

St Mary's Newick Newsletter
14th August 2022



RECTOR'S RAMBLINGS

Jeremiah 23.23-29; Psalm 82; Hebrews 11.29 – 12.2; Luke 12.49-56

Dear friends,

There is some strong language in our gospel reading this Sunday, which begins by quoting Jesus saying “I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled!”

As we see the horrendous wildfires spreading across Europe, it would be unwise and unhelpful to place any form of apocalyptic metaphor between our gospel and what is happening in our world at the moment.

Yet the context in which Jesus is speaking to us is as relevant today as when His words were first spoken. There is a serious wake up call within His words, if we see the signs of climate change, complain about the effects these have on us and our world and we still do nothing about then we will suffer, probably are suffering, the consequences of our inaction.

The weather is a great subject of conversation and extreme weather conditions produce a variety of opinions. There will be those who thoroughly enjoy the hot weather and those for whom it's too much. It is a trivial division but a division none the less.

A more serious division concerns why we are enduring extreme weather conditions.

Some say it is a result of climate change; others deny this. These conflicts place the present time very much into the situation Jesus spoke of in Luke 12 49-56. What does climate change tell us of God and how as stewards of His creation we should respond?

At the same time, we are boiling with extreme high temperatures, we are being warned of rocketing fuel prices. This will have a very real impact and fuel poverty is a serious threat for many people. Politicians are divided as to how the government should respond. Once again in the face of crisis we see division.

However, an additional way in which we can respond to fuel price increases is to give serious consideration to how we use fuel. It will not be a complete answer. Fuel poverty is a real and terrible threat, and I'll be reflecting on this in our September Magazine, but as Christians we should consider our response in the context of our concern for the creation of which God is at the heart.

Jesus warns that following his way is likely to bring conflict and division, even within a family.

He also encourages people to see and understand what is really going on in the world, just as they understand that a cloud usually means rain. There are powerful words in this week's reading about the impact of the choice to align yourself with Jesus. And the potential to divide people who choose discipleship over familial loyalty leads to an eruption of emotions from Jesus.

The emotions expressed allow us to see the humanity Jesus shares with us.

He displays vulnerability and, as we think about how he felt, we can take a moment to look at our own vulnerabilities and strong emotions. Is the pain of division that Jesus describes in part his own response to those who refuse to accept his love fully. In all of these situations there is an amount of vulnerability. Being vulnerable, whilst it is a normal part of life, is far from easy and can feel isolating. Jesus' words reveal his humanity and the inevitable vulnerability that goes with that.

This means that he understands our vulnerable response to conflict and division and is thus well placed to support us through it.

Points to pray about

When you look around the world at this present time, what do you see and how do you interpret it?

In what ways can you respond to the threat of climate change?

It is not just individuals who are vulnerable: It can be nations like Ukraine or even the whole world to climate change.

Can you think of any examples of vulnerability that might shape our prayers this week?

Keep joyful, keep the faith, and keep doing the little things, which together make a big difference.

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Please remember those on our prayer list:

Rosemary Begbie, Cole Louise Blackman,
Sarah Byng, Beryl Champion-Smith,
Margaret Dale & family, Harri Gande, Joy Hay,
Spike MacGuire, Christina McCann,
Adrian, Andrea & Amber Pariss, Gemma Peacock,
Christine Ripley, Kevin Slipper, Cheryl Stewart, Martin Tardiff,
Marcus Thrower, Dave Tolhurst, Danielle Tora,
Toni Warrilow, Sean Watson, Nasima Wright

*If you would like to receive prayers or know someone who would,
please contact Rev Paul Mundy on 01825 723186 or church.newick@gmail.com*



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.

Parish News and Information

Diary Dates

Worship 2	Sunday 14 th August 6:00 p.m. St Mary's
Audrey's Prayer Group	Monday 15 th August 2:00 p.m.
Healing Service	Sunday 21 st August 6:00 p.m. St Mary's
Aquatastic Holiday Club	23 rd - 25 th August, 9:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Barcombe
Tea at Three	Thursday 25 th August 3:00 p.m. 4 th Thursday monthly
St Peter and St James Hospice Concert	Saturday 3 rd September Brook Barn, Scaynes Hill
Evensong	Sunday 4 th September 6:00 p.m. St Mary's

If you have any holiday photographs that you would like to share over the coming weeks please send them to

churchoffice.newick@gmail.com



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I lost my girlfriend's audiobook, and now
I'll never hear the end of it.

