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Psalm 113:3**

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the June edition of the St Mary's Newick's Church & Community Magazine. Please be praying for all our candidates from across the Deanery who are being Confirmed at St Mary's on Monday 8th June.

June arrives with a different rhythm to the year. The long evenings stretch out before us, gardens burst into colour, and the Sussex countryside seems almost to hum with life. There is something deeply hopeful about early summer.

And there is lots to celebrate too, so please look out for all advertisements in this month's magazine for all the, Concerts, Open Gardens, Jumble Sales, Plant Sales and of course the Newick Food Fair on the 28th June.

For many families in our communities of Newick and Chailey, June is also a demanding month. Young people are sitting GCSEs, A-levels, university exams, and end-of-year assessments. Parents and Grandparents watch with encouragement and concern as revision timetables cover kitchen tables and nerves begin to fray. Teachers to carry the weight of supporting pupils through this intense season.

Exams can feel overwhelming because they ask so much of us. They test knowledge, certainly, but also resilience, confidence, and perseverance. Yet amid all the pressure, the Christian faith gently reminds us that our worth is never measured solely by results or achievements. We are valued not because of grades, success, or status, but because we are loved by God.

In the Gospel accounts, Jesus often points people away from anxiety and back towards trust. He speaks of the birds of the air and the flowers of the field — simple reminders that God notices and provides for creation in ways both ordinary and extraordinary. That does not mean life becomes easy or free from challenge, but it does mean we do not face those challenges alone.

At this time of year, God's provision can often be seen in the small things we easily overlook: the quiet encouragement of a friend, the teacher who stays behind after school to help, neighbours watering plants while someone is away, food shared at a church gathering, or the beauty of a sunset after a long day. Grace often arrives quietly.

Summer itself carries a spiritual lesson. The longer days invite us to slow down enough to notice the goodness around us. In a world that constantly urges us to hurry, produce, and achieve, June encourages us instead to pause and receive. The fields around Chailey and Newick, the birdsong in the early morning, and the simple pleasure of sitting outside in the evening light all speak of a Creator who delights in abundance and beauty.

Rector's Ramblings cont...



Perhaps this June offers each of us an opportunity not only to enjoy the height of summer, but also to remember that God's faithfulness is woven through every season of life — in busy days and quiet evenings, in success and disappointment, in celebration and worry alike.

Please be assured that St Mary's Newick and St Peter's Chailey will continue to pray for all in our villages, our schools, our farms, our local businesses, our families across our wonderful communities and remember our Churches are open every day if you need a little time to come and be still, in the busyness of life.

Have a great month, 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 x

I'd like to thank Alex & Jackie for all their work in putting together the St Mary's Newick Parish News.

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

If you would like to enquire about advertising or have a potential front cover photo in high resolution, then please contact Alex at advertise.npn@gmail.com

A poster for St Mary's Newick's Youth Choir. It features a dark blue background with a white torn-paper effect. On the left, there is a treble clef, a sharp sign, and musical notes. The text 'St Mary's Newick's Youth Choir' is written in white and yellow. Below the title, there is a list of details: When: The 1st Sunday of the month, Time: 10-11am, Ages: All ages welcome, Where: Barn Centre, St Mary's Church, Newick. At the bottom, it says 'Sing, have fun and make friends' in yellow. Contact information is provided at the very bottom: Call: 01825 724006, Email: churchoffice@stmarysnewicks.church, Web: stmarysnewicks.church/youthchoir.

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Our Worship Service

When: 2nd Sunday of every month

Time: 6pm

Where: St Mary's Church, Newick

Everyone is welcome



It's been a record-breaking month in April again with just 1mm of rain recorded locally. The previous low for this time of year was in April 2021 with just 2.5 mm. The May Early Bank Holiday weekend saw a break in the weather with variable rainstorms delivering 5 mm – more needed as it's still very dry.

Our outdoor activities have continued with our May bird walk on Red House Common, and we were lucky with a count of twenty-six species, even including a tawny owl calling! We saw and heard the migrants coming in and looking to the breeding season once again.

The ground nesting season is upon us and birds such as nightjar, stonechat and yellowhammer and reptiles such as adders are especially vulnerable to disturbance from dogs and people. Please can we ask that over all the commons dogs should be under close control between April and the end of July especially near the areas of high habitat suitability.

