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Rector's Ramblings

***"The foreigner residing among you
must be treated as your native born.***

***Love them as yourself,
for you were foreigners in Egypt.
I am the Lord your God".***

Leviticus 19:34

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year and welcome to the January & February 2026 edition of the St Mary's Newick Church & Community Magazine.

As the calendar turns, many of us embark on the familiar ritual of setting New Year's resolutions. Whether it's promising to exercise more, save better, or deepen relationships, these intentions arrive from a heartfelt urge to reconnect with what truly matters. Yet, by February, many resolutions quietly fade away, lost under the weight of life's relentless pace. Perhaps what we actually need isn't a longer list of goals but a renewed sense of focus.

This is where the Christian season of Epiphany can offer a guiding light. Epiphany, meaning "manifestation" or "appearance," celebrates the moment Christ reveals himself to the Gentiles, symbolised by the three kings – or Magi – following a star to find the infant Jesus, and it proclaims a bold truth: Jesus came to save the whole world, not just one nation or people.



Photograph: Jane Welfare

Epiphany invites us to welcome the light of Christ into our hearts just as the Magi followed the star to find the Saviour. Epiphany challenges us to seek God's guidance in all things, letting divine wisdom shape what truly matters in our lives and communities.

Consider the Magi: learned and wealthy, yet they didn't rely solely on their own understanding. They sought and trusted God's direction throughout their journey. Their story poses important questions for us: How might we align our daily actions and our resolutions with a deeper, more intentional purpose?

Adopting this perspective transforms New Year's resolutions from mere checklists into paths of intentional living. It might mean making space in our day for quiet reflection, committing to serve others in our community, or managing our resources more responsibly.

Whatever the goal, Epiphany highlights the importance of lives shaped by God's character – humble, persistent, and faithful.

Rector's Ramblings - *continued*

The Magi's journey was neither quick nor easy. They faced barriers but pressed on, trusting in God's provision. Likewise, when we choose to embrace change – whether personal or communal – it rarely happens overnight. Setbacks are inevitable, but the Epiphany story reminds us that perseverance intertwined with faith is key. Even when progress feels slow or uncertain, we can trust that God is working in and through us.

There is a less often told but profoundly important story of Epiphany that speaks directly to our current social and political realities. As we looked back on 2025, we saw a worrying upswing in far-right politics, often accompanied by a co-option of Christian symbols and language. This agenda frequently casts asylum seekers and those of other faiths as threats, sometimes even quietly undermining the sense of welcome within our churches and communities.

Yet, right at the heart of both the Christmas and Epiphany narratives lies the story of a refugee family – Jesus, Mary, and Joseph fleeing to Egypt to escape King Herod's deadly slaughter of the innocents. This isn't just a sentimental backdrop but a stark tale of political violence, terror, and forced displacement.

Egypt was a logical and safe place to find refuge. Egypt and Judea were linked by a coastal road known as the Via Maris (Way of the Sea). Egypt was outside the dominions of King Herod but was part of the Roman Empire and had large Jewish communities. The Jewish settlements of Egypt dated back to the time of Jeremiah (see Jeremiah 41.17 and 44.1). They had their own synagogues and had adopted Greek as their everyday language. The first translation of the Scriptures, which we call the *Septuagint*, was made in the third century BC at Alexandria in Egypt, originally for these Greek-speaking Jews.

Though the Bible doesn't use the modern term "refugee," its demand to welcome and love outsiders is crystal clear: *"The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt"* (Leviticus 19:34). Remarkably, Jesus' very early life embodies this command before he ever spoke a word.

We know little of their years in exile, but the theme of hospitality to strangers' echoes throughout the Gospels. Jesus later instructs, *"I was a stranger, and you took me in"* (Matthew 25:35). And the Letter to the Hebrews counsels, *"Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers"* (Hebrews 13:2). These powerful reminders call us to resist politics driven by fear and exclusion, and instead to live out Christ's vision for a world rooted in joy, hope, peace, and love.

Epiphany invites us to look beyond ourselves. The light of Christ is not something to keep hidden – it's meant to illuminate and guide our actions and our words in the world around us.

As you consider your 2026 resolutions, I encourage you to include an inclusive sharing of that light with others. Step into the new year with hope and purpose, ready for the encounters that will turn strangers into friends and transform communities into places of welcome and belonging.

