

Dear friends,

Much love and continued prayers from the Rectory at St Mary's Newick.

A heard the Covid-19 pandemic described as a 'Coronacoaster' well this week has definitely been a time of highs and lows. We have commemorated 75 years since the end of war in Europe whilst we are in the midst of a very different kind of battle. We have celebrated together whilst remaining apart and for many the weeks of lockdown are beginning to show signs of strain on our mental wellbeing; keep talking to each other, keep reaching out and please don't struggle alone.

This week has also seen the unexpected death of a dear friend. Please continue to pray for the family of Brian Hay and especially for Joy, Jenni & Graham, Stephen & Nathalie, Emily, Charlie, Matthew & Thomas. We give thanks for Brian's service to our church and his incredible and unswerving faith in God.

I know how hard this news has hit so many of us at St Mary's Newick, but we believe in a God who heals wounds gently and effectively, leaving a scar that is a reminder of love given and received. May Brian Rest in Peace, and Rise in Glory and may we model our faith on his service and fellowship.

Thank you to Andy Rees for our opening hymn recorded earlier with the Morriston Orpheus, and to Andy and Jo for the wonderful rendition of 'We'll meet again' , we will be looking forward to the next concert at St Peter's Chailey when we are allowed and the renovation works are completed.

Thank you to reader Dr Loz Jackson for our Gospel Reading, our intercessions from Churchwarden Alan Young and of course our editor Josh Stockwell.

If anyone would be interested in recording a reading or intercessions please let me know by emailing church.newick@gmail.com and I will draw up a rota for the coming weeks.

Tune into Ali at 10am this morning with more stories and fun and crafty ideas for this Sunday

Our service this morning is available on the Church website under services <https://newickchurch.org/services-2/> or here by clicking on the Vimeo link below [Sunday 10th May https://vimeo.com/416754514](https://vimeo.com/416754514)

(you don't have to download Vimeo to open the link) just click on here: <https://vimeo.com/416754514>

Please send us in any photos you have taken over the Bank holiday weekend that capture the essence of village life here in Newick, Chailey or Barcombe.

Thank you for all who joined me in commemorating a two-minute national silence at 11am on Friday and for Ken Farmer for playing the Last Post and Reveille

Thank you to Ash & Mandy Stockwell for putting together the NEASSA fun family 'Virtual Village Quiz' to remember the armed services on VE75 Day it was great fun, we raised over £450, and I cant imagine how much work went into putting that together. Well done to all who took part especially Alex Jomiru who beat me by six second on my own question !

Our online service from Newick will be at 10.30 followed by a Zoom Café at 11.15 Paul Mundy is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Cafe Church

Time: May 10, 2020 11:15 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85973580367?pwd=eUVSNORWWXFoVUIEbHhyaWRDZ0w2QT09>

Meeting ID: 859 7358 0367

Password: 045756

Our services have been prepared for you to use at home, as due to the current situation we are unable enter our Church building together, either here in Newick or in our neighbouring parishes, but the life of the church continues in the community, in our homes, in our prayer and pastoral ministry. If you are a joining us from further away, welcome, and if you would like to message us, we would love to be praying for you via church.newick@gmail.com or through our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/saintmarysnewick/>

We will keep everyone up to date, broadcast services and times of prayer, on our Church Facebook page and continue to build a sense of community during this time of isolation through the Newick Community Resource

Page https://www.facebook.com/groups/798875173939553/?ref=group_header

Much love to you all, stay in touch, stay safe, stay well & where possible stay at home.

Paul x