

NEWSLETTER



The content deadline is 10am every Thursday

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

Rector's Ramble

1 Peter 3.13-22; Psalm 66.8-20; Acts 17.22-31; John 14.15-21

'I will ask the Father, and He will give you another advocate to help you and be with you for ever- the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept Him, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. But you know Him, for He lives with you and will be in you'.

Dear Friends,

Please be praying for St Peter's this weekend as on Saturday Chailey will be hosting the awesome Beating of the Bounds, established by Rev'd Eddie Matthias in 1976 and last run some 30 years ago. Thanks to the efforts of Kate Gould and her amazing crew, eight Teams will start this gruelling 24 mile relay event around the Parochial Parish Boundary of Chailey, cycling, running, mountain biking, canoeing, wheelbarrows and an assault course will all play their part in different stages. Please do come along and support. All details are available here: <https://btboc.org>. and there are refreshments, a hog roast and live band at the 5 Bells.

Then on Sunday we are celebrating another wonderful year at St Peter's with our APCM. If you are not sure what an APCM is or does, please read last weeks Newsletter, but then of course you've all read that already so I'm preaching to the converted!!!

A huge thank you to all St Mary's family who attended last Sunday's APCM. Some good discussions were had, new appointments were made, and a fantastic lunch was shared together afterwards. Welcome to Jonathan Campbell as our new Churchwarden alongside the venerable Christopher Hume - exciting times ahead and thank you to all who have served or continue to serve God through the many ministries of St Mary's.

Confirmation Classes started last Sunday afternoon and continue this Sunday. All those who are interested in confirmation are most welcome. 4pm for our young people and 5:15 for over 18's, at the Barn Centre.

Please could both choirs put 8th June in their diaries and if anyone could donate cake or quiche, please contact Rebecca Hume.

And please could I put out a plea for Cake for May Camp 22nd - 25th May as with over 32 young people coming, the more cake we have the better the chances of survival will be!!

They can be collected by me or dropped off at the Rectory 36a Allington Road on **Thursday 21st May**. Please label cake boxes so I can make sure they get back to you.

Our Churches Together **Ascension Service** is at St Mary's 14th May 7pm and our readings at the moment are centred around Jesus preparing for His death, ascension and sending of the Holy Spirit to guide us as a community of faith. Every year it is a good thing for us all to be reminded of the importance of making some simple and basic arrangements, in preparation for our own death, and I would like to encourage you all, across the generations, to consider your Will and your Funeral, because the Gospel of Easter - of Jesus' resurrection - encourages us, and gives us courage, to face our common mortality. We need no longer hide from death, in denial.

Our Lord himself had a will of sorts. Remember how one of his last acts on the cross was to provide for his mother after his death, commending her and John to each other's care. And Jesus was the beneficiary of Joseph's and Nicodemus' work in making arrangements for his burial, in a tomb which Joseph had prepared, and pre-hewn for himself. This is also a good time to be reminded to consider whether a planned gift to our Church, now or as part of our will, would be an appropriate expression of our faith and commitment.

A few weeks ago, our gospel reading was the Road to Emmaus. Where we are given an image of Jesus walking with the disciples on that road. Where we are called to reflect about what a privilege it must have been to hear his voice, to know his mannerisms and experience first-hand the wisdom that he shared. This is a physical knowledge of Jesus that we do not have but incredibly, Jesus' language here paints a very similar, if not an even closer picture.

Jesus promises that He will not leave the disciples, He will come to them. He promises that the Father will send the Holy Spirit, who he calls another advocate to be with the disciples forever. The word that is used here is paraclete which means something like the one who comes alongside. Just as Jesus walked beside the disciples on the road, so He is promising that the Holy Spirit will be called to be alongside them, not just for a journey but forever.

'If you love me', he says 'keep my commands'.

What would our lives look like, what would the world look like if we loved in this way?

To choose to love both friend and stranger with a humble, sacrificial love.

Tragically, some of the so-called Christianity getting attention at the moment is all about arguing for rights and fighting for privileges. It sees love as deserved by some, but not all, and there is little humility nor service. This has little to do with Jesus who washed His disciples' feet, promised to fill His disciples with love and then commanded them to love others in the same way.

How do we model something different? Loving in this way is hard.

Well, this passage reminds us that firstly, we must receive.

The Holy Spirit walks alongside us, even within us, to make God's love known to us. Let's receive that gift in full through prayer, meditation, asking God to open our eyes

to His love. And then, let us follow Jesus' command to love generously. To love sacrificially, humbly, putting our rights and privileges aside loving family, friend and stranger alike. As we are loved, so our greatest command is to love.