Thank you for being part of our church family and community.

May this season bring you fresh insight, resilience, and joy as we journey together in faith.

If you have an article for the magazine, please forward it to **Jackie** at **newickparishnews@gmail.com** by the 7th of the month.

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***St Mary's Newick Parish & Community Magazine* has moved to a bi-monthly format for two editions each year: January/February and July/August. The next magazine will be the March edition.**

Keep the faith and keep doing the small things that make a big difference – to those you love and to those in need.

With every blessing,

Rev Paul x



Our Worship Service

When: 2nd Sunday of every month

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November's 20th anniversary exhibition

We were delighted to welcome nearly 400 visitors – thank you all so much for coming! Thank you, too, for all the lovely compliments you paid us regarding the high standard of the show –It means a lot to us to hear such reactions.

The 130 works on display, including some extremely large ones this year, represented a wide and exciting range of approaches to picture-making in terms of materials used, techniques employed and subjects portrayed. There was no shortage of sales, to the great pleasure of many of our artists. The winner of the visitors' favourite painting vote was 'Song of Sussex', a pastel of the river Ouse near Barcombe, by our Chairman and joint founder of the Painting Group 20 years ago, Carlina Oliver.

Once again, our members had painted 200 original small works for the ever-popular tombola raising funds for St Peter & St James Hospice. This, together with incredibly generous donations from our visitors, resulted in nearly £1,000 for the Hospice – wonderful and so much appreciated!

In case you missed it or want to revisit the exhibition, the paintings on show can be seen on our website www.chaileyandnewickpaintinggroup.com



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13th November - Gordon Wilkins
20th November - Robert (Bob) Thompson
27th November - Neil Waugh

Newick Green



January

There is no regular meeting in January. It is our usual custom to gather together for lunch in a nearby venue, where we can enjoy a relaxing time together.

February

Our speaker this month is the actor John Vine, with a title of 'Bloopers, Mistakes etc., part 2'. A continuation of the ups and downs working on stage and screen.

The meeting starts at 7.45pm in the Community Centre on Thursday 26th February.

For further information about our meetings contact Linda on 722689.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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We begin our Year with our First Talk in Newick Village on 12th February, entitled a **History of Gardens in South East England by Frances Farrer-Brown**. This evening will also include **Membership Renewal** so we will begin earlier at **6.45 pm** and the Talk will begin at 7.30 pm.

We look forward to seeing you all there and welcome any new members who would like to come and join. Please see our website for all details or contact our Chairman Linda Faulke on 01273 751681 or Secretary Shirley Baker 01825 722073

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Books into Films.'
Uckfield Civic Centre 2.30

This should be a very good way to cheer up January. It is an intriguing subject and such gems as 'Gone with the Wind' leading up to the numerous Harry Potter films will be discussed. The older films seem to take the pattern of starting as if you are reading the book and do on the whole stay true to the original. The main problem must be what to include and what to leave out. Sometimes, to my mind, this means taking quite a different path from that which the poor author actually intended!

Colin Shindler has been lecturing on American and British social and cultural history for over 30 years. He won a BAFTA award for his production of 'A Little Princess', though he regards his greatest cultural contribution as choosing the title music for the police series Juliet Bravo. He has written more than a dozen books, but he is best known for his childhood memoir 'Manchester United Ruined My Life' which was short listed for the William Hill Sports Book of the Year Award.

February 11th Civic Centre 2.30
Dr Natalia Murray Samuel Courtauld's Collection of Impressionist Painting.'

One of my favourite ages of painting so a great treat to welcome Natalia to talk on Samuel Courtauld and his marvellous collection. Impressionism was rejected and even laughed at by the established art institutions of the time. Luckily Samuel thought otherwise and acquired many works by all the major impressionists.

Natalia is a curator and lecturer at the Courtauld institute having qualified as an Art Historian in London and her birthplace St Petersburg. As a writer and broadcaster she has featured in films and programmes on 19th-20th century European Art.

Guests are always welcome, £8 on the door and you do not need to be invited by a member, our lectures are open to all. We look forward to welcoming you.

