

New Hour of Worship in Littlehampton with Hope Rising 4th Sunday of the month at United Reform/Trinity Church, High Street, Littlehampton. 6.30 refreshments. 7-8pm worship.

National Day of Prayer & Worship (NDOPW) invites you to join the 32 Days of on-line (Zoom) 24/32 Prayer (5th Jan to 5th Feb). The link is: www.ndopw.com/dailyprayer. You may join at any time.

Praying the News: As we read or watch the news, let it move us to prayer rather than despair. Each story is an invitation to bring our world, its leaders, and its suffering to God in hope and trust.

Praying for Wick and Kingley Gate – Road of the Week: **Globe Place**.

Dear Lord, We place the name of Jesus over **Globe Place** – all who live, work and travel there. May they know the light of your presence, the joy of your peace and the hope of your guidance. We ask this in Jesus' powerful name. Amen.

Pray for wholeness and healing: For Sandra Ostler, Eileen Vause, Marian Ayres, Don Ellis, Angie Johnson, Nancy Fellows, Jeff, Gill Haworth, the Batchelors, Ian, Sarah's family & relatives of church family: Norman (Jenny Tillman's brother), and Jamie Colclough (Val Stewart's son).

If you would like something about All Saints or other local churches publicised or would like your name added / taken off the prayer request list above please email Jonathan Black: wickinformation@gmail.com

All Saints Wick **Sunday 1 February**
Know, Love & Follow Jesus **The Blessings of the Kingdom**

Our Purpose: Deeply know, love and follow Jesus

A warm welcome to All Saints Church, Wick. We are a diverse church family, welcoming people of all ages and stages of life. On Sundays we gather to worship, pray, and engage with the Bible, encouraging one another in faith, with groups and activities running throughout the week. We hope you feel at home with us.

We offer a range of services to suit different styles. At 9am we gather at All Saints Church for a traditional service, usually with Holy Communion and hymns. Our 10:30am service at Wick Hall is informal, with refreshments from 10am, children's and youth groups, and worship led by a band. On the first Sunday of the month we meet together as one church family, and on the second Sunday at 7pm we gather for extended worship and prayer. During the week, we also meet in small groups, mostly in the evenings, with some daytime groups available. We also have a popular midweek communion service, Wednesdays, 9.30am.

www.allSaintsWick.org.uk

Facebook and Private All Saints Wick Group

To contact Lisa, our Priest in Charge – rev.lyminsterwick@gmail.com / 07925 275184. Lisa is not generally available on Fridays which is her rest day.

OTHER SERVICES AND MEETINGS

Knit and Natter – Mondays 10.15am-12pm in The Garden Room at All Saints

Tots on Tuesday – 10am -11am at Wick Hall. Term time only.

The Garden Room Cafe and Information 1st Tuesday of the month 10- 12

Midweek Service – Wednesdays, 9.30am in All Saints

Coffee Morning – Fridays 9.30am – 12pm in All Saints

Church Prayer Gathering – 3rd Sunday of the month **6-7pm** at All Saints

COLLECT (Worldwide Anglican prayer) for The The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

God of heaven, you send the gospel to the ends of the earth and your messengers to every nation: send your Holy Spirit to transform us by the good news of everlasting life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Jesus' kingdom is wonderfully upside down. In the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12), blessing is found not in strength or success, but in poverty of spirit, meekness, mercy, and hunger for righteousness. Last weekend, for those who were able to join the All Saints Day of Prayer, we were reminded that the way into that kingdom is not trying hard, but drawing close.

So many spoke of enjoying the stillness as we sat quietly, each one leaning into intimacy with God. No agenda. Just presence.

What if that became our starting point every day? Before projects and work assignments. Before worship services and PCC meetings. Before planning and decision-making. Not asking first, What should we do? But Who are we with? The upside-down kingdom always begins there.

All Saints Day of Prayer – Huge thank you to all who made the day possible, especial thanks to Jeannette and Dave Sax, and Liz Brooks. Thank you to everyone who came and gave the day to drawing close to God.

Testimony this Sunday at the 9am – Come and hear. What about you, have you got a short testimony of God impacting your life?

Turn the Battle Prayer Hour– Last week we joined in the national call to prayer and hosted three separate hours of exciting passionate prayer, and so let's press on. Join us this week on Wednesday 4 th February 5.30pm-6.30pm at All Saints Church.

When the Church prays, things shift: Turn the Battle Isaiah 28:6 'He will be a spirit of justice to the one who sits in judgment, a source of strength to those who turn back the battle at the gate.'

BIBLE READING

Verses of prophecy from the book of Isaiah 61:1-3

1 The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, 2 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, 3 and provide for those who grieve in Zion – to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendour.

Matthew 5:1-12

1 Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, 2 and he began to teach them. He said: 3 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. 5 Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. 6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. 7 Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. 8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. 9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. 10 Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 'Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. 12 Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

SERMON NOTES – What's God been saying to you today?

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

New Preaching Series: Isaiah Fulfilled – Meeting Jesus in Matthew’s Gospel

We will be focussing on the eye-witness account of Jesus in Matthew’s gospel and seeing how he deliberately frames Jesus as the fulfilment of the prophecies given through Isaiah some 700 years earlier.