'If you love me, keep my commands'.

Please try your best come and attend our APCM's they are for you and for the Glory of God, and there will be a wonderful lunch to celebrate following the APCM.

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.**

Services St Mary's – May 2026

<p>Sunday 3rd May Fourth after Easter</p>	<p>8am BCP Holy Communion – St Peter's Chailey to join St Mary's</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ A beautiful said service in Traditional Language <p>10am Worship & Praise</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ A mixed style of service, with both traditional and contemporary elements. <p>5pm Evensong</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ A Book of Common Prayer sung service with choir and hymns
<p>Sunday 10th May Fifth after Easter</p>	<p>8am BCP* Holy Communion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ A beautiful said service in Traditional Language <p>10am Holy Communion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ A sung service with choir and hymns <p>6pm Worship2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ A reflective service with contemporary songs
<p>Thursday 14th May Ascension Day</p>	<p>7pm Ascension Service</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ A reflective service with hymns and readings celebrating the rise of Jesus into Heaven
<p>Sunday 17th May Sunday after Ascension</p>	<p>8am BCP* Holy Communion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ A beautiful said service in Traditional Language <p>10am Family Worship & Praise with Owls Club</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ A service for all with songs and activities
<p>Sunday 24th May Pentecost May Camp Weekend</p>	<p>8am BCP* Holy Communion - St Peter's Chailey to join St Mary's</p> <p>10am Service of the Word</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ A service with readings and hymns
<p>Sunday 31st May Trinity Sunday</p>	<p>8am BCP Holy Communion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ A beautiful said service in Traditional Language <p>10am Churches Together at St Peter's Chailey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ A sung service with Choir and Hymns

*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, 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, 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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Confirmation Service 8th June in St Mary's

Who is confirmation for?

Quite simply, anyone who has been baptised and feels ready to take this step. The Church of England generally suggests that candidates should be around the age of 10 or older, and able to make the promises with understanding. But at any age, what matters most is a genuine sense that this is the right moment for you.

Preparation is an important part of the journey. Confirmation classes provide space to explore the Christian faith, ask questions, and reflect more deeply. They are open to anyone who is curious—even if you are not yet sure whether you want to be confirmed. There is no pressure, only invitation.

If you are wondering whether this might be for you, I encourage you to pray about it. Speak with others you trust—family members, friends, or fellow Christians. And please do come and **talk to me, or to Fr Martin**. We would be delighted to walk alongside you as you discern your next steps.

The Confirmation Service on 8th June will be a joyful celebration, shared with friends, family, and churches from across the Deanery.

There will be refreshments afterwards, and all are warmly invited to attend and support those taking this important step.

If you feel even a small nudge of interest, do not ignore it. This may be an invitation worth exploring.

Confirmation Classes (in the Barn Centre):

Sunday 3rd May : Ages 10-17 - 4 - 5pm Over 18's - 5.15-6.30	Sunday 17th May : Ages 10-17 - 4-5:pm Over 18's - 5.15-6.30
Sunday 10th May: Ages 10-17 - 4-5pm Over 18's - 5.15-6.30	Sunday 7th June: Ages 10-17 - 4-5:pm Over 18's - 5.15-6.30

Ladies Supper - a week to go!!

Friday 15th May – 7.00pm doors open for a 7.30 pm sit down.

Patsy Bailey will be our speaker, and she is going to give us some informative and light-hearted insights into the role of women in the Bible and how that compares with the role of women today.

A great evening with great food, a glass or two and a fabulous welcoming atmosphere – for just £7 (payable at the door, cash or card).

So, to book a seat (or more) please email churchoffice@stmarysnewicks.church or put your name on the sign-up sheet that will be at the back of the church and please remember to include any dietary requirements – vegetarian, gluten free etc.

See you there!

Bev.

A message from the Diocese of Chichester:

“Consultation on the next Bishop of Chichester”

Bishop Martin retires at the end of May, and as a diocesan family we are beginning the search for his successor. Have your say in the appointment at tinyurl.com/next-bishop It will take only a few minutes to complete, and it is open until May 26th. We welcome responses from everyone.

Find out more about the process for appointing our next bishop at www.chichester.org.

<https://www.chichester.anglican.org/vacancy-in-see/>

The new Authorised Lay Ministry (ALM) prospectus for 2026/27 is now live on the diocesan website and along with the well-established courses, they are pleased to be offering two new electives: Children’s Ministry and Leading Intercessions.

All information has been fully updated, with 12 electives and 17 courses running in total. You’ll find everything on the webpage, [Authorised Lay Ministry - Diocese of Chichester](#) with all application forms conveniently located at the bottom.