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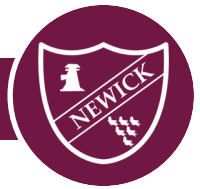


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Term 2 Newick CE Primary School

At the time of writing this we are in the midst of the Christmas fun here at Newick CE Primary School. Our wonderful Early Years, Y1 and Y2 class have wowed us all with their Nativity – ‘It’s A Cracker!’ In true Newick style they have performed with pizzazz, singing up beautifully and conveying the true meaning of Christmas through their wonderful speaking. Well done to all of the children and staff involved in this magical production.

Not to be outdone our Key Stage Pupils are set to perform their evening Cantata, a collection of music sung beautifully at St Mary’s Church on Monday 15th December. We hope to see many of the community there. Meanwhile the choir are busy, performing at the Barn Lunch Club, the big Glyndebourne Christmas concert and entering the DCAT Christmas Voice competition. The music around the school really comes to life at this time of year and evokes powerful emotions. There is nothing more joyful than the sound of their voices coming together.

Otters class have been learning about polar regions and even got to experience some polar action in real life when it started snowing on a visit to the woods one Wednesday! Luckily they come prepared for all weathers and are a really resilient bunch.

Year 1s have been busy in the Graden School this term. Now that we have the polytunnel we can garden all year long, which is a real game changer. They have sown sweet peas, broad beans, prepared the beds for winter and planted some bulbs ready for spring. That feels a way off in the dark and dismal weather we are currently having.

Year 2s have been learning about Mary Seacole and enjoying writing up non-chronological reports based on facts about her life. Their final pieces are really wonderful, and it is great to see every single pupil create a ‘double page spread’ full of their great writing.

Year 3 have been consolidating their swimming skills every week at Uckfield and have come on so far with their confidence and skill in this! They have also been busy with their French sessions, learning how to develop simple phrases into longer French sentences. In DT Year 3 have designed their own winter warmer

soups, which the judges from The Pantry will be coming to taste test and pick a winner!

Year 4 have continued their Ancient Mayan topic, looking at artefacts and finding out about rituals and sacrifice. They have also been designing Mayan hot chocolates and were the envy of all when they recently got to take part in a 'Chocolate Workshop!' They were able to taste pure cocoa and handle cocoa butter. They tasted spicy chilli chocolate, and chocolate with a hint of orange. Then they made truffles using tasty ganache! Yum.

Year 5 designed Indian food as part of their DT topic and got to taste a range of delicious Indian foods which was the highlight. They have been immersed in their Elizabethan topic and written Newspaper articles about an assassination attempt at the Globe theatre! They are a particularly talented bunch when it comes to dance and have recently learnt Bangra and Line Dance styles to a high standard.

Year 6 have enjoyed their WW1 topic and are drawing on the memorial plaque on the school wall to investigate the lives of some of the local boys who gave their lives in service. This culminated in a very moving role play of the Christmas Day Truce, displayed to the parents with half the class singing *Stille Nacht* in German, and the others *Silent Night* in English. A poignant reminder of those who gave their lives for their countries, and the impact that war has on lives.

As we draw to a close for the December term and head off for a very well-earned break, we hope that all of our families enjoy spending time with their loved ones.

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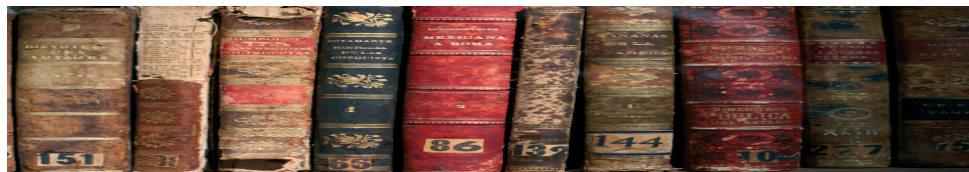
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SNIPPETS OF NEWICK HISTORY BY ANTIQUARIUS

50 years ago

Here are some past businesses in Newick, based upon advertisements in the 1976 Parish Magazine...

Woods Fruit Farm at Goldbridge Road sold 'fruit, vegetables, eggs, cream, chicken, honey, etc' with the proud boast that 'our home produced fruit and vegetables are grown with natural manure, not artificial'. What can you buy there now? Just expensive new houses. Also in Goldbridge Road were 'Newick Aviaries' at 'The Gables', selling budgerigars of 'various colours'.

On the corner of Allington Road and Church Road was the popular, long-established Bannister's Stores, run by Guy and Judy Cornish, selling groceries, drapery, clothes, toys, hardware, gardening materials and a host of other domestic requirements, as well as being an off-licence.

