

Dear friends,

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

As I said in church last Sunday, and quoting those two great messengers of Peace and Love, Benni & Bijon "Mamma mia, here (we) go again!"

This week, England has begun our second national lockdown, and the other nations of the UK continue to live and work through their own 'circuit breakers'. I know that many of us will be spending increasing amounts of time and energy thinking through the implications of COVID-19 on enabling our church and community to mark Remembrance, observe Advent and celebrate Christmas, not knowing how current or future restrictions - or freedoms - will affect the plans that are developing. We will be trying to listen to a myriad of voices and meet a myriad of needs.

In these next few weeks, can I encourage you to give yourself permission to prioritise your own mental and spiritual wellbeing. Through the noise of those asking for help may you hear the gentle voice of the One who speaks to you saying, 'well done, good and faithful servant'.

We are of course going back to our weekly online services with a little difference.

From this Sunday 8th November we will broadcast an 8am Book of Common Prayer Communion on our St Mary's Facebook page, the order of service is attached to this email, and if you want to join us please tune in with a little bread and if available a drop of fortified wine (port or sherry)

Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/saintmarysnewick/>

Regarding Remembrance Sunday I just wanted to clarify that there will be virtual remembrance service in Newick. This will be hosted via St Mary's Church Newick via Facebook live or a Zoom call (for those not on Facebook).

Date: Sunday 8th November (Tomorrow)

Time: 10.45am

St Mary's Church, Newick - Facebook page

Or

Zoom details

are: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87800398369?pwd=SjBWdFk0cElFVHB4blpLUFFpeWN4UT09>

Please remember to keep your audio on mute and ideally your camera turned off.

At 11am please keep the live stream running, but step onto your front door step to hear the maroon (load bang) start the 2mins silence and a maroon at 11.02 then head back inside for the reading of the names etc. Obviously if you have pets, you may want to just stay inside.

Please feel free to share these details with friends and family

We are going to start our Zoom café again but this Sunday it will be at 5pm and we would love for you to join

us;

Paul Mundy is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Zoom Cafe

Time: Nov 8, 2020 05:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89196027817?pwd=dCtvRmkyV2l5dFNDbk0rcUZ1U1N5Zz09>

Meeting ID: 891 9602 7817

Passcode: 702650

On Wednesday 11th November at 7pm, I have been invited by Bishop Will to attend a private service of institution, as your new incumbent of Newick, and it is my absolute privilege to accept this post.

This will mean that I become your Rector of St Mary's from this Wednesday evening, and I thank you all for your love and support over the last 5 years. In normal circumstances we would have had a service in church, followed by a sausage roll and a glass of sherry, and Bishop Will has insisted that once the restrictions are lifted we do just that, by holding an Induction Service in the usual way.

Going forward we will be live streaming a 10am Service via Vimeo and if anyone would be interested in pre-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.

Please send us in any photos you have taken over the week that capture the essence of village life here in Newick, Chailey or Barcombe, and we can share them on our weekly newsletter. churchoffice.newick@gmail.com

Thank you to Ash & Josh Stockwell, Simon Stevens, Paul Antrobus and Paul Scrase for putting together the NEASSA Service of Remembrance.

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.

Your Rector elect



Paul x