

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Prayers for S M M Will restart this coming Wednesday 22.01-25 7-30 at Gills. then monthly on the 3rd wednesday of the Month . eg February 19.02.25 Please join us S M M Needs you.

The first 4pm service was well attended and well received by all who attended. The Hot dogs were a big hit, please spread the news about this service. It is a great way for older and younger members of the church family to connect.

Gerry is still collecting used postage stamps.

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.

Alpha Taster Session – Wednesday 29th January 7.30pm or Thursday 30th January 10am. A one hour 'try-before-you-decide' experience. Garden Room, All Saints Church. Book via Lisa (minister@allsaintswick.org.uk) or just come along.

We are very sad to announce that Sandy lost her long battle with cancer on Sunday 5th January now free from pain and safe in the arms of Jesus. Sandy's funeral will take place at S M M .on Thursday January 30th at 2pm. Our Prayers for John and all the family for comfort and God's Grace at this sad time.

Sadly Joan Barratt passed away over the Christmas Season .Prayers for Mary and family at this sad time.

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.*



19 January 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. The service today is led by Rev'd Lisa Fairman Brown, Michael & Mike.

ALL ENQUIRIES

Our Clergy

Rev'd Lisa Fairman-Brown Priest in charge
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HYMN NUMBERS SEE SHEETS

COLLECT for The Second Sunday of Epiphany

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.

BIBLE READINGS

Exodus 19:6

6 you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation." These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites.'

Isaiah 61:6

6 And you will be called priests of the Lord, you will be named ministers of our God. You will feed on the wealth of nations, and in their riches you will boast.

1 Peter 2: 5-9

5 you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6 For in Scripture it says: 'See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.' 7 Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, 'The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,'

8 and, 'A stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall.' They stumble because they disobey the message – which is also what they were destined for. 9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

Dates for Diary

Trial Service Pattern – During our continuing partial vacancy:

	Lyminster Church BN17 7QJ	Wick Hall BN17 7JS	All Saints Church, Wick BN17 7JT
Sunday Week 1	4pm - All together communion service	10.30am All Together Service	9am Communion Service
Sunday Week 2	11am - Communion Service	10.3am Communion Service	9am Communion Service
Sunday Week 3	9.30am All Together Service	10.30am Communion Service	9am Service of the Word
Sunday Week 4	11am - BCP Communion Service	10.30am Service of the Word	9am Communion Service
5 th Sunday	11.00 - Communion Service	10.30 Service of the Word	9am Communion Service

Bringing The Kingdom of God Near

'Nobody has ever prayed for me like that before,'
If you caught the mini-interview last Sunday at Wick Hall with Jeannette who heads up our Tots on Tuesday ministry, you will know that these are the words of one of the parents who comes along to our group. One of our helpers was just alongside them listening to what's going on for them, and responded with loving care including the offer to pray. Imagine with me what might be the path of faith this precious person might embark upon because of one saint saying, 'May I pray for you?' I am constantly amazed at how many people are open to being prayed for when they are asked. Perhaps it's a conversation with a colleague, with a shop assistant, or somebody who is alongside you enjoying the sunset over West Beach... it turns out there are opportunities in all sorts of unexpected places. Last week I was walking one way along the sea front when two women asked if I might take their photograph as it was the birthday of one of them. I took their picture, wished her a happy birthday, we exchanged a word or two more and I went on my way. A few paces on and I was saying to myself 'You missed the opportunity! Oh well...', a few paces more and still bothered, I looked back and saw they were still in the spot looking at the photos. I drew courage, went back thinking 'Nothing to lose' and said that I had come back, was just thinking about it being a special day for them and said, 'I'm a Christian and I go to a church where we pray for people. Is there anything I can pray for you, especially as it's your birthday?' Mostly people will say, 'for my family, my health, for peace...', sometimes they say 'No, you're alright', and that's also fine, but occasionally we have the privilege of someone entrusting us with a small glimpse into what they are facing. It was so on this occasion and it led in one sentence or two, for them to perhaps realise that 'The kingdom of God has come near.' I agree with the founder of the 24/7 Prayer movement Pete Grieg when he says, 'I don't believe in the power of prayer. I believe in the power of God. So I ask for his help. A lot.' Last week at All Saints and St Mary Magdalene, we thought about Jesus' baptism. His next recorded words, upon his return from the wilderness, in Matthew and Mark's eye witness accounts is, 'The time has come, the kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!' When we join in with God's mission and offer to pray for people, His kingdom is being brought near. When the opportunity arises,

whether amongst us as church or out and about, very simply offering, 'Can I pray for you about ...' and then keeping our eyes open, saying a simple and short prayer of God's blessing, encouragement or help, might just be the glimpse of His kingdom brought near for that person. After all, as we fully obey God and keep his covenant, we are all a kingdom of ministers for our God, just as it tells us in our reading in Exodus for this Sunday. Let's worship God together, praise and thank him for his power and ask for his help. A lot.

One Hour Alpha Taster next week

Wednesday, 29th January, 7.30pm,
The Garden Room, All Saints Church
Thursday, 30th January, 10am,
The Garden Room, All Saints Church

Re-kindle your faith? We would love you to come along again to Alpha. Know someone who might be exploring, open-minded, still thinking, curious...? Who are you inviting? Please be praying for our Alpha Course. Everyone's welcome. You're invited, no matter your background or beliefs. It's free, there's lovely cake, meet some of the team, watch a short introductory film clip and see what you think.



The English Arts Choral performs Bach's St Matthew Passion

On Saturday 29th March, conductor Leslie Olive directs the English Arts Choral and Orchestra in a performance in English in the wonderful acoustic of Chichester's beautiful cathedral. The fully professional orchestra is drawn from London's leading orchestras. Six talented young professional soloists perform Bach's glorious arias, with tenor James Micklethwaite taking the leading role of the storyteller, known as "The Evangelist". The cast of performers is completed by a youth choir from St Bede's School in Redhill, Surrey. Tickets for this memorable performance are set at £35, £25 and £15 (full-time students £6) and are available from www.thenovium.org/boxoffice (01243 816525) or www.englisharts.org (07901 604905).