The main shop on The Green was 'The Stores' with S and V Sampson as proprietors, selling groceries, confectionery, cigarettes, stationery and general provisions. The butcher on The Green was S G Barrett selling 'finest quality home-killed meat' including turkeys, chicken geese and ducks.

In August 1976 Vi and Geoff Dorking announced the opening of their shop V G D Newsagents in Newick Drive for newspapers, magazines, ice-cream, confectionery, cigarettes and stationery. The little 'Handy Shop' in the High Street was a 'newsagent tobacconist, confectionary etc', run by G S Wheatland. At 26, High Street was Newick Antiques run by Irene Fenton.

In Western Road the well-established Hardwick's Nurseries was run by proprietor Clive Baulu, specialising in heathers. Wreaths and bouquets were sold by G J Stanbridge at 'The Pines' in Allington Road (a 'member of British Teleflower Service').

Woodgate Farms Dairy Ltd delivered milk and eggs in Newick from their base near Sheffield Park station.

D W Wilkins and Sons was the long-established builders, decorators and plumbers from Woodbine Lane.

There were several hairdressers, including Doris King hair stylist in Church Road, 'Newick Hair Fashions' at Newick Drive run by Carol Gliddon, together with Margaret Paling a visiting professional hairdresser, manicurist and pedicurist from Cornwells Bank.

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Newick Afternoon Club

NEWICK AFTERNOON CLUB

Thursday 12th February, 2.30pm in the Barn Centre

Rob Wallace

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and the work he and his team have found in Barcombe.

The talk is free, occasionally we may ask for £1 to cover the cost of hiring the room. For more information ring Paddy on 01825 722154

Newick Afternoon Club 2026

Many families spend time tracing their family history. It is a wonderful way to discover your roots. It is not about Kings and Queens, wars and government, but about you, how your ancestors fitted into what we learn as history in school, what they did, what were their skills, possibly explaining a similar skill you have inherited.

The afternoon club is planning and will deliver through 2026 a series of talks about Sussex where we live. No worry if you are not Sussex born and bred; knowing about the county you have adopted will make your county more interesting. Many of the changes in Sussex are applicable to other parts of England.

We will try to indicate places to visit starting with the Romans, the Saxons, the Normans and how your society was organised, change made by the coming of the iron industry, fairways, buses, two world wars, market gardening. These talks are about where your roots are planted.

You may know about or would be enthusiastic to research some aspect of Sussex history then bring your knowledge to the club. Topics might include sea bathing in Sussex, canals, Newick Park history, French prisoners of war, the influence of the Downs, Kipling and the Sussex author and poets, there are so many subjects of interest and many sources of knowledge - The Keep (Sussex Records) Sussex Archaeological in Lewes, books, buildings, people and artefacts can help. Have a go, enrich your life and ours.



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Newick Parish Council

☀️ Parish Council Update – December Meeting Highlights ☀️

The Parish Council met on 8th December at the Community Centre, and here's what was covered:

- 💰 **Budget & Precept** – Councillors unanimously agreed the budget for 2026/27, setting the precept to ensure NPC can continue providing local services and projects across the village.
- 🌳 **Lewes Local Plan Consultation** – With many residents keen to have their voices heard, NPC will be hosting a *drop-in morning* on the 7th February in Newick Community Centre. Timings and final details to follow. Information sheets and comment forms will be available, and councillors will be on hand to guide you through how to share your views with Lewes District Council.
- 🏟️ **Sports Pavilion Progress** – Work on the new pavilion is moving forward well. Plans are underway for the final finishes and an official opening.
- ❤️ **Community Support** – A grant of £202 (inc VAT) was awarded to Newick Rootz to finalise the fixtures of their storage space. Newick Rootz are a fantastic volunteer group who help maintain our village footpaths and spaces with their regular workdays.
- 📰 **January Newsletter** – The next edition is being prepared and will include details of the Local Plan consultation, pavilion updates, and more. Look out for it mid-late January.
- 🏛️ **Local Government Reorganisation** – Councillors discussed the ongoing consultation and Councillors could not see how the devolution process could go ahead in advance of the mayoral elections being decided. NPC confirmed support for the East Sussex County Council business case, while opposing Brighton & Hove City Council's devolution bid.

