

28th April 2024

It's Spring!! - regardless of what the weather says!



Photos courtesy of our Verger Rebecca

Rectors Ramblings

Dear friends,

If you are able to, please go and support Chailey Bonfire Society this Saturday as they hold their St Georges Day Fete, with some wonderful shows and Charity stalls, all as part of their celebrations, including St Peter's Church famous Sweet Tombola, there really is something there for everyone.

St Georges Day can be a controversial, with outpourings of nationalism and racist misinterpretations, and it was challenging for me to be in both schools this week talking about the diversity of St George, at the same time that the Rwanda Bill was being discussed in Parliament, and the flag of St George flying over our cities. Regardless of your thoughts on immigration, the political focus on keeping foreigners out of the country is clear.

Yet St George, our very own Patron Saint, is also patron saint to over 11 countries and cities across Europe and Africa. St George might be hailed as a national hero here, with mystical interpretations of chivalry and dragon slaying, but he was actually born – in the 3rd century AD – more than 2,000 miles away in Cappadocia (modern day Turkey) and was definitely not hailing from anywhere near Britain.

Like many saints, St George was described as a martyr after he died for his Christian faith. It is believed that during the persecutions of the Emperor Diocletian in the early 4th century, St George (a Roman Centurion) was executed for refusing to make a sacrifice in honour of the pagan gods, and persecute and execute his fellow Christians. He is thought to have died in Lydda (modern day Israel) in the Roman province of Palestine in AD 303. It is believed that his tomb was in Lod and was a centre of Christian pilgrimage. There is also some evidence that at some point in history relics were taken from his tomb and it is believed that a couple of finger bones, and pieces of his skull and heart may still reside in the Tower of London!! St George is a wonderful example of how our faith is a journey without borders, covering many different sub stories, embracing, and welcoming difference and diversity along the way.

- Which brings me to wonder, how is your journey of faith going?

Just remember faith is a marathon not a sprint. The idea of running a marathon might grow on you if someone promised you a glass of wine every mile!

Tom Gibley aka 'The wine guy' on TikTok and Instagram, did this at the London Marathon to raise money for an Oxfordshire hospice, achieving 26.2 miles, 25 wines blind tasted, guessing grape variety, country of origin and year of harvest, 7 fully correct, 4 wrong, 14 mostly right and over £10k raised for the Hospice. Thousands of other people ran in fancy dress (Big Ben and a dinosaur both completed the 26 miles).

Another runner George Scholey smashed the record by completing 520 of the puzzles during the run. He was raising money for St John Ambulance and celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the Cube.

- How do you occupy yourself when you are travelling from one place to another? It is possible that you too complete (or try to complete) puzzles, perhaps a glass of wine helps you along the way.

This Sunday our own Andy Jackson will take part in the Ride London 100, to cycle 100miles between London & Essex in one day, on his recumbent trike in aid of the Multiple System Atrophy Trust and you can find his story on his [Just Giving Page](#) and I would encourage you to support Andy's cause if you are able.

More detail and the link to his just giving page again is a few pages on in this Newsletter.

I have friends who have completed the marathon and spoken about the camaraderie among those doing this challenge. Whatever journey you are on, the way of Christian faith has never been recommended as a solo hike.

In our reading from Acts this Sunday the disciples are on the road to Gaza, where Philip meets an Ethiopian who was filling his time by reading.

For him it seems that the words of the Prophet Isaiah were as challenging as solving even one Rubik's Cube might be for many of us. Help was at hand. Philip was able to explain the passage and relate it to the world in which he and the Ethiopian lived. Philip baptised the man and, as a result, the Ethiopian continued his journey rejoicing.

Whatever journey we are on we learn from others; we gain wisdom from their experience; and we feel useful and positive about ourselves when we realise that our own insights are useful to others.

The image of the marathon is helpful as our Christian journey is clearly not a sprint race. We have sections where we struggle, perhaps where we worry if we will finish the race or not, as well as places where everything feels downhill and easy.

- Where are you in the race today?
- Wherever you are, who is around you that is encouraging you and who you can encourage?

