St Mary's Newick's Church

4th September 2026

Sunday Service Leaders

8am - Rev Paul

10am - Rev Paul

NEWSLETTER

The content deadline is 10am every Thursday

Anything received after 10am will be included the following week, if appropriate. Thank you

Weekly Newsletter contents:

- Rectors Ramble/alternative
- Monthly Services
- Prayers
- General articles, requests and photo's
- Rolling diary of events
- Posters and Event adverts (St Mary's & beyond)
- Regulars: Babies, Tots, Toddlers and Teens
- Regulars: Adults

Please remember to: check out St Mary's Website which gives you everything you need to know about the Church and what is happening there and in the Barn Centre and - includes a gallery all photo's

Rector’s Ramble

Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

Dear Friends,

It has been a heavy week of news.

On 26th August, a catastrophic flash flood swept down from the Nepal-Tibet border, burying whole settlements in mud within minutes. The death toll has since passed a thousand, with thousands more — including British nationals — still unaccounted for; rescuers have been racing against time to reach workers trapped in flooded hydro-power tunnels, and mass burials have begun for those who could not be identified.

Closer to home, the war in Ukraine ground on regardless, with fresh Russian air attacks on Kyiv this week and renewed hostilities between America and Iran, it is the kind of news that can leave us wondering what, if anything, is stable.

Into that uncertainty, Exodus 12 speaks with startling relevance. The instructions given to the Israelites are for a night of chaos and fear — a plague sweeping through the land, an empire in collapse, a people told to eat in haste with their sandals already on, ready to move. And at the heart of the passage is a mark: blood on the doorposts, a sign that this household belongs to God and will be kept safe as the disaster passes over.

It is not a promise that catastrophe will never touch the world — Egypt still burned that night — but a promise that God's people are known, marked and held through it.

As we think of families in Nepal searching for loved ones, and of a world that feels unusually shaky, that promise of being marked and held matters more than ever.

Paul's words to the Romans meet this same instability with a call to clear-headed love: *"the night is far gone, the day is near… let us live honourably… put on the Lord Jesus Christ."* Whatever we make of a continuing impact of climate change or the relentless grind of war abroad, Paul's answer is not panic but conduct — owe no one anything except to love one another, for love is the fulfilling of the law. In a season defined by upheaval and uncertainty, that is a bracingly simple instruction: whatever changes around us, we are called to be people marked by love rather than by the noise.

Our gospel reading from Matthew then gives us the practical shape of that love within community — how to be reconciled when someone wrongs us, how to seek out relationship rather than division, and the promise that where two or three gather in Christ's name, he is present among them.

It is a template for church life, and, frankly, one the wider world could use just now. We cannot choose this week’s headlines. We can choose to be a people who gather, who reconcile, and who hold one another through hard news rather than adding to it.

Which brings me, thankfully to our own parish family, where there is much to give thanks for. Our blessing of the Possums Izzy dolls on Wednesday was a time of sheer joy, tinged with sadness as we said goodbye and God bless to so many of our Possums children now heading off to Pre-school and Reception.

On Friday our children and staff across our schools have started a new term, and we hold them in prayer as they settle into new classes, new challenges and new friendships — may this be a year of growth for each of them.

This Sunday we are delighted to welcome the Venerable Russell Dewhurst, Archdeacon of Hastings, for his Visitation to St Peter's, Chailey. Visitations are a chance for a parish to be seen, encouraged and held within the wider life of the diocese, and we look forward to his ministry among us.

At the same time, over at St Mary's, we will be rejoicing as Isla Heath who is in Year 4 at Newick Primary and has asked to be baptised on Sunday morning after attending our school assemblies, is welcomed into the family of the Church, marked with the sign of the cross, a sign of belonging, of protection, of new life beginning. Please hold Isla and her family and God parents in your prayers.

Finally, it is with a mixture of sorrow and deep thanksgiving that we come to remember the life of the Reverend Joy Gray, whose funeral will be held at St Mary's on Monday 7th at 2pm. Joy's ministry among us was a living example of our Romans and Matthew readings; a life spent in love of neighbour, in healing, in community, in patient reconciliation, and in quiet faithfulness. We give thanks for all she gave, and we hold her family and all who loved her closely in our prayers this week.

In a fortnight when the news has felt unusually unsteady, we are reminded that the Church's calendar keeps turning regardless: new terms begin, new members are welcomed by water, faithful servants are commended into God's keeping, and the wider Church continues to visit, encourage and hold us to account.

Whatever next week's headlines bring, may we be found doing what Paul asked of us — owing nothing but love.