NEWICK CINEMA

A Community-based Venture for Sunday Evenings

Can't make the cinema?

Our next show is on 18th January 2026. We hope that many of you will be able to come and enjoy "THE CHORAL". As always there is a licensed bar, teas, coffees, cakes and ice cream plus an interval so that there is an opportunity to meet up with friends and have an enjoyable evening out in the village. Booking in advance will secure seats in the front rows. You can also just come along at 7pm and buy a ticket on the door; the film will start at 7:30pm. **(Please note films will now be shown on the 3rd Sunday of the month)**

This edition of the magazine covers February as well – it's not yet confirmed what February's film will be, but details will be on posters and on social media in good time for the screening.

JANUARY'S FILM

THE CHORAL (12A)

STARRING

Ralph Fiennes Roger Allam Robert Emms

The Choral is a 2025 British historical drama film about a Yorkshire choral society in 1916 that recruits teenage boys and girls to perform a demanding new work, The Dream of Gerontius, after its existing male members volunteer for World War I. Led by the ambitious and unconventional choirmaster Dr. Henry Guthrie (Ralph Fiennes), who leads them to eventually discover the joys of singing.

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Prayers - January 2026 & February 2026



"I know the plans I have in mind for you, declares the Lord; they are plans for peace, not disaster, to give you a future filled with hope."

Jeremiah 29:11

One New Year's Eve the poet R. S. Thomas put a lighted candle in his window and found a new-born at his door the next morning, he writes;

This morning, I discovered the new-born year on my doorstep, begging to be welcomed into the house. I hesitated a moment for fear of what might come in its wake.

But it continued to plead until I picked it up, not out of pity, but because I had to.

Lord Jesus,
As we step into 2026, tune our hearts to your goodness. Let this New Year be marked by your presence. Fill us with faith instead of fear, peace where worry weighs heavy, and joy to strengthen our hearts so that we can live each day with thankfulness and generosity.

We lift to you children living in poverty. Provide daily bread, safe places to grow and people who will surround them with love. Bless local churches as they serve families and communities with courage and compassion. Help us to welcome the stranger with your abundant hospitality, teach us to walk humbly, love mercy and act justly; make our homes bright with kindness and our hands quick to bless.

Write a new song of hope over us and help us share your love wherever you lead.

Amen



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Sunday 18th Jan - 2nd Sunday after Epiphany 8am BCP* Holy Communion Preacher: Reader Jeremy Burdett 10am Churches Together @ St Mary's Family Communion & Owls Preacher: Rev Paul Mundy Readings: Isaiah 49:1-7, 1 Corinthians 1:1-9, John 1:29-42	Sunday 15th Feb - Sunday Next Before Lent Quinquagesima 8am BCP* Holy Communion Preacher: Fr Martin 10am Churches Together @ St Mary's Family Communion & Owls Preacher: Fr Martin Readings: Exodus 24:12-end, 2 Peter 1:16-end, Matthew 17:1-9
	Wednesday 18th Feb - Ash Wednesday 7pm Imposition of Ashes & Holy Communion Rev Paul Mundy & Fr Martin Morgan
Sunday 25th Jan - 3rd Sunday of Epiphany 8am BCP* Holy Communion Preacher: Ian Reekie 10am Family Communion Leader: Rev Paul Mundy Readings: Jeremiah 1:4-10, Acts 9:1-22, Matthew 19:27-30 Preacher ALM Patsy Bailey	Sunday 22nd Feb - 1st Sunday in Lent 8am BCP* Holy Communion Preacher: Ian Reekie 10am Family Communion Preacher: Rev Paul Mundy Readings: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7, Romans 5:12-19, Matthew 4:1-11

*Denotes standard Year A Lectionary Readings

Lent Course commences on Monday 23rd February
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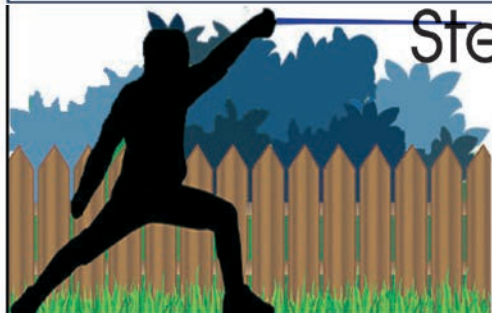
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