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 this week:

830 I the lord of sea and sky

1377 Jesus, be the centre.

352 Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour

During Communion 488 *Rock of ages*

377 Love divine all loves excelling

As always, please remember those on our prayer list:

Daphne Awcock, Francis Bailey, Cole Louise Blackman, Bernice Blundy,
Beryl Campion-Smith, Harri Gande, John and Elizabeth Gould, Rubie Geer,
Juliette Lucas, Helen Lloyd, Spike MacGuire, Christina McCann, Shirley Mansfield,
Derek Marshall, George Morrison, Adrian, Andrea and Amber Pariss, Gemma Peacock, Christine
Ripley,
Rubie (aged 11), Cheryl Stewart, Martin Tardif, Marcus Thrower, Danielle Tora,
Toni Warrilow, Sean Watson, Arthur Wood, 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***

Prayers for Church - Barn Centre every Sunday 9.30-9.45

From May

Prayer Group - Barn Centre every 2nd and 4th Monday 2pm

NB The final fortnightly Prayer Group will be Monday 29th April

Sunday 28th April Fifth Sunday of Easter	8am – BCP Holy Communion <i>Preacher: Rev'd Paul Mundy</i> 10am Holy Communion and Baptism Psalm 22:25-31 Acts 8: 26-40 John 15:1-8* <i>Preacher: Rev'd Paul Mundy</i>
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Services May 2024

Services for May "Clap your hands together, all you peoples; O sing to God with shouts of Joy" Psalm 47	
Sunday 5th May Easter 6	8am - BCP Holy Communion* <i>Preacher: Ian Reekie</i> 10am – All Age Worship Psalm 98 --- Acts 10:44-48 --- John 15:9-17 <i>Preacher: Rev'd Paul Mundy</i> 6pm - Evensong <i>Preacher: Rev'd Paul Mundy</i>
Thursday 9th May	7pm - Ascension Service Daniel 7:9-14 -- Acts 1:1-11 -- Luke 24:44-53 <i>Preacher : Rev'd Paul Mundy</i>
Sunday 12th May 7 th after Easter	BCP Holy Communion* <i>Preacher: Fr Martin Morgan</i> 10am – Holy Communion Ezekiel 36:24-28 -- Acts 1:15-17,21-26 -- John17:6-19 <i>Preacher: Fr Martin Morgan</i> 6pm - Worship 2 <i>Leader: Mandy Stockwell</i>
Sunday 19th May Pentecost Sunday	8am - BCP Holy Communion* <i>Preacher: Ian Reekie</i> 10am Family Communion and Baptism Ezekiel 37:1-14 -- Acts 2:1-21-- John 15:26-27,16:4b-15 Owls Club <i>Preacher: Rev'd Paul Mundy</i>
Sunday 26th May Trinity Sunday	BCP Holy Communion* <i>Preacher Fr Martin Morgan</i> Morning Worship Isaiah 6:1-8 -- Romans 8 :12-17 -- John 3 :1-17 <i>Preacher : Reader Jeremy Burdett</i>
* Denotes standard Year B Lectionary Readings Prayer Meeting for Church Service Every Sunday 9.30 - 9.45 Barn Centre	

Despite moving to Wales, Andy and Loz Jackson remain firm family members of St Mary's and we wanted to share this with you.

Ford London-Essex 100 - 26 May 2024

“10 years ago and 8 years ago I raised somewhere in the region of £10,000 for The Alzheimer's Research UK in memory of my dad, by completing the ride London. 2 years ago I helped WellerFest raise £50,000 by amongst other things cycling Jon O'Groats to Lands End for Brain Tumour Research and Alk positive uk.

Sadly it is my turn, with the assistance, of 2 batteries and my dear friend Andy Gibb and my daughter Madeline Jackson I will complete this year's Ride London Essex 100! cycle 100 miles (in 1 day) all in aid of the Multiple System Atrophy Trust.



This is an incredible challenge, so much so that for the first time it is not an exaggeration to say that being at the start does not guarantee being at the end, but I promise to give it as good a go as I am able, so if you have the time maybe head over to my [Just Giving Page](#) and donate whatever you can. Thank you”.

We are all with you Andy!

Coming up

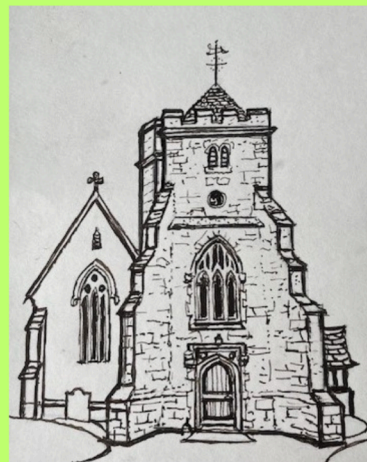
St Mary's Newicks Youth Choir
Sunday 5th May
Barn Centre - 10am - 11am

**Join us for Lunch at
Sutton Hall, Barcombe,
BN8 5EB**

on Friday 10th May 2024 at 12:15



- Support St Mary's Church, Newick and Newick Reading Room.
- Enjoy drinks on the terrace, lunch in The Coach House, a talk on running the Estate and a walk round the garden.
- Plant sales & Raffle.
- Proceeds split 75% Newick Church 25% Newick Reading Room.
- Tickets are £40.00 (inc. sit down lunch).