Ladies Group – Meet on Friday 6th Feb 7pm at Viv’s home to talk about what we will be arranging for the coming months meetings.

Service of Thanksgiving and Celebration for the Life of Alison Manchester –

Thursday 12th February, 1.30pm You are warmly invited to the Service of Thanksgiving & Celebration for the Life of Alison on Thursday 12th February at 1.30pm at Wick Hall. A private service will be held at the Crematorium. Everyone is also invited to stay for refreshments after the Thanksgiving Service and to continue sharing memories of Alison. Please continue to hold Alison’s family in your prayers, and be mindful of one another as we share this sadness together as Christ’s body.

Testimonies: Many of you will have testimonies of God’s goodness in a myriad of ways over the last year. It would be so good to share it with your church family, please get in touch with Lisa or let her know.

Giving in different ways: Thank you for all the ways that you are contributing to the life of All Saints Wick. Thank you that many of you give by serving on teams. We would absolutely love to welcome you to serve on our many different teams here. We are particularly looking to strengthen our Children’s Team (All Saints is committed to keeping everyone safe, DBS clearance and safeguarding training is required) And see our other team needs listed later. Thank you for the way you give to all involved in our mission and ministry through your prayers for us, and for God’s mission through All Saints. Finally, thank you, for your generous giving, and if you would like to find out about that, you can go to the giving page on our website <https://www.allSaintswick.org.uk/45/Members>. We do encourage you, if you consider yourself a regular worshipping member of All Saints to consider this.

Do you like cleaning? I am looking for volunteers to go on a rota to clean All Saints Church. I am hoping we get enough volunteers to be able to do it once a month. Please contact Karen: karenmas@hotmail.co.uk or 07722841821

Volunteers needed to help with refreshments at our 10.30am service. If you would like to join our refreshments team, please contact or speak to Liz.

Sung Worship at the 10.30 – We are looking to strengthen our worship team. If you can sing or play an instrument, have a heart for creating space for people to worship, and would like to join us, please contact Steve Bridgeman on 07968 224505. Or just have a face to face chat! Thank you.

Alpha Course – Come and join us for Week 2. We had a great start last Wednesday night, we are moving into the church where it will be more spacious, same great atmosphere and the cake will follow us. Come and see as we consider ‘Who is Jesus?’ For the explorers, curious, still thinking. Wednesday 4 th February, 7.30pm

New Wine Festival 2026 – As we look ahead to the summer. Join us this summer at New Wine Festival 2026! 28 July – 2 August, at the Bath & West Showground for a powerful week of worship, teaching, age-specific programmes, and time together as the wider church family. Our Church, along with churches from across the nation will gather, to be refreshed, inspired, and encounter God together in worship, teaching, and the power of the Holy Spirit and to enjoy meaningful time with others on the same journey. All Saints has its own mini village on the campsite, a number of us are already booked. Book now at festival.new-wine.org

Electoral Roll Officer – The PCC voted to appoint Liz Brooks, in her role as Parish Office Development Lead, as electoral roll officer owing to the post sadly becoming vacant on Alison’s death.

Electoral Roll – Should you be on our Electoral Roll? We would love all those who consider All Saints as their church to sign up to our Electoral Roll. It is a way of saying ‘I belong’ – it’s an act of commitment to All Saints and to the Church as a whole.

We want to show the world that the Church is alive – will you help us? Being on the electoral roll of a church allows you to vote at the church's annual meeting (APCM). Ours takes place each April.

To be on our electoral roll you need to:

- have worshipped at All Saints Wick regularly for at least six months or live in the parish,
- have been baptised
- be at least 16 years old

The period for joining the current roll is open until the week before the next APCM on Sunday 26th April 2026 and you can sign up by filling in a form (available on our website or from Lisa). Then please hand it to our Church Wardens or Priest-in-Charge.

Safeguarding Training Renewal Reminder emails Some of you may have received a Basic Awareness Training Renewal Reminder from the training portal. Just to clarify this:- the training portal is run by the National Church of England, not the Diocese. Therefore, the Diocese has no say over these reminders. Those of you who have to do the Foundation or Leadership training modules as part of the Safeguarding training necessary for your Church role have only to renew the highest level you need every 3 years. If you receive the email reminder from the training portal, please check with me before doing anything to make sure it is required. Thank you for all you are doing to keep our church and its groups safe. Julia Eastaugh – Parish Safeguarding Officer. Safeguarding@allsaintswick.org.uk

ChurchSuite sign up Thank you to everyone who has already signed up to ChurchSuite and our new members directory. If you haven't already, please could we encourage you to do so now? Because of changes to the limits on the free system we use to send out this newsletter (Mailchimp), we are having to move over to using ChurchSuite for email distribution earlier than anticipated. If you have been having trouble registering, please feel free to email Liz Brooks (officeallsaintswick@gmail.com) or catch her at the end of a service and ask her to sign you up. She can add you and will then send you a link for you to set yourself up with a user name and password. You need to complete your details and decide which of them you want to be visible to access the directory in the future. You won't be able to access the directory unless you are listed in it. If you no longer want to receive this newsletter, please also let us know so we can delete you from our list. Thank you for your help with this.