

1<sup>st</sup> November 2024

## Rectors Rambles

Deuteronomy 6: 1-9 Mark 12: 28-34 Revelation 7: 9-17

Dear Saints,

In the New Testament, 'saint' is often used to describe all those who are followers of Christ, the people called to holiness in him. Not just those who were extra-specially good. **So does this apply to Christians now? Are all saints?**  
The answer must be Yes!

So this weekend we pray not just for those who have been specially recognised as Saints, but for all of our loved ones.

In 1048 Odilo, the Abbot of the Benedictine Monastery at Cluny near Paris instructed his monks to use this day as a day of remembrance and prayer for all the departed, this day was made official in the 14C.

In the Christian Church we remember the Church not just as those who are living but also those who have died, they are just as much the church as we are and the Christian Church has two names for this, those who are living are called the church militant, and those have died are called the church triumphant.

I was asked the other day "who is your favourite saint?", "that's easy I replied, You are!" . . . .see what I did there ?

Now, if was asked who my favourite historical Saint is, that is much harder to answer. I love the teaching of so many of the great Saint's, and it always surprises me how there words speak so powerfully into our current times.

But one Saint I've been reading a lot about recently, as part of my preparation for pilgrimage next year is St Hilda ( or Hild) of Whitby.

Hilda lived around 614 0- 680 AD in Anglo-Saxon England and until her thirties lived as a noblewoman. Sometime shortly after this she decided to live a religious life, and Aiden (of Lindisfarne) persuaded her to stay in Northumbria rather than go to the royal nunnery near Paris where her sister was already a nun.

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Her life of seclusion led her to become the abbess of a small monastery at Heruten (Hartlepool) for several years, where Aiden and others who visited were impressed by her 'innate wisdom and love of God'. Probably in her early forties Hilda was appointed abbess of the monastery at Streaneshalch, later called Whitby by the Danes

It was her monastery at Whitby which was chosen to be the location for the first Synod of the Church in England in 664 AD, an event which became known as the 'Synod of Whitby'. At the time there were differences between Celtic( Irish) and Roman Christianity, one of which was the method of calculating the date of Easter.

Streaneshalch, like all the religious houses in the North, followed the practices of the Celtic Church but Roman practices had been brought to the South by Augustine of Canterbury and a resolution to this difference in calculating dates was required.

At the Synod of Whitby, the Roman method of calculating the date of Easter was agreed.

St Hilda accepted the decision of the synod, even though it was a huge transition from her tradition and she adopted this without question and, from that time. The Roman influence on Christianity in Britain which we still experience today as a Reformed Catholic Church, would begin to increase.

Very little of St Hilda's writings survive but the following words, are attributed to her and they are sage words for our current times from an early English Saint especially as we remember all those who have gone before us.

*“Trade with gifts God has given you.  
Bend your minds to holy learning  
that you may escape the fretting moth of littleness of mind  
that would wear out your souls.  
Brace your wills to action  
that they may not be the spoil of weak desires.  
Train your hearts and lips to song  
which gives courage to the soul.  
Being buffeted by trials, learn to laugh.  
Being reprov'd, give thanks.  
Having failed, determine to succeed. “*

I'm going to leave you this week with a poem by Malcolm Guite on St Hilda:

*Hilda of Whitby*

*Called to a conflict and a clash of cultures,  
Where insults flew whilst synod was in session,  
You had the gift to find the gift in others,  
A woman's wisdom, deftness and discretion.  
You made a space and place for poetry  
When outcast Caedmon, crouching in the byre,  
Was called by grace into community  
And local language joined the Latin choir.  
Abbess we need your help, we need your wisdom,*

*Your strong recourse to reconciliation,  
Your power tempered by God's hidden kingdom,  
Your exercise of true imagination.  
Pray for our synods now, princess of peace,  
That every fettered gift may find release*

And a closing prayer in this season of saints

*"Holy God you have called witnesses from every nation and  
revealed your glory in their lives.*

*Grant us the same faith and love that, following their example,  
we may be sustained by their fellowship and rejoice in their triumph;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. "*

