St Mary's Newick's Church

9th October 2026

8am - Fr Martin

10am - Fr Martin

6pm - Mandy Stockwell

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

Checkout 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 of all photo's

Rector's Ramble

Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 23, Philippians 4.1-9; Matthew 22.1-14

Dear Friends,

Thank you to all who made Harvest Festival at St Mary's such a wonderful day, and I can't wait for more celebrations on Sunday at St Peter's, do come and join us at 10am.

Friday, some of us are attending the Diocesan Rural Conference at Plumpton College with this year's theme of "Being rural: Being Fruitful" with guest speaker Rev Dr Mark Scarlata author of 'Wine, Soil and Salvation", then Friday evening I'm comparing Bubbles & Bingo at Newick Primary, in aid of St Peter & St James Hospice.

Saturday is St Mary's Gardening Day from 9am-1pm, again all are welcome.

But possibly the biggest news is that . . . . . She's back!

The Queen of the Castle with her great knitwear, fringe and of course twenty-one new celebrity guests on the ultimate hunt for the traitors.

And this series has started with a bang. From blowing up a ship on a Scottish loch, to the infectious joy of Richard E Grant on discovering he'd been picked as a traitor to Ross Kemp's immediate paranoia, *Celebrity Traitors* has been a treat! Whether you're watching it or not you probably can't escape the chatter about what's happening and who's actions are looking suspicious.

Of course, the interesting part of *The Traitors*, celebrity or civilian, is the way people behave when trying to identify who the traitors are, based on just their suspicions, vibes and a whole lot of nothing much to go on! Even the best minds in there find it very hard to work it out and even harder to avoid all sorts of group-based behaviours. The British Psychological Society produced a really interesting article about the psychological decision-making at play in the castle.

https://www.bps.org.uk/psychologist/psychology-behind-traitors

Amongst other phenomena, the article discusses normative social influence. This is the idea that we go along with something, not because we necessarily believe it is right, but because we are craving acceptance by the group and therefore safety in that context. Clearly this means that terrible decisions are made with such herd behaviour and just the act of trying to stand up for something different to the

herd immediately makes you the object of suspicion – it's all very complicated. The group are also isolated, tired and have been taken away from their usual norms, all feeding into them making a lot of bad choices.

The Israelites were not trapped in a castle in Scotland, but to some extent were trapped in the desert at Mount Sinai. And it's really fascinating to note that their behaviour reflects some of the same problems the *Celebrity Traitors* are struggling with. Reading Exodus 32 we get a sense of the herd mentality kicking in. The demand for something they knew to be wrong and the switch up to view Moses as a traitor, a concept that clearly spread, quickly led them to the Israelites making some really poor decisions. Even Aaron, with some status as a leader, was not immune to the pressure to go along with something that was a long way from what he knew to be right.

In some ways it's reassuring to see that humans have struggled with the same problems for centuries. The golden calf story draws a line between humankind then and humankind now. We might like to think we would make different decisions, but perhaps not?

Maybe the point is for us to stay as close to the truth as possible. The celebrity traitors are making bad herd choices because they are isolated in a castle and cut off from many of their norms. The Israelites had not seen Moses for a month. They were cut off from the person who had led them, spoke the truth to them and helped them shape their understanding about what was happening. But the reality is that we can always stay close to the truth. God is eternal, ever-present and always close to us.

A relationship with God means we are permanently held in light and truth. Perhaps we need to look at where we are in relation to the divine truth and pray this is the ultimate guide for our lives.

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

- 112 – For the beauty of the earth
- 1200 – Christ, whose Glory Fills the skies
- 646 – All I once held dear
- 27 – As the deer pants
- 120 – From Heaven you Came