The Wildlife Refuges are clearly marked out by signs and fallen birch to give everything a good chance of success during this short and valuable season. The Refuges are one area on the northern slope of Red House Common and two areas of Memorial Common. The public footpaths are not affected by any of these marked areas.

Thank you for your help and cooperation in keeping the areas quiet. The migrating Nightjars should be with us from May until August. We now monitor the number of nightjar territories and hope that the 7 territories we observed in total last year over all the Commons, will be occupied again.

Please do not feed the ponies - enjoy them from a distance. If your property borders the commons, please do not be tempted to put any prunings or mowings onto the Common. Grass mowings in particular can cause colic in ponies and lead to serious disease and death and prunings may be poisonous. Furthermore, the added nutrients lead to a decline in the heathland wild flowers. Thank you.

Forthcoming Events in 2026

- **Thursday June 11th** - Nightjar Walk – Memorial Common - 9.30.p.m. – 11.00.p.m. Meet at the Sports Club car park by A272. Finish in the dark – bring torches.
- **Saturday July 11th** – Butterfly and Bird Walk with Adrian – Red House Common – 2.00.p.m. – 4.00.p.m.- meet at the car park.
- **Wednesday August 12th** – Family Holiday Discovery Time for accompanied children – Red House Common – 10.00.a.m. – 12.00. midday – meet at the car park.

For further information, visit our website – www.chaileycommons.org.uk or our Facebook page www.facebook.com/chaileycommons/ or friendsofmarkstakescommon.weebly.com

Citizens Advice Drop In



Citizens Advice offers a monthly Drop-in advice session at Newick Community Centre. The next session will be Tuesday 9th June 12pm - 3pm. Chailey, St Peter's Church, is also hosting a session on Friday 5th June 10am - 1pm.

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Register



Baptism:

26th April - Mina Primrose Florence Bray

Funerals:

2nd April - Geoffrey (Geoff) George Tompsett

10th April - Sandra May Voice

16th April - James (Jim) Mulford

Our speaker this month is Geoff Turner with a title of 'My Life in Advertising and My Advertising in Your Life'.

Geoff left art school with a first-class honour's degree in Graphic Design. He secured a position with J Walter Thompson agency working with top photographers, illustrators, film makers and musicians with household names such as Polo, Yorkie, Jaguar and Barclays.

The meeting starts at 7.45pm in the Community Centre on Thursday 25th June.

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19th July

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We do not have any Talks planned for June, July or August. Instead Members are looking forward to the 3 Visits we have planned and which have proved to be popular.

This month we are visiting **Luctons, North Lane, in West Hoathly RH19 4PP at 2.30 on Tuesday 9 June.** A 2 Acre garden in the centre of West Hoathly village Planted in the style of Gertrude Jekyll and with much to see.

In July we have a visit to **Borde Hill Garden**, Borde Hill Lane, Haywards Heath, RH16 1XP on Wednesday 8 July.

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Life was never easy particularly after the death of her husband who died, on active service, in a plane crash during the second World War. As his body was never found the government was reluctant to pay her the widow's pension she was due, or even to settle Ravilious's outstanding pay, for over a year.

James Russell is an historian writer, exhibition curator and lecturer specialising in 20th Century Art. His writing and outstanding research into his subjects quite rightly earned him 'Sunday Times Book of the Year' in 2024.

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A Literary Lunch with Nicholas Crane

Wednesday 17th June

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Ropetackle Storytellers tell the Greek Myths

Thursday 23rd July (£20)

John met the Ropetackle Storytellers at an event earlier this year and was blown away by their storytelling. Come and hear their take on the Greek Myths in The Bookshop.

Bond and Beyond: An evening with Bond Girl Madeline Smith

Wednesday 29th July, 7pm (£20)

Madeline Smith was Roger Moore's first ever Bond girl in Live and Let Die, but before that she was fashion house Biba's first model, and after that she starred in Carry On Matron, and in many Hammer House of Horror films. Today she can still be found in front of the camera in Talking Pictures television and is still treading the boards in many theatrical productions.

Crime Panel with Neil Daws, Graham Bartlett and Angela Dyson

Thursday 30th July, 7pm (£20)

If you like reading crime come and meet some modern day writers discuss their ideas about modern crime fiction.