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 FOR ST MARY'S

- 2231 - 10,000 Reasons
- 40 - Be Still
- 1030 - The Lord's My Shepherd
- 2887 - & My Light House (Video)
- 362 - Lord the Light of your Love is shining

Services St Mary's September 2026

Sunday 6th September The 14th Sunday after Trinity	**8am BCP* Holy Communion** ❖ A beautiful said service in Traditional Language **10am Holy Baptism** ❖ A sung service with Choir and Hymns and Baptism **5pm Evensong** ❖ A Book of Common Prayer sung service with choir and hymns
Sunday 13th September The 15th Sunday After Trinity	**8am BCP* Holy Communion** ❖ A beautiful said service in Traditional Language **10am Holy Communion and Owls Club** ❖ A sung service with choir and hymns **6pm Worship2** ❖ A reflective service with contemporary songs
Sunday 20th September The 16th Sunday after Trinity	**8am BCP* Holy Communion – St Peter's to join St Mary's** ❖ A beautiful said service in Traditional Language **10am Worship & Praise** ❖ A mixed style of service, with both traditional and contemporary elements
Saturday 26th September Order of St Richard Awards	Please pray for Josh Stockwell from St Mary's and Anthony Meadows from St Peter's as they receive the Order of St Richard at Chichester Cathedral
Sunday 27th September The 17th Sunday after Trinity	**8am BCP* Holy Communion – St Peter's to join St Mary's** ❖ A beautiful said service in Traditional Language **10am Holy Communion** ❖ A sung service with Choir and Hymns

*DENOTES STANDARD YEAR C LECTIONARY READINGS

PRAYER MEETINGS FOR CHURCH SERVICES EVERY SUNDAY 9.15 BARN CENTRE

Please remember those on our prayer list:

Francis Bailey, Cole Louise Blackman, Bernice Blundy, Karina Brown, Gabi Brunner, Beryl Campion-Smith, Steve Carter, Jebby Dyson, Harri Gande, Morris Gee, John and Elizabeth Gould, Rubie Geer, Summer Kilgour, Juliette Lucas, 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, Yvette Smith, Cheryl Stewart, Marcus Thrower, 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

MEN'S SUPPER RETURNS!

SAVE THE DATE
FRIDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER
7.00 FOR 7.30 IN THE Barn Centre.

Our guest speaker for the evening will be Jonathan Sharpe, the principal of Newick Wine Estate. Jonathan, Charlotte and their team have created a beautiful vineyard just a few hundred yards from St Mary's. It's a sight to behold – a real eye opener. The wine is rather good, too. I'd always rather looked down on rose, more fool me, but I'm a convert to theirs - a pinot noir/pinot meunier blend which they produce and sell – excellent IMHO and I've been back for more. It's a serious wine. You can taste the rose and their white (Bacchus) at the Crown.

Please call or email me (07770 771653 mcmhume@outlook.com) or catch me at St Mary's to book a place – we need to know numbers for catering. We're limited on space, so book in early please. Cost £7, payable at the door on the night.

Events at St Mary's

- 25th September - Men's Supper
- 10th October - Autumn Garden Day
- 6th November - Ladies Supper
- 20th November - Men's Supper
- 11th - 13th December Christmas Tree Festival
- 12th December - Andy Rees annual Singalong!
- 19th December - East Sussex Concert Band

Posters and information relating to the dates are either in this weekly Newsletter, or will be added as the dates get closer.

New events will be added through the year too, as well as any events being advertised outside of St Mary's so

Keep checking!!…..

CITIZENS ADVICE DATES - NEWICK COMMUNITY CENTRE

Tuesday 14th July, Tuesday 11th August, Tuesday 8th September
Tuesday 13th October, Tuesday 10th November,
Tuesday 8th December

REGULARS AT ST MARY'S

Babies, Tots, Toddlers and Teens

Owlets Babies 'n Tots Group: Chat, refreshments and songs for Mums, Dads,

Grandparents, Carers and their Babies and Tots. Mondays 9.00-10.30am (term Ëme only) in St Mary's Church. Feel free to contact Pam Mundy for more informaËon childrenandfamilies@stmarysnewicks.church

Owls: CraHs, Bible Story, Fun LEGO and Refreshments - usually third Sundays 9.55am - 11am, Feel free to contact Pam Mundy for more informaËon childrenandfamilies@stmarysnewicks.church

Check the Owls Poster on Website, in NewsleÏ ers and up in the Church Porch for dates.

Children's Choir: 1st Sunday of each month 10am - 11am Barn Centre

Email: churchoffice@stmarysnewicks.church

Web: stmarysnewicks.church/youthchoir)

RSCM Voice for Life Sessions - follows the Children's Choir session on 1st Sunday of each month 11am-12pm £5. Email churchoffice@stmarysnewicks.church to register.

NYC & NCT: Fun clubs for the young people of the village. Barn Centre.

Wednesday evenings during term-Ëme. More informaËon: HERE

Email: youth.newick@gmail.com

REGULARS AT ST MARY'S

Adults:

Afternoon Club:

Usually second Thursday of the month. 2.30pm in the Barn Centre.
For detail contact Paddy Cumberledge on 01825 722154 or
Malcolm Smith on 01825 722705

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Citizens Advice:

Now at the Community Centre - details can be found in the Porch of St Mary's or at the Community Centre.

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Lunch Club:

Second Monday of the month in the Barn Centre 12.30pm.

To book your place call 01825 722186

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Mens Meeting:

Monday mornings 7.30am - 8.30am in the Barn Centre

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Prayer Group:

1st and 3rd Monday 2pm Barn Centre
(unless otherwise notified)

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Prayers for Church Services:

Sundays 9.30-9.45am Barn Centre