To buy a ticket please e-mail:-
office@newickandsuttonhall.com



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 12th May 2024, 7.30pm
St. Leonard's Church, Seaford BN25 1HG

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



A message from:

The Reverend Vanessa Baron - Canon Treasurer of Chichester Cathedral

2025 is a special year. It will mark 950 years since this Cathedral moved from Selsey to Chichester. It will also be the Diocesan Year of Faith, as it will be 1700 years since the Council of Nicea, one of the key defining moments in the Christian faith. Throughout 2025 we will be celebrating our faith, both in the Cathedral and across the Diocese. (There will be more detailed publicity about this later in the Spring and we look forward to sharing this with you).

The Cathedral needs your help. We are planning an exhibition in the Cathedral from February – November 2025 and we would like you, the parishes of the Diocese, to help us tell the story of our faith – what it means to us and why it matters.

We have four questions for you.

- 1) As you think back over the last 950 years of the Christian faith in the Diocese of Chichester, do you have any particular heroes or heroines? Who are they and why do they matter to you? (If your church is an Anglo-Saxon one, you can think back to the arrival of St Wilfrid in 681!)
- 2) Is there anyone or anything commemorated in your church that is unusual or that you find interesting? Who or what is it? How does it speak to you of the Christian faith? (For example, you may have a Bible donated in memory of someone who died in battle. You may have a memorial or tombstone to someone who did something memorable.)
- 3) Do you have any Christian memorabilia in your house or church? (For example, a pocket Gospel handed to a soldier on the beach at Dunkirk or a medieval pilgrim badge. Perhaps you have a cookery book in which someone has written prayers or a child's sampler with verses from Scripture.)
- 4) What makes an exhibition interesting for you? What would it need to include to make you visit the Cathedral?

Finally, if any church has any Medieval manuscripts or missals; if there are any Tudor or Stuart Bibles out there, please would you let us know.

The Revd Vanessa Baron, Canon Treasurer of Chichester Cathedral

Action:

If you would like to contribute to this exhibition - please let us know by emailing churchoffice@stmarysnewicks.church . Anything sent must be with us by **close of business**

12th May latest. We will then collate everything and send it over to Reverend Baron.

St Mary's Newicks Youth Choir - Sunday 2nd June

Barn Centre - 10am - 11am

St Mary's Church Newick

Bubbles and Broadway

With
Jo Appleby
&
Andrew Rees

Friday June 7th
7pm

A celebration of
broadway hits.

Tickets £18
(children under 16
go FREE)

Complementary
Pre-show Sparkling
wine and canapés

Book Tickets [here](#) or
scan QR code



Open Garden - a message from Lisa Welton

It's that time of the year again, although our last Open Garden was 2022 so hopefully that engenders fresh interest. We would love to see you at any point during the afternoon into the evening (**Friday 7th June**). Do come for a Pimms and nibbles - we won't be closing shop on the dot of 7pm, especially if the weather is on our side.

- **Home-made teas in the pavilion**
- **Pimms tent from The Royal Oak**
- **Plant sale in the walled garden from Goldcliff Nursery, Ringmer**
- **Carefully selected vintage clothes rail in the Coach House**
- **Elizabeth Hunt Sussex watercolours**
- **Michelle Harley pyrography, ink creations on wood**
- **Parking in the field through the five bar gate.**

To book tickets please visit the hospice website below OR pay at the gate on the day.

Happy Springtime with love,

Lisa



ST PETER & ST JAMES HOSPICE

OPEN

Gardens

May - September 2024

- Refreshments
- Pimms
- Plant sale
- Pop up hospice shop

The Old Rectory
79, Church Road, Newick, BN8 4JZ

Friday June 7th
3pm-7pm £8 Entry

To book tickets please visit www.stpjhospice.org

 Registered with FUNDRAISING REGULATOR

Registered Charity Number: 1056114


St Peter & St James Hospice
Helping Live in the heart of Sussex

Parish Dates for your diary!!
(Outside the regular Sunday Services)

REGULARS

Friday Hub - Community Centre 10-12

Prayers for Church - Barn Centre Sundays 9.30-9.45

Prayer Group - Barn Centre 2nd and 4th Mondays of the Month 2pm

St Mary's Youth Choir - Barn Centre first Sunday of the Month 10am

Owls Club - Barn Centre third Sunday of the Month 10am

PLACEHOLDER IN YOUR DIARY

Uckfield Deanery Confirmation Service - Sunday 30th June 5pm St Mary's



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