A Cazalet Literary Lunch with Louisa Young

Wednesday 9th September

(£52, includes a beautiful indie hardback edition, two course lunch, tea/coffee)

If you loved The Cazalet Chronicles by Elizabeth Jane Howard then this is the perfect event for you. Her niece, Louisa Young, has written a new Cazalet story set in the sixties. As the characters we know and love advance in years so a new generation arrives – and take us to the heart of the swinging sixties!

Save the Dates:

Strictly Secret (Daahling) – Save the date!, Wednesday 6th October

Hitler's Reluctant Traitor. Philip Kay-Bujak tells us about Erich Hoepner, Wed 14th October

Winnie the Pooh Literary Lunch with Jane Riordan, Wednesday 21st October

Tickets for our events are available on www.eastgrinsteadbookshop.co.uk, 01342 322669
or by popping in to see us!



Term 5 at Newick CE Primary School

It has been a very busy Spring over at Newick CE Primary School. Our lovely allotment garden is bursting with life now, thanks to all the hard work of Y1 and Y5 over the winter months. The bulbs have burst into bloom and the beans are growing plentifully. Year 3 are currently designing our scarecrow ready for the Chailey Heritage opening of 'The Den,' an outside farm school building that has recently been built. We are sending a few pupils over for the launch party and scarecrow trail in June and can't wait to see it in action.

We were recently re-assessed for our Inclusion Centre of Excellence status, and the assessor quoted that:

'The school environment is very well organised and cared for, with beautiful displays throughout, celebrating the school's broad curriculum, pupil achievements, responsibilities and enrichment activities.'

'Behaviour for learning observed throughout the review was exemplary.'

'Pupils were observed happily engaging in their learning both within the classrooms, and during small group interventions, with scaffolding, high quality teaching and adaptations made where required.'

'The pupils interviewed said Newick CE Primary School is 'a really great school'; that people are kind and lessons are really fun. They enjoy the clubs and trips that the school offers, such as dance club where you go on lots of trips and choir where you perform at Glyndebourne.'

This coming term we have a lot of hard work and fun in equal measure at school. Year 6 are sitting their national tests mid-May, and then off on their rite of passage residential in early June to relax and enjoy themselves!

Otters led the way with a wonderful class assembly, learning all their lines by heart and speaking in front of a packed hall. Year 1 are learning about the Bluebell Railway and will be off on two visits this term, including the local house with the old railway running through its garden! Year 2 have immersed themselves in all things seed and planting, and will be visiting the Seed bank at Wakehurst as part of this. Year 3 concluded their unit on volcanoes and looking at Pompeii, and are enjoying tennis and netball in PE. Year 4 are learning about the Amazon and have explored this with South American cooking and the text 'Explorer' by Katherine Rundell. Year 5 are getting stuck into cricket and tennis, as well as learning about the coast and will be participating in Brighton Beach School on a special trip.

Our swimming gala team are about to compete in the local inter-schools championship in a range of very competitive events – we hope for some silverware! Our Key Stage 1 pupils will be representing us at Wivelsfield in the Multisports competition this term as well so as usual a lot of sporting prowess to celebrate here at Newick.

Coming up we also have the end of year (and primary school) celebrations for Year 6, an Upper KS2 production, sports day and Big Business to name just a few events.

Volunteers

We always need volunteers to help out at school. If you would like to come and listen to readers, or help in the garden or even run a chess club at lunch please do get in touch. We can find something for you! Contact admin@newickschool.co.uk for more information.

Mrs Faye Lawrence
Headteacher





Newick Wine Estate

Update from the vineyard

We are very busy at the vineyard preparing for the launch of our first wines and opening to the public. We will bottle our first still wines (a white and a rose) in early May and will launch the wines onto the market in mid-June. The wines will be available to buy directly from the vineyard, online and from a number of local outlets and hospitality venues.

The vineyard will be open for tours from mid-July, bookable on our website, and the cellar door will be open during the week.

We will be at the Newick Food Fair on 28th June and will have the official opening of the vineyard on 4th July. We will also be launching our "Founder's Club" shortly, with only 50 memberships available, to gain early access to our wines and invitations to exclusive events.

We are proud to be sponsoring Newick Cricket Club and also supporting the Will Page 10k run.

Newick Bonfire Society

SAVE THE DATE!

Our Annual Summer Fete returns to the King George V Playing Field on Sunday 19 July 2026, from Midday until 5pm. Free Admission and Car Parking.

Planned attractions include: Live Music (3 bands: The Donkey Riders, Revival & Skulldrummary), Licensed Bar, BBQ, Teas, Coffees & Cakes, Children's Funfair Rides & Games, A Fun Dog Show, A Multitude of Food & Craft Stalls, Displays of Steam Engines, Vintage Tractors & Classic Cars, Tug-O-War, Tombola, Grand Raffle and much more!

STALL HOLDERS please email: jenniferhastings1@outlook.com for info & bookings



Building for the future

We are excited to share that we have now appointed a contractor for our Space to Thrive project at Bevern View, with construction work on our new activity space, office and staff room due to begin in late June.

After many months of planning, fundraising and preparation, it is wonderful to finally see this important project becoming a reality. The development will make a huge difference to the lives of our residents, helping us create improved spaces that better support comfort, wellbeing, accessibility and opportunities for meaningful activities.

As with any building project, there will inevitably be some temporary disruption over the coming months, including periods of noise, increased activity and deliveries to site. We are working closely with contractors to minimise the impact as much as possible for both residents and our neighbours, and we are very grateful for the patience and understanding of the local community while the works take place.

Although the disruption will be short term, the benefits will be long lasting, helping us provide an even better environment for the people who call Bevern View home. Thank you again to everyone who has supported the project so far — we look forward to sharing updates as work progresses.

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The Bevern Trust is a disability charity based in Sussex, and Bevern View is its residential home.

Crowborough Choral Society

Sounds of the Sea

Friday, 26 June

An evening of songs and readings on a nautical theme.

7.30 pm, Crowborough Community Centre, TN6 1FE.

Tickets - £20 to include finger buffet, U16s Free.

Tickets available at www.crowboroughchoral.com and by cash only at J&K Gallery, 33 Croft Road, TN6 1DL



Reedens School of Gardening, Newick

In 1919 Miss Constance Mary Dixon, aged 43 years, established the Reedens School of Gardening at the property 'Reedens' on the Chailey to Newick main road, next to Jackies Lane (Reedens is now used by 'Headway Sussex'). An advertisement in the West Sussex Gazette newspaper in September and October 1919 stated... 'Reedens School of Gardening, Newick, Sussex - Practical training for ladies taking up horticulture as a profession or who wish to supervise their own garden for pleasure or profit. Charming house and grounds of 17 acres - fruit culture, flowers, jam making and bottling fruit - Apply to principal'

Two years later, an article in the Sussex Express newspaper 1st July 1921 said... 'At Newick there is a garden from which mere man is excluded. Fruit, flowers and vegetables flourish under the care of the fair workers... greenhouses, a rock garden, rose garden...' An archive photograph shows the students in the walled garden.

Miss Dixon gave talks about gardening at local villages, particularly to Women's Institute meetings. She is referred to in the minutes of the Newick Horticultural Society. Miss Dixon was an enthusiast for Cairn terrier dogs and lived at her property 'Cairn Cottage' (now 'Homelea'), Cornwells Bank, Newick until she sold it in 1935.

Newick resident Ellen Fuller, writing in the 1930's, described the school, run by

Miss Dixon, as being 'for instructing young ladies in horticulture of beautiful fruit and flowers'. The school ceased in about the mid-1930s.



The old walled garden at Reedens still remains there, used by 'Headway Sussex' as a vegetable garden. There are the old walls with arched entrances, metal gates, some old red and black paving tiles, a brick built storage shed in the corner as shown on old maps together with garden metalwork including abundant metal fittings used for wires to support trained climbing plants.

Newick Food Fair

10th Anniversary

Sunday June 28th

11am to 4pm

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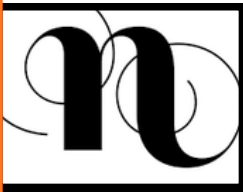
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This year we are delighted to be welcoming Newick Wine Estates. This is their first public event so we feel very honoured and look forward to raising a glass of truly local wine. They also have a Grand Open Day on Saturday July 4th.