Prayer requests from Katy Barnwell, August 2022

On September 30th, the first three-year phase of the current Mbembe cluster Bible translation project will come to an end. To summarize what has been achieved during these past three years: In all three Mbembe dialects, for the Old Testament, Genesis, Exodus, Ruth, 1 & 2 Samuel, and 15 selected Psalms have been translated, with printed copies and audio recordings in circulation. And in addition for Mbembe-Adun, the 1985 translation of the gospel of Luke, also Acts, have been revised. These revised translations are now in the “community testing” stage. Pray that the teams can maintain steady progress while achieving the highest quality translation. During August, the Mbembe-Adun team are working on the revision of the translation of the gospel of John. For the Old Testament, translation of 1 & 2 Kings continues.

Pray for health and strength for the translators, especially those (like John Afro) who have ongoing health issues, as reported earlier, John Afro is scheduled to have surgery on his lame leg. He has been continuing to take medications designed to harden the bone in preparation for this operation, and has been advised to report yet again to the hospital in late August, when the surgeon will examine him to judge whether the medications have had the desired effect. If so, the surgery will go ahead at that time – please be praying for that.

Pray that all the translation team members will be blessed themselves as they work on the translation, and that the translated Scriptures will be changing many lives, bringing Mbembe people to know Jesus, and to follow Him with full commitment.

Pray too for protection from accident or any form of attack.

Checking of the translation over Zoom continues. My role is to work with the translators to make sure that the translation is as accurate as possible to the original text. Keep praying for steady power supply and good internet connections.

Concerning my own health issue of osteo-arthritis, I am waiting in line for replacement hip and knee surgery, praying that my turn for this will come soon. I am very thankful that, although walking has become increasingly difficult, I can still spend several hours each day sitting down with my computer, connecting on Zoom to work with the translators in Nigeria.

Appreciating very much your partnership in prayer.

Warmly in Christ



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Sing your story!

Join Intergenerational Opera
for a six week project.

Singing is amazing for the mind, body and soul so why not reach out and connect with other generations in your community as well as learn new skills and communicate through music making!

Intergenerational Opera was founded by two professional opera singers, who met whilst working for Glyndebourne Opera. We are looking for participants aged over 65 for a six week project starting in September with students from St Peter's Primary School, Chailey and Fletching Church of England Primary school.

We meet on a weekly basis for 90 mins of music making, singing and creative communication.

No previous singing experience is necessary!

If you would like to be involved we would love to hear from you, the course is £30.00 per person for the full six sessions and refreshments will be provided during a short break in each session.

If you would like more information or would like to book a place,

please contact **Charlotte Wicks** on **07966621229**

or email Interngenopera@gmail.com visit www.intergenerationalopera.com

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FOOD BANK DONATIONS

As a Church, we support our community helping individuals and families in Newick and surrounds. Food and Household products can be left in the porch at the Church each Sunday; we can then distribute them as needed. If you have a chance to pick up an extra item at the supermarket or are able to add an additional item to your online delivery please be assured that they will be very gratefully received.

'A lot of small donations make a big difference'

If you want to know more please speak to Patsy Bailey

Food Items

Pasta Sauce
Soup
Rice
Tinned tomatoes/Lentils, beans and pulses
Tinned meat/Tinned vegetables
Fruit Tea/ Coffee
Chocolate/ Sweets
Rice Pudding (Tinned) / Sponge Puddings
Jam, Honey, Chocolate Spread - (Not Peanut Butter)
Long Life Juice - Orange/Apple
Cereal

Hygiene Products

Toiletries: – deodorant, toilet rolls, shower gel, shaving gel, shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, tooth paste, hand wipes
Household items: – laundry detergent (liquid, powders, pods etc.) washing up liquid
Feminine products: – sanitary towels and tampons
Baby supplies:-nappies, wipes, food, biscuits

PHOTOGRAPHY CORNER



With thanks to Rebeca Hume for these photographs

St Peter and St James' Hospice

Classical Concert

At Brook Barn, Scaynes Hill

You are invited to this year's concert at Brook Barn, which will take place on Saturday, 3rd September 2022.

The concert will take place in the house, and will commence at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. The doors will be open from 3:30 p.m. onwards. You are welcome to bring a picnic for after the concert if the weather seems favourable on the day.

This year's artists are Oliver Wass, harp, and Leander Kippenberg, cello. These two outstanding artists will be playing music by Debussy, Ravel, Fauré and de Falla, amongst others.

Numbers are limited to 50 people, and tickets are £20. This includes a complimentary glass of wine and a selection of Monika's German cakes. All the proceeds will go to St Peter and St James' Hospice, which is heavily dependent on charitable donations.

