

## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

### Curious about faith? Come and try Alpha

The Alpha Course is running in March,  
The Garden Room, All Saints Church:



Wednesday Evenings, 7.30-9pm, starting 12th March Thursday  
Mornings, 10-11.30am, starting 13th March. Everyone welcome.

### Dates for Diary

**Hunger lunches** at Sandfield House in aid of Turning Tides. The cost is £7.50 per head, the time is 12.30 and the dates are March 10, 17, and 31st. Please book a place by phoning me on 01903 724129.

**This year's walk of witness** will be on April 18th starting at St Mary's in Littlehampton at 11am ending with a service at LUC & Trinity Church.

**Singalong Mamma Mia** S M M Lyminster on Saturday 5th April at 7.30. No tickets, just donations at the door for Lyminster outreach fun. Keep the date for a fun evening.

## PRAYER LIST

Michael Weaver, Sue, John Raywood, Tina Ward, Brian McAvilley, Sarah's family, Richard and his Father. *Please email names for prayer list to Jonathan Black at the Wick Information Centre.*



# 9 March 2025

Welcome to St Mary Magdalene Church, Lyminster and to our church building which has been a place of worship for nearly 1,000 years. If you are visiting, or this is your first time here, please make yourself known to one of the welcomers.

We hope that you feel welcome and able to share in the good news of Jesus our risen Lord and Saviour. Please contact Lisa, priest in charge of St. Mary Magdalene and All Saints Wick, Churchwardens or welcomers if you'd like to, and please stay to get to know us better after the service. This week's service will be led by Revd Bill Meyers.

### ALL ENQUIRIES

#### Our Clergy

Rev'd Lisa Fairman-Brown Priest in charge  
email [minister@allsaintswick.org.uk](mailto:minister@allsaintswick.org.uk)  
Mobile: 07925 275184

#### Viv Prior (Warden)

vivienneprior1@gmail.com 01903 716021

HYMNS NUMBERS WILL BE ON BOARD

### **COLLECT for The First Sunday of Lent**

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Preaching Series: Faith Foundations - Exploring the Nicene Creed**  
**Jesus Christ, begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light**

## BIBLE READINGS

### Psalm 27

1 The Lord is my light and my salvation – whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life – of whom shall I be afraid? 2 When the wicked advance against me to devour me, it is my enemies and my foes who will stumble and fall. 3 Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then I will be confident. 4 One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple. 5 For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock. 6 Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me; at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the Lord. 7 Hear my voice when I call, Lord; be merciful to me and answer me. 8 My heart says of you, 'Seek his face!' Your face, Lord, I will seek. 9 Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper. Do not reject me or forsake me, God my Saviour. 10 Though my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will receive me. 11 Teach me your way, Lord; lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors. 12 Do not hand me over to the desire of my foes, for false witnesses rise up against me, spouting malicious accusations. 13 I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. 14 Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.

### 1 John 1:1-7

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched – this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. 2 The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. 3 We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. 4 We write this to make our joy complete. 5 This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. 6 If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. 7

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

### John 8:12-20

12 When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.' 13 The Pharisees challenged him, 'Here you are, appearing as your own witness; your testimony is not valid.' 14 Jesus answered, 'Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid, for I know where I came from and where I am going. But you have no idea where I come from or where I am going. 15 You judge by human standards; I pass judgment on no one. 16 But if I do judge, my decisions are true, because I am not alone. I stand with the Father, who sent me. 17 In your own Law it is written that the testimony of two witnesses is true. 18 I am one who testifies for myself; my other witness is the Father, who sent me.' 19 Then they asked him, 'Where is your father?' 'You do not know me or my Father,' Jesus replied. 'If you knew me, you would know my Father also.' 20 He spoke these words while teaching in the temple courts near the place where the offerings were put. Yet no one seized him, because his hour had not yet come.

## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Due to Jo's retirement from Church secretary SMM now urgently requires someone to take her place, please see Lisa or Viv. If at all interested in helping the church in this way.

A revised **Church Electoral Roll** is being compiled. To be included on the Roll you need to have been baptised, be over 16 and have completed the appropriate form which is available from the Church Wardens. The Roll will close on the 22nd April, 2025, and will then be displayed prior to the Annual General Meeting.

According to the shops Easter is around the corner, we will again this year try to give Easter eggs out to the less fortunate in our area, if possible please donate Eggs. Thanking you in advance

## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

### Appraisal and Feedback on the Temporary Service Pattern

We would like everyone to have the opportunity to offer their reflections on the temporary service pattern which we have been running since the start of the year. (8.30am BCP, 9.30am All Together Service, 11am Communion Service, 4pm All Together Communion Service) Which Services have you been coming to/not? What have you appreciated? What has been challenging? The PCC, who represent the whole congregation of St Mary Magdalene will be reviewing all the feedback from Bishop Ruth's service pattern and this is the opportunity for everyone who wants to feedback and share their opinion. Please do let your PCC know in whichever way is most convenient to you - either speak to Viv or myself at services or via email or phone, or directly to anyone on the PCC. The next PCC meeting is Tuesday 11th March and this will be the opportunity for us to gather and review everyone's views.

Rev Lisa Fairman-Brown - [minister@allsaintswick.org.uk](mailto:minister@allsaintswick.org.uk) - 07925 275184  
Viv Prior, Church Warden - [vivienneprior1@gmail.com](mailto:vivienneprior1@gmail.com) - 01903 716021

**Pray group for S M M** will be at Gills 3rd Wednesday of the month commencing at 7.30. Please join us if you can. S M M Needs you. If you need the address speak to Gill or Viv.

Please sign Tea and coffee rota for 9.30, 11am and 4pm services, to enable us to have a short social time after each service.

### Lent 2025 – Ask the Lord of the Harvest

As we begin this season of Lent, forty days (not including Sundays) up to Easter Sunday, imagine with me what difference we would experience as we, Jesus' followers in this present generation, allow ourselves to be filled with His Spirit so that we might radically (deep in our hearts) know the presence, love and companionship of Jesus right where we find ourselves?

As God's people here at All Saints and St Mary Magdalene, we want to have a growing presence in our local community. Imagine then as His Spirit-filled disciples we follow Jesus into our local community. I wonder what might happen over time in and among our neighbours?

Pause to be still, receive the love of the Father poured into your heart by His Spirit.

Read Luke 10:25-37 (The Good Samaritan)

1. Who are the Samaritans in your street?
2. What reasons might you have for not getting to know your neighbours?
3. Can you imagine some of the problems your neighbours might be facing right now, that you don't know about?

**Neighbour Challenge 1:** List five neighbours from five different homes. Commit to pray for these neighbours every day for the 40 days of Lent. If you don't know their names, ask God to present opportunities for you to get to know five neighbour's names this week.

**Prayer of blessing:** Lord Jesus, thank you for my neighbours, may they know your unfailing love and the comfort of your guiding hand.  
(Psalm 21:7)