

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: **Griffin Crescent**.

Dear Lord, We place the name of Jesus over **Griffin Crescent** - 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 Richard Fernando, Malcolm Nicholls, Dan, Sandra Ostler, Marian Ayres, Angie Johnson, Nancy Fellows, the Batