

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

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.

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

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 last date Monday 31st and is fully booked. The previous ones have been well attended and enjoyed.

Thank you Fran and David for all your hard work

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, 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.*



23 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

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HYMNS NUMBERS

585 The Church's one foundation

532 O for a closer walk with God

469 I heard the voice of Jesus

621 Who would true valour see

COLLECT for The Third Sunday of Lent

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Preaching Series: Faith Foundations – Exploring the Nicene Creed Jesus Christ, of one being with the Father

BIBLE READINGS

Psalms 101

1 I will sing of your love and justice; to you, Lord, I will sing praise. 2 I will be careful to lead a blameless life – when will you come to me? I will conduct the affairs of my house with a blameless heart. 3 I will not look with approval on anything that is vile. I hate what faithless people do; I will have no part in it. 4 The perverse of heart shall be far from me; I will have nothing to do with what is evil. 5 Whoever slanders their neighbour in secret, I will put to silence; whoever has haughty eyes and a proud heart, I will not tolerate. 6 My eyes will be on the faithful in the land, that they may dwell with me; the one whose way of life is blameless will minister to me. 7 No one who practises deceit will dwell in my house; no one who speaks falsely will stand in my presence. 8 Every morning I will put to silence all the wicked in the land; I will cut off every evildoer from the city of the Lord.

1 John 2:15-23

15 Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. 16 For everything in the world – the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life – comes not from the Father but from the world. 17 The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives for ever. 18 Dear children, this is the last hour; and as you have heard that the antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come. This is how we know it is the last hour. 19 They went out from us, but they did not really belong to us. For if they had belonged to us, they would have remained with us; but their going showed that none of them belonged to us. 20 But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of you know the truth. 21 I do not write to you because you do not know the truth, but because you do know it and because no lie comes from the truth. 22

Who is the liar? It is whoever denies that Jesus is the Christ. Such a person is the antichrist – denying the Father and the Son. 23 No one who denies the Son has the Father; whoever acknowledges the Son has the Father also.

John 10:22-38

22 Then came the Festival of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, 23 and Jesus was in the temple courts walking in Solomon's Colonnade. 24 The Jews who were there gathered round him, saying, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' 25 Jesus answered, 'I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father's name testify about me, 26 but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. 27 My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. 30 I and the Father are one.' 31 Again his Jewish opponents picked up stones to stone him, 32 but Jesus said to them, 'I have shown you many good works from the Father. For which of these do you stone me?' 33 'We are not stoning you for any good work,' they replied, 'but for blasphemy, because you, a mere man, claim to be God.' 34 Jesus answered them, 'Is it not written in your Law, "I have said you are 'gods'"? 35 If he called them "gods", to whom the word of God came – and Scripture cannot be set aside – 36 what about the one whom the Father set apart as his very own and sent into the world? Why then do you accuse me of blasphemy because I said, "I am God's Son"? 37 Do not believe me unless I do the works of my Father. 38 But if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me, and I in the Father.'

With love in our hearts...

How are you getting on praying for your neighbours? I know it's made me more attentive to them, rather than just noticing them, it's helped me pause and pray. Reading Matthew 7: 1-29 got me thinking once more about our neighbours. It is said that we make judgments about people all the time yet Jesus tells us, we are not to judge others, regardless of what we think or feel about them. In judging others, we are bringing judgment on ourselves. Jesus also teaches us in Matthew 7 to ask God in prayer for the things that we would like to see in our lives and the lives of others. When we ask though, we need to be asking with the right motives, with love in our hearts and our focus on God and not what we can get from Him. Imagine if every one of us prayed regularly and with passion for our streets. How many lives would be transformed?

Neighbour Challenge 3: Think of a neighbour who lives a completely different lifestyle to you, or a neighbour from a different religious or cultural background. Look for opportunities to get to know them and pray for them with the same love which God has for them.

Prayer of blessing: Heavenly Father, I choose to love my neighbour. Where they may have fears or doubts, where their heart is in turmoil, quiet them and give them renewed hope and cheer (Psalm 94:19 Living Bible)

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Next Sunday, 30th March: Service time - 11am Communion Service

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.

Hungry/Thirsty for more of Jesus? New Wine Festival 2025 - You are invited! A few of us from All Saints and local churches will be going to the New Wine Summer Festival and will be camping or gathering as 'one village' and we'd love to go together as All Saints and St Mary Magdalene and join with hundreds of churches from across the country. Biblical teaching - Spirit-filled worship - Brilliant kids' and youth' streams It's taking place Wednesday 30th July to Monday 4th August at the Bath Showground, Shepton Mallet. New Wine is a Spirit-empowered movement bringing this nation back to Jesus - through the local Church - one renewed life at a time and the Summer Festival is a chance to gather together to connect with God, connect with one another, and connect with our Churches as we collectively seek the Holy Spirit's power, presence and guidance, so that the rest of the year we can be part of what God is doing in our nation. If you've never been and would love a taster watch the New Wine Festival 2024 highlights video by clicking here.

<https://youtu.be/4XjckFUqQUM?si=ALbiHAMlhEaKCI5l>

Do get in touch with Lisa if you want to find out more!