Please send the tear-off slip below if you would like tickets. The concert is always a sell-out, and so early application for tickets is recommended. Please note that actual tickets will not be sent out, but an acknowledgement of receipt of payment will be sent by email.

If you cannot make it on the 3rd, we would be very grateful if you would consider making a donation to the hospice.



Please reserve tickets at £20 each for

Name	
Address	
Telephone	
Email address	
Return this slip to: Mike Lavelle Brook Barn Ham Lane Scaynes Hill RH17 7PR	
Cheques payable to: St Peters and St James' Hospice	
I am unable to attend, but enclose a donation of £	



Youth News



Owls Club Newick

We meet in the Church at 10:00 a.m. then move to the Barn Centre and finish in Church at 11:00 a.m.



Owls Club (Newick)

Sunday 15 th May (outside or Reading Room if raining)	May: Pillar of Comfort (Exodus 13:20-22)
Sunday 19 th June (Father's Day)	June: It's All about Fishing (Mark 1:16-20)
Sunday 17 th July	July: Zac's up the tree (Luke 19: 1-10)
August Holiday Club 23 rd /24 th /25 th (No Owls on Sunday)	August 23 rd /24 th /25 th Aquatastic Holiday Club



We continue to follow the Messy Church sessions each month this year with craft/game/story/snacks

Questions?: Email Ali on alibarcombe@gmail.com

An Invitation to the Community Hub

**Meet up with your friends for a coffee
and a chat with our Ukrainian guests**

Every Friday morning 10.00 -12.00

At the Community Centre

**More Info: Patsy Bailey 01825 722590 or
email: shimmyandshake@yahoo.co.uk**

**Cash or toiletry donations (loo rolls,
tissues, etc) very welcome!**



St Mary's Church Services

August 2022

Sunday 7th August 8 th Sunday after Trinity	BCP Holy Communion*	8:00 a.m.
	Family Communion Psalm 50:1-7 Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16 Luke 12:32-40 <i>Preacher: Rev'd Paul Mundy</i>	10:00 a.m.
	Evensong <i>Preacher: Reader Jeremy Burdett</i>	6:00 p.m.
Sunday 14th August 9 th Sunday after Trinity	BCP Holy Communion* <i>Preacher: Fr Martin Morgan</i>	8:00 a.m.
	Morning Worship Jeremiah 23:23-29 Hebrews 11:29-12:2 Luke 12:49-56 <i>Preacher: Reader Geoff Clinton</i>	10:00 a.m.
	Worship 2	6:00 p.m.
Sunday 21st August 10 th Sunday After Trinity	BCP Holy Communion*	8:00 a.m.
	Family Communion Jeremiah 1:4-10 Hebrews 12:18-29 Luke 13:10-17 <i>Preacher: Rev'd Paul Mundy</i>	10:00 a.m.
	Healing Service <i>Preacher: Rev'd Paul Mundy</i>	6:00 p.m.
Sunday 28th August 11 th Sunday after Trinity	BCP Holy Communion* <i>Preacher: Rev'd Paul Mundy</i>	8:00 a.m.
	Holy Communion Jeremiah 2:4-13 Hebrews 13:1-8,15-16 Luke 14:7-14 <i>Preacher: Rev'd Paul Mundy</i>	10:00 a.m.

** Denotes standard Year B Lectionary readings.*

*Also live-streamed on <https://www.facebook.com/saintmarysnewick> and can be seen at [www. https://newickchurch.org/services/](https://newickchurch.org/services/)

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<p>Newick Memory Moments Café</p> 	<p>Meetings take place in the Community Centre Membership is limited though so please ring 01273 494300 to check availability. http://knowdementia.co.uk/moments</p>
<p>Lady Vernon Trust</p> 	<p>“Lady Vernon Trust” For information about grants for educational purposes for young people up to the age of 25 years. Please contact Linda Farmer 01825 722061 or email linda.farmer.1@btinternet.com</p>
<p>Newick Trust</p> 	<p>Relieving Poverty in Newick. For financial support in times of crisis. Contact Geoff 01825 722512</p>
<p>Newick Good Neighbours</p> 	<p>Following the support given through the pandemic via Newick Community Response, there is now a permanent group of volunteers set up via Newick Good Neighbours, who are providing lifts for medical appointments. contact newick.goodneighbours@gmail.com</p>
<p>What3words</p> 	<p>What3words is a geocode system for the communication of locations with a resolution of three metres. What3words encodes geographic coordinates into three dictionary words; the encoding is permanently fixed. For example, St Mary’s Church Newick is located with <code>///rehearsal.caressed.tweed</code> https://what3words.com</p>