Services St Mary's – October 2026

Sunday 4TH October Eighteenth day after Trinity	**8am BCP* Holy Communion** ❖ Reflective spoken service of Holy Communion following the King James Book of Common Prayer **10am Harvest Service & Lunch** ❖ All age Celebration Service for Harvest with traditional hymns and worship songs followed by a community lunch **5pm Evensong** ❖ Following the BCP Evening Prayer with Plain chant, sung psalms and hymns
Sunday 11th October Nineteenth day after Trinity	**8am BCP* Holy Communion** ❖ Reflective spoken service of Holy Communion following the King James Book of Common Prayer **10am Holy Communion** ❖ Parish Communion Service with Choir & Congregational hymns involving the whole parish family **6pm Worship2** ❖ Joyful and Spirit Filled service of modern worship
Sunday 18th October Twentieth Sunday after Trinity	**8am BCP* Holy Communion** ❖ Reflective spoken service of Holy Communion following the King James Book of Common Prayer **10am Worship Praise & Owls** ❖ Service of worship and praise with Kids Club – ○ **This month with our guest speaker from Compassion UK** **4pm Thanksgiving Service & Afternoon Tea** ❖ A reflective service of Thanksgiving for all those who have lost a loved one recently, or who would welcome the opportunity to come together and remember a loved one, within the company of others
Sunday 25th October Last Sunday after Trinity Remember – clocks go back!	**8am BCP* Holy Communion** ❖ Reflective spoken service of Holy Communion following the King James Book of Common Prayer **10am Morning Worship** ❖ Joyful celebration of Worship& Praise, God's Word and Prayer

***DENOTES STANDARD YEAR A LECTIONARY READINGS**

PRAYER MEETINGS FOR CHURCH SERVICES EVERY SUNDAY 9.30 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, Rosie Hallett, 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

St Peter's Chailey's Church

St Mary's Newick's Church

STOP PRESS

Children, Youth & Families Minister (CYFM)

Good news for our children, young people and families!

We are delighted to announce that the Diocesan Board met on Thursday 8th October and has approved our application for funding for a new Children, Youth & Families Minister.

This is a wonderful step forward for our parishes. It will help us strengthen our work with children, young people and families, both in our churches and in the wider communities. Thank you to everyone who has prayed for and supported this application along the way.

Formal paperwork from the diocese is due shortly, and more details will follow in the next edition of the magazine, including plans for recruitment and how you can get involved.

Please continue to hold this new venture in your prayers.

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Thank you so much Newick School, Pre School - and everyone....

Enjoy the Harvest Flowers.....

ST MARY'S GARDEN DAY

SATURDAY 10TH OCTOBER

9AM START WITH COFFEE AND CAKE - (DONATIONS ALWAYS WELCOMED)

LUNCH PROVIDED AND ALL HELP MUCH APPRECIATED

St Mary's Newick's Church

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Christmas Trees

Its a lovely weekend and as usual there will be entertainment, music and food so - make a note in your diary to pop along and support

St Mary's and St Peters & St James Hospice.

11th - 13th December

East Sussex Fire & Rescue Service

Free Electric Blanket and Heat Pad Testing 2026

Monday 19th October		
Robertsbridge Village Hall	Station Road, TN32 5DG	10.00 - 12.00
Crowborough Fire Station:	Beacon Road, TN6 1AF	14.00 - 16.00
Tuesday 20th October		
Hove Fire Station	English Close, BN3 7EE	10.00- 12.00
Seaford Fire Station	Cradle Hill, BN25 3JA	14.00 - 16.00
Wednesday 21st October		
Bexhill Fire Station	Beeching Road, TN39 3LB	09.00- 12.00
Hastings, Bohemia Road Fire Station	Hastings TN34 1EX	14.00- 16.00
Thursday 22nd October		
Eastbourne Fire Station	Whitley Road, BN22 8LA	10.00-12.00
Uckfield Fire Station	Bell Farm Rd, TN22 1BA	14.00 - 16.00

Bring your electric blanket and/or heat pad along for a **FREE** safety check at any of the above events. If you are unable to attend, please ask a friend or neighbour to bring your blanket for you.

East Sussex Fire & Rescue Service working with partners for your safety

East Sussex Fire & Rescue Service

www.esfrs.org

Message from Lee Buck - Newick & Chailey Youth Worker

We are delighted to offer a February Retreat for our Yr8 – Yr13 youth members. It follows a similar format to Maycamp, but is for our youth only. We have a limited number of spaces, so please register your child's interest asap to secure a place.

Any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

youth.newick@gmail.com - 07543 511181

Events at St Mary's

- 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

**** Due to unforeseen circumstances Ladies Supper has had to be postponed**

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 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 time only) in St Mary's Church. Feel free to contact Pam Mundy for more information childrenandfamilies@stmarysnewicks.church

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

Check the Owls Poster on Website, in Newsletters 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-time. More information: 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