The electives available are:

- Catechists
- Chaplaincy
- Children's Ministry
- Care for Creation & Eco Church
- Leading Intercessions
- Mission Enabler
- Pastoral Ministry
- Preaching
- Rural Ministry
- Traditional Music in Worship
- Worship & Liturgy
- Youth & Children

Events and Regulars at St Mary's and further afield....



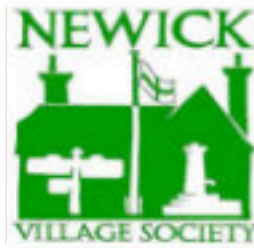
DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES!

Events coming to St Mary's - rolling list

- 15th April - NYC/NCT Get Hyped has started and runs until July!
- 15th May - Ladies Supper
- 17th May - Intergenerational Opera Evening
- 13th June - Vivace choir 4pm
- 19th June - Mens Supper
- 11th July - Bubbles and Broadway 7pm
- 19th July - Combined Churches Choral Evensong
- 10th October - Autumn Garden Day
- 11th - 13th December Christmas Tree Festival

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

New events will be added through the year too so keep watching!



NEWICK AFTERNOON CLUB



David Chivers

will speak about

Wealden Iron Production

A very significant industry in Sussex from the Romans through to the late 17th century.

THURSDAY 14th MAY 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

NYC/NCT Get Hyped

6th May onwards on the Rec

NYC and NCT groups together

Wednesdays 7 - 8.30pm

NYC 7-8:30 **NYC/NCT GET HYPED** 7-8:30 **NCT**

TASKMASTER
15th April Task Master

£5 contribution
22nd April Mug decorating

29th April Nerf war
NERF WARS

6th May Combat Archery

13th May Colour party

3rd May Hunger games

10th June Car wash

17th June Water rounders

24th July new youth club evening

1st July **Splash!**

8th July **BARBECUE**
BBQ the parents



Open Garden
In support of
St Peter and St James Hospice
Saturday 16th May -
Gates open at 2pm

ENTRY FEE: THE OLD RECTORY,
ADULTS £8 NEWICK, BM6 4JZ
CHILDREN GO FREE 2 - 6 pm

Tea and cakes served in the Pavilion - £5
Vintage clothes sale
Rapllys plant sale
Pimms tent hosted by The Crown

NO DOGS



St Peter & St James Hospice

Poster beautifully designed by Madeleine Cockburn as part of the volunteering module for her Bronze Duke of Edinburgh award.

She will also be helping out on the day.

Well done Madeleine!!

East Sussex Concert Band

presents music from



conducted by Jonathan Bailey

Saturday 16th May @ 7pm

Newick Village Hall, Western Road, Newick BN8 4LY

Licensed bar (wine, beer & soft drinks)
tea, coffee, cakes and ice creams
available from 6.30pm

Tickets: £8, under 12s £1

Available at: www.trybooking.com/uk/106898
Scan the QR code or email newickvillagehall@gmail.com
(Tickets will also be available on the door)

Supporting live & local music, entertainment and their venue



East Sussex
Concert Band



Opera Gala Evening

Join us for an unforgettable evening with performers from Glyndebourne Opera, English National Opera and the Royal Opera House

Four professional opera singers and their accompanist perform a variety of popular operatic repertoire at

Sunday 17th May 2026, 7.30pm

St. Mary's Church, Church Road, Newick, Lewes BN8 4JZ

Tickets are \$15.00 per person. Reservations advised.
For ticket reservations call **Charlotte Wicks** on **07966 621229** or email intergenopera@gmail.com
Payment by cash or cheques on the night.

Proceeds are in aid of Dementia UK and Intergenerational Opera, a project which brings together primary school children with older people in the community through creative music making.


More details of Intergenerational opera can be found at
www.intergenerationalopera.com



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

11th July at 7pm

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

Lunch Club: Second Monday of the month in the Barn Centre 12.30pm.

To book your place call 01825 722186

Mens Meeting: Monday mornings 7.30am - 8.30am in the Barn Centre

NYC & NCT: Fun clubs for the young people of the village. Barn Centre.