We're also delighted to welcome Square the Circle this year! They'll be joining us after lunch to provide some fantastic, toe-tapping ambiance. A huge thank you to Bryan McAlley (of Chailey Repair Café) and his merry band for kindly volunteering their time to entertain us!



Support NFF and help us raise vital funds for St Peter & St James Hospice. As our running costs rise, your support is more important than ever. Help us reach our fundraising goal and keep this community event growing, please scan the QR code below. 100% of your donation goes directly to the Hospice and will not be used for running costs. Or donate here <https://tinyurl.com/4h42twft> to donate there.



Thursday 11th June, 2.30pm in the Barn Centre

Janet Taylor

Will speak about Pevensey Castle

Begun in about AD 290, Pevensey was the biggest of the Roman 'Saxon Shore' fortresses. Its hugely impressive walls, more than 500 metres (1,640 feet) long, still stand almost to their full height. Here, in 1066, William the Conqueror landed to begin his invasion of England, building a fortress within the Roman defences.

Well worth a visit! A lovely day out.

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

On **July 9th** we are arranging a trip to Barcombe where we will have a private tour of the dig of the Roman town excavations. The cost is £10 per head. More details available at our June meeting.

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CHAILEY
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Chailey School has enjoyed a busy and positive few weeks, with students taking part in a range of activities supporting personal development, achievement and future aspirations. Highlights have included Bronze Duke of Edinburgh students completing their navigation training in the local countryside, and Year 7 and 8 pupils taking part in an inter-form radish-growing competition. Year 9 students also benefited from The Big Futures careers event and an Open Doors visit to the Hydro Hotel in Eastbourne, receiving excellent feedback for being polite, confident and articulate. We were also delighted to celebrate Amelia, who represented the school at the English Trampolining and DMT Championships, finishing 14th in a national competition.

Chailey School has also been selected for the Tesco Stronger Starts community funding scheme, helping to fund careers trips for students. Local residents can support us by placing a token for Chailey School in Tesco stores in Burgess Hill or Haywards Heath. This funding has previously allowed us to offer careers trips free of charge, and we hope to do so again in 2026–2027. We thank the community for their continued support.



Our next Community Meeting will be held at Chailey School on **Wednesday 10 June, 6.30–7.30pm.**

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🌿 Newick Parish Council – May Meeting Highlights 🌿

We had a full and positive Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on **11th May**, with plenty of progress to share!

★ Leadership Confirmed

Your councillors unanimously re-elected **Cllr. Brian Hodge** as Chair and **Cllr. Chris Armitage** as Vice Chair for the short term. It is anticipated that they will hand over their roles to other Councillors before they retire in May 2027.

👏 Welcome to Our New Councillor

A warm Newick welcome to **Lawrence Mudford**, who was unanimously co-opted onto the Parish Council. We're delighted to have him on board. The Parish Council now has all vacancies filled until May 2027 when 5 Councillors have stated their intention to retire.

🏠 Committees & Roles Refreshed

The Council reviewed how it works and agreed a fresh structure for the year ahead:

- A new **lead councillor system** for finance
- A refreshed **Planning Committee**, chaired by Cllr. Cathy Wickens
- A new **Neighbourhood Plan Working Group** which will start later in the Council year
- Councillors assigned as leads for everything from highways to trees, policing, libraries, and more

📄 Planning Updates

Councillors reviewed several planning applications, agreeing comments or “no comment” responses as appropriate. They also noted recent decisions from Lewes District Council, including approvals, refusals, and the outcome of the Allington Road appeal.

🗨️ Road Safety Concerns

Following two serious accidents at the **Newick Hill / High Street junction**, councillors discussed residents' concerns and agreed next steps:

- **Speedwatch** will attend the June meeting
- A formal letter will be sent to highlight safety issues
- Councillors will continue pushing for improvements
- Councillor Keenan is putting together road safety concerns in her capacity as the newly elected County Councillor for Newick. Please email her at charlotte.keenan@lewes.gov.uk

keenan@lewes.gov.uk with your concerns.

📊 Finance & Governance

Routine financial checks were completed, policies were reviewed and adopted, and the Village Hall's annual report was noted.



Summer Break

Dear Cinema Goers,

Just to let you know that our summer break will be longer than usual this year and there will be no films shown in June, July and August as Cinemobile are unable to bring a film to us for those months.

