will be Rev Paul Mundy!

Paul will be speaking on his recent Scottish Pilgrimage during his sabbatical. A tale of ancient Celtic Christian trails wind rain thunder gales lightning broken toes pain exhaustion exhilaration enlightenment inspiration fog self-discovery and revelation at 4mph (on a good day!)



And that's just the beginning of the story of a seminal and intensely vivid and personal mental spiritual and physical experience.

Please BOOK EARLY to give us catering numbers, and to avoid missing out. Early indications are this will be a sellout!

£7 per head, pay at the door, cash or card.

Call me on 07770 771653, email me - mcmhume@outlook.com or catch me at Church.

Christopher Hume



A Seasonal Concert in aid of The Bevern Trust

Music & Readings for a Winter's Evening

Jingle Bell Rock - Joe Beal & Jim Boothe

Winter Wonderland - Felix Bernard & Richard B Smith

The Snow - Edward Elgar

Sleepers Awake - Johann Sebastian Bach

This is the Record of John - Orlando Gibbons

Seasonal Poetry

Soprano Soloist - Isabelle Peters

Tenor Soloists - John Baker & Norman Armstrong

Bass Soloist - Guy Minch

The Choir of St Mary's

Sunday 7th December 4pm

St Mary's Church Newick

Family Tickets £15

Adult Tickets £7.50

Children & Concession Tickets £5.00

Ticket price includes a glass of wine or soft drink, and a mince pie.

Reservations Contact:

jsfv@hotmail.co.uk

Christmas Tree Festival

12 - 14 December

10am - 6pm Friday & Saturday

12pm - 4pm Sunday

Saturday

11am - 2pm

BBQ

Elf Workshop

Bric a Brac Stall

Tombola

2pm - 3pm

Sing A Long with
Andy Rees

Daily

Church Cafe

Hamper Raffle

Fundraising for:

St Mary's Church
and

St Peter & St James
Hospice



**GET YOUR TEAM
AND BOOK YOUR
PLACE >>>>>>**



St Mary's
Newick's Church

Christmas Quiz & Curry

Friday 12 December
7pm for 7.30pm

Join Us At Our Fun Fundraiser
In aid of St Mary's Church

Teams Of Four
£15 per head

Food
Curry, rice & poppadoms

Drinks
Pay bar available

Email to Book
churchoffice@stmarysnewicks.church



St Mary's
Newick's Church

Christmas Craft Workshop

Sharing The Love This Christmas
To family • To neighbours • To the community

St Mary's Church
Saturday 13 December
Anytime from 10.30am until 2pm

All are welcome



East Sussex Concert Band

conducted by Jonathan Bailey

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Saturday 20th December 7pm

St Mary's Church, Newick BN8 4JZ



Tickets: £7, under 12s free
www.trybooking.com/uk/96785
or scan the QR code
eastsussexconcertband@hotmail.com



**East Sussex
Concert Band**



*Supporting Live Music &
St Mary's Church, Newick*

Advent Calendar

- **Advent Carols Sunday 30th November (followed by refreshments)**
- **Choir Recital with the combined choirs of St Mary's and St Peter's (followed by refreshments) Sunday 7th December**
- **The annual Christmas Lunch Club Monday 8th December**
- **Christmas Tree Festival 12th-14th December**
- **East Sussex Concert Band with refreshments Saturday 20th December**
- **Lessons and Carols Sunday 21st December**
- **Crib Service and Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve**
- **Early Communion Service and Family worship for all on Christmas Day**



REGULARS AT ST MARY'S

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 with St Mary's Youth Choir - every third Thursday of the Month - 4pm - 5pm in the Barn Centre. £5. Email: churchoffice@stmarysnewicks.church to register.

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

16th July, 20th August, 17th September, 22nd October, 19th November and 17th 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. The Barn Centre.

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

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

Email: childrenandfamilies@stmarysnewicks.church

**18th May - 15th June - 20th July -
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

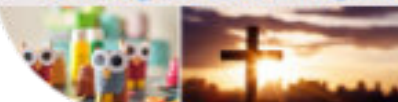


St Mary's Newick's Church

Owlets Club



Chat, Refreshments & Songs
For Mums/Dads/Grandparents/Carers and their Babies and Tots!
Mondays, 9.30am - 10.30am
in St. Mary's Church
(term time only)
Feel free to be in contact -
Pam Mundy, childrenandfamilies@stmarysnewicks.church




St Mary's Newick's Church

Owls Club



Crafts, Bible Story, Fun! LEGO & Refreshments
9.55am - 11.00am
Next dates: 20 July, 21 September, 19 October
Feel free to be in contact -
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St Mary's Newick's Youth Choir

When: The 1st Sunday of the month
Time: 10-11am
Ages: All ages welcome
Where: Barn Centre, St Mary's Church, Newick

Sing, have fun and make friends

Call: 01825 724004
Email: churchoffice@stmarysnewicks.church
Web: stmarysnewicks.church/youthchoir

NEWICK YOUTH CLUBS! NYC & NCT

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS (TERM TIME)

The Barn Centre, Church Road, Newick

6.00 - 7.30PM Year 7

7.30 - 9.00pm Year 8 onwards

Go to our [WEBSITE](#) for full details





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 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

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.