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

*HYMNS NEWICK:*

*1st 70 Come let us join*

*2nd 109 For all the Saints*

*3rd 183 Holy Holy Holy*

*4th 412 Oh for a thousand tongues (verses 1,2,3,4,5 & 7)*

## SERVICES – NOVEMBER 2024

<p><b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November</b> <b>All Saints</b></p>	<p><b>8am - BCP Holy Communion*</b> <i>Preacher: Rev Paul</i></p> <p><b>10am – Holy Communion</b> Deuteronomy 6:1-9 Hebrews 9:11-14 Mark 12:28-34 <i>Preacher: Reader Jeremy Burdett</i></p> <p><b>6pm - Evensong</b> <i>Preacher: Ian Reekie</i></p>
<p><b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>Remembrance Sunday</b></p>	<p><b>8am - BCP Holy Communion*</b> <i>Preacher: Rev Paul</i></p> <p><i>(10am at the Green to march to St Mary's)</i> <b>10.30am Remembrance Service</b> Psalm 46 John 15; 9-17 <i>Preacher: Rev Paul</i></p> <p><b>5pm Remembrance Day Recital</b> <i>Lead by Andy Rees</i></p>
<p><b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>Remembrance Day</b></p>	<p><b>10:45am Service at The Green</b></p>
<p><b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Before Advent</b></p>	<p><b>8am - BCP Holy Communion*</b> <i>Preacher Rev Paul</i></p> <p><b>10am – Family communion with Owls</b> Daniel 12:1-3 Hebrews 10:11-14,19-25 Mark 13:1-8 <i>Preacher: Rev Paul</i></p>
<p><b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>Sunday next before Advent</b></p>	<p><b>8am - BCP Holy Communion*</b> <i>Preacher: Rev Paul</i></p> <p><b>10am – Holy Baptism</b> Daniel 7:9-10,13-14 Revelation 1:4-8 John 18:33-37 <i>Preacher: Rev Paul</i></p>

*\* Denotes standard Year B Lectionary Readings*

**Prayer Meeting for Church Service Every Sunday  
9.30 - 9.45am Barn Centre**

## PRAYERS AND REFLECTIONS



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

Frances Bailey, Cole Louise Blackman, Bernice Blundy, Beryl Champion-Smith, Harri Gande, John and Elizabeth Gould, Rubie Geer, Juliette Lucas, Helen Lloyd, 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 (aged 11), Cheryl Stewart, Martin Tardif, Marcus Thrower, Peter Todd, Toni Warrilow, Sean Watson, Nasima Wright.

### **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**

## **Prayers for Church**

**Barn Centre every Sunday 9.30 - 9.45 am**

## **Prayer Group**

**Barn Centre every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday - 2pm**

**Do you like ironing?** - Are you keen on helping get ready for the wonderful Christmas Eve Nativity - complete with Camel - that is always such a joy at St Mary's?

If so please contact Patsy Bailey (email [shimmyandshake@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:shimmyandshake@yahoo.co.uk)) as there are so many outfits that need smartening up ready for the 24<sup>th</sup> and December is such a busy month it would be wonderful to have them ready well in advance.

## **COULD THIS BE FOR YOU?.....**

We are looking for a cleaner for St. Mary's Church Barn for four hours a week in two sessions, starting 6th January. Timing is flexible. If you are interested please email Sue Balloch on

[sue.balloch@btinternet.com](mailto:sue.balloch@btinternet.com)

**WE ARE STILL KEEN TO FIND SOMEONE  
WHO IS INTERESTED IN SUPPORTING OUR  
SERVICES AV AND SOUND SYSTEM ON A  
SUNDAY AND POTENTIALLY FOR OTHER  
SERVICES / EVENTS TOO  
IF THAT COULD BE YOU - MAIL  
REV PAUL TO ARRANGE A CHAT**

# Legacies:

**LEGACY FOR MARY'S CHURCH NEWICK**



**YOUR WILL YOUR WISHES YOUR WAY**

We shall all die in time, and leave behind us legacies of love and friendship, of family and friends and of the lives we've led.

The Church of England has always encouraged people to make wills, and at St Mary's we encourage that too.

Making a will ensures that the assets in your Estate are distributed as you see fit. Many people all of course leave the bulk of their assets to their families, and leave the "good causes".

Please consider including St Mary's.

We struggle to meet our expenses year by year, and have always relied on legacies to support our service to the community.

The daunting costs of upkeep of our beautiful Grade II listed church must also be met.

Any element of our work in the community is good work and pastoral outreach.

**HOW DO I PUT A LEGACY IN PLACE?**

First, make sure you have a will in place that includes how you would like to distribute your assets using either your own solicitor or the service provided by the Church of England ([www.churchlegacy.org.uk](http://www.churchlegacy.org.uk)).

Please contact Rev Paul Morley or any member of our Treasurer's team if you would like assistance.

Please remember that St Mary's is a charity, so gifts to St Mary's are free of inheritance tax.

Many people find the idea of their assets continuing their work and witness for the Lord long after they have died a blessed and rewarding prospect.



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For more information please visit the [Church Website](http://www.stmarys.org)

# Coming up this Autumn...



## November

- **Scott Matthews Concert in St Mary's 6<sup>th</sup>**
- **Remembrance Recital in St Mary's 10<sup>th</sup>**
- **Remembrance Service on the Green 11<sup>th</sup>**
- **Advent Quiet Day 16<sup>th</sup>**
- **Owls Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>**
- **Intergenerational Opera 23<sup>rd</sup>**
- **Citizens Advice 26<sup>th</sup>**
- **Mens Supper 29<sup>th</sup> (details to follow)**
- **St Peter's Chailey Christmas Craft Market 30<sup>th</sup>**
- **Advent Concert (Fletching Church) 30<sup>th</sup>**

## December

- **St Mary's Tree Festival Friday 13<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>**
  - **Festive Market 14<sup>th</sup> December**
  - **Festive Singalong with Andy Rees 14<sup>th</sup> December**
- **East Sussex Concert Band 21<sup>st</sup> December (7pm)**





*Presents....*

*Folk Singer Scott Matthews  
performing live at St Mary's  
Church Newick*

*Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November*

*Doors open 7pm*

*Concert starts 7.45pm*

*Drinks available*

*Tickets are £28.08 and can be  
purchased from*

*Scott Matthews at St Mary's Church  
Newick - Black Deer Live*

# ADVENT QUIET DAY

## SATURDAY 16TH NOVEMBER

2025 is to be celebrated in the Diocese of Chichester as a Year of Faith.