Our next film will be *The Devil Wears Prada 2* which will be shown on Sunday 20th September - details will be on posters and in the parish magazines in good time for the screening.

As always thank you for your support and wishing you a happy summer – hoping the sunny weather continues, but also for some rain (preferably of the overnight variety!)

Best wishes,

Bev and David

Friends of Chailey Windmill

The Windmill and Rural Life Museum will open on Sunday 14th June and Sunday 28th June both days 3 -5pm . Admission is free but donations are welcome towards the maintenance of this prominent feature .



National Mills weekend in May was notable for two events at the windmill. On Saturday 9th the Downland Radio Group were at the windmill and in contact with mills throughout the UK and Europe. The following day Ibstock from South Chailey were present . Ibstock is the country's largest brick making company with 30 sites . They provided splendid refreshments and invited all our visitors including children to join in practical sessions of brick making . The specimens had the makers' names imprinted and after firing would be posted to them . The Friends appreciated the support and enthusiasum of the Ibstock staff .

Psalm 19

**The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.**

A Celtic Prayer for Midsummers Day

May the blessing of light be on you - light without and light within.

May the blessed sunlight shine on you like a great peat fire,
so that stranger and friend may come and warm himself at it.

And may light shine out of the two eyes of you,
like a candle set in the window of a house,
bidding the wanderer come in out of the storm.

And may the blessing of the rain be on you,
may it beat upon your Spirit and wash it fair and clean,
and leave there a shining pool where the blue of Heaven shines,
and sometimes a star.

And may the blessing of the earth be on you,
soft under your feet as you pass along the roads,
soft under you as you lie out on it, tired at the end of day;
and may it rest easy over you when, at last, you lie out under it.

May it rest so lightly over you that your soul may be out from under it quickly; up
and off and on its way to God.

And now may the Lord bless you, and bless you kindly. Amen

Prayer for Peace

Almighty God, ruler of all, in whose kingdom peace and righteousness abound;
we pray for those who are in conflict around our world.

Take away prejudice, cruelty, and revenge.

Grant that barriers which divide may crumble, suspicions disappear and hatreds
cease,

through Jesus Christ our mediator. Amen.

A prayer for those sitting exams this month and next

Come still my heart, O Lord Calm my nerves and focus my
mind.

Help me to remember that you have a plan for my life
and all things are possible through you.

Father, I lay before you everything I have studied.

May I channel all I have learnt into this exam.

Please give me the faith to believe I can pass this test,
yet the peace to know that all is well.

Thank you that you are with me no matter what the result,
and I am loved and perfect in your sight

Thank you that your friendship is eternal. Amen



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<p>Sunday 7th June First Sunday After Trinity</p>	<p>8am BCP* Holy Communion ❖ A beautiful said service in Traditional Language.</p> <p>10am Morning Worship & Praise with Baptism ❖ A mixed style of service, with both traditional and contemporary elements and includes a Baptism.</p> <p>5pm Evensong ❖ A Book of Common Prayer sung service with choir and hymns.</p>
<p>Monday 8th June</p>	<p>7.30pm Deanery Confirmation Service ❖ A special church service in which a person confirms the promises that were made when they were baptized. Lead by Bishop Will Hazlewood</p>
<p>Sunday 14th June Second Sunday After Trinity</p>	<p>8am BCP* Holy Communion ❖ A beautiful said service in Traditional Language.</p> <p>10am Holy Communion ❖ A sung service with choir and hymns</p> <p>6pm Worship2 ❖ A reflective service with contemporary songs</p>
<p>Sunday 21st June Third Sunday After Trinity</p>	<p>8am BCP* Holy Communion ❖ A beautiful said service in Traditional Language.</p> <p>10am Father's Day All Age Worship with Baptism ❖ A service for all with songs and worship and includes a Baptism.</p>
<p>Sunday 28th June Fourth Sunday after Trinity</p>	<p>8am BCP* Holy Communion ❖ A beautiful said service in Traditional Language.</p> <p>10am Worship & Praise ❖ A mixed style of service, with both traditional and contemporary elements.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">*DENOTES STANDARD YEAR C LECTIONARY READINGS PRAYER MEETINGS FOR CHURCH SERVICES EVERY SUNDAY 9.15 BARN CENTRE</p>	



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