Wednesday evenings during term-time. More information: [HERE](#)

NYC - Year 7 - 6 to 7.30pm
NYT - Years 8-11 - 7.30 to 9pm

Email: youth.newick@gmail.com

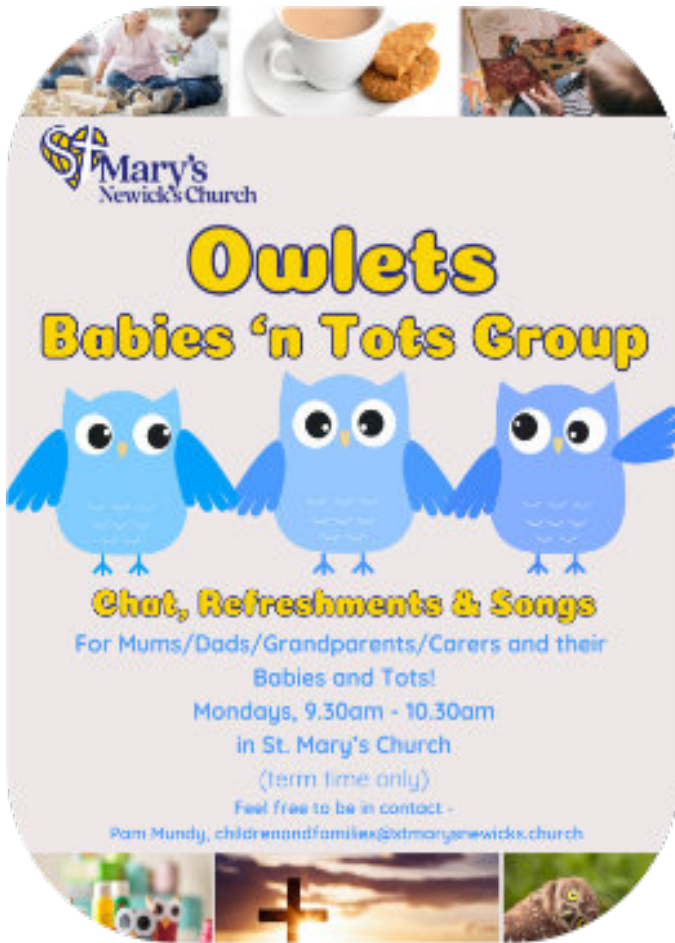
Owlets Babies 'n Tots Group: Chat, refreshments and songs for Mums, Dads, Grandparents, Carers and their Babies and Tots. Mondays 9.15-10.30am (term time only) in St Mary's Church. Feel free to contact Pam Mundy for more information childrenandfamilies@stmarysnewicks.church


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.


Prayer Group: 1st and 3rd Monday 2pm Barn Centre (unless otherwise notified)

Prayers for Church Services: Sundays 9.30-9.45am Barn Centre





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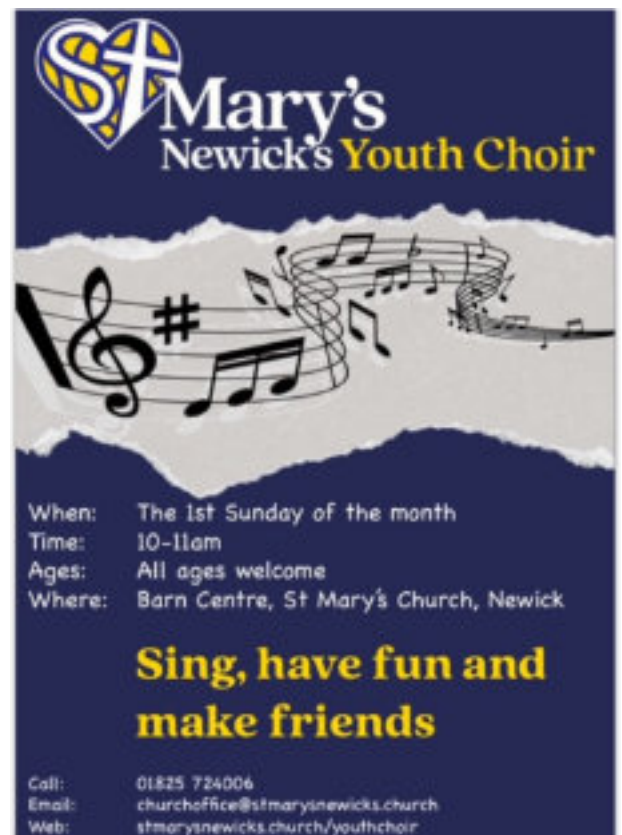



Owls Club




Crafts, Bible Story, Fun!
LEGO & Refreshments

9.55am - 11.00am
 Normally third Sunday of the month
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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 724006
 Email: churchoffice@stmarysnewicks.church
 Web: stmarysnewicks.church/youthchoir

NEWICK YOUTH CLUBS
NYC & NCT

Wednesday evenings
 (Term Time)

The Barn Centre

6.00 - 7.30pm Year 7

7.30 - 9pm Year 8 Onwards

Full details, including the **Get Hyped**
 Sessions April-July are on our

[WEBSITE](#)