As a way of preparing for that we have organised a day of Preparation for Advent at St Mary's on November 16th.

Advent Sunday, December 1st, is of course the first day of the Christian New Year. To help us get ready for this we have asked one of the Mirfield Fathers, Charlie Annis to lead us by way of short talks and periods of silence.

Charlie is the son of Bea and Johnnie from St Peter's. He is very experienced in the field of spiritual direction and a great poet.

The day will begin with us gathering for coffee at 9.30 am and end with a Communion service at 3.30 pm.

Lunch will be provided,

This is a chance for us to be "stirred up" for the New Year of Faith.

This is also a chance for some real peace and quiet as we enter a very busy time in the life of Chailey and Newick parishes.



**St Mary's**  
Newick's Church

# Owls Club



**Crafts, Bible Story, Fun!  
& Refreshments**

9.55am - 11.00am

Every 3rd Sunday

Next dates: 22 September, 20 October, 17 November

Feel free to be in contact -

Pam Mundy, [childrenandfamilies@stmarysnewicks.church](mailto:childrenandfamilies@stmarysnewicks.church)

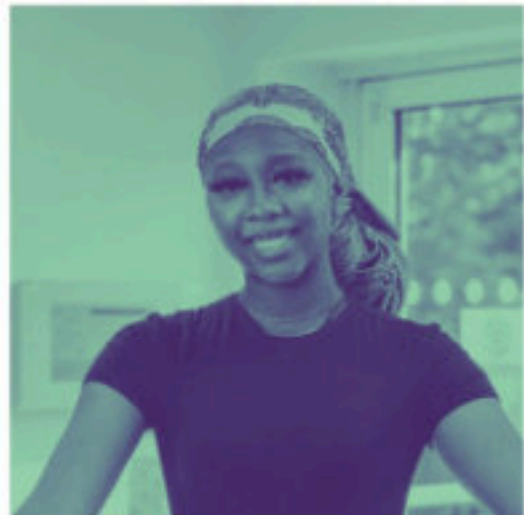


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Lewes  
District



# DROP-IN ADVICE SESSION



**Lewes District Citizens Advice are now offering a Rural Outreach Service at Newick and Chailey.**

High quality, impartial and professional advice, support and referrals given on a huge range of topics, including **welfare benefits, housing issues, food and energy poverty, debt** and much more.

**FACE TO FACE DROP-IN SESSIONS  
NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY**

**ST MARY'S CHURCH, NEWICK  
TUESDAY 29 OCTOBER 10.30-1.30PM  
TUESDAY 26 NOVEMBER 10.30-1.30PM**

**ST PETER'S CHURCH, CHAILEY  
FRIDAY 8 NOVEMBER 10-1PM**

See website below for more information + schedule.  
You can also call our FREE Adviceline on 0808 278 7892  
or email [info@lewesdistrictca.org.uk](mailto:info@lewesdistrictca.org.uk)



[www.lewesdistrictca.org.uk/rural-outreach](http://www.lewesdistrictca.org.uk/rural-outreach)



# 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

**Saturday 23rd November, 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](mailto: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](http://www.intergenerationalopera.com)



**SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER**

**Christmas Craft Market  
St. Peter's Chailey 10am-2pm**

**Entry £1.00. Stalls from local crafters and businesses.  
Lots to see, Christmas gifts to purchase**

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**Fletching Singers Advent Concert**

**7.30pm Fletching Parish Church**

**The Fletching Singers, together with harpist Anna Wynne,  
will perform Benjamin Britten's atmospheric A Ceremony of  
Carols as part of their advent concert.**

**Other music in the programme includes carols and  
motets by Bruckner, Stopford, Rutter and Howells and  
some favourite carols to be sung by all.**

**Wine and soft drinks available**

**Tickets (includes mince pies) £12.50 prior to 25<sup>th</sup>  
November at [www.fletchingsingers.co.uk](http://www.fletchingsingers.co.uk)**

**Or £15 on the night or from members, or call 07802  
855113.**

ST MARY'S NEWICK  
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AND FESTIVE MARKET



TREES TO ENJOY FROM LOCAL  
CLUBS, SOCIETIES AND  
BUSINESSES 13TH - 15TH

CHRISTMAS GIFTS  
AND GOODIES TO BUY  
AND A CHRISTMAS SINGALONG  
SATURDAY 14TH

**East Sussex  
Concert Band**  
conducted by Jonathan Bailey

**CHRISTMAS  
CONCERT**

**Saturday 21st December 7pm**  
St Mary's Church, Newick BN8 4JZ

Tickets: £7, under 12s free  
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or scan the QR code  
[eastsussexconcertband@hotmail.com](mailto:eastsussexconcertband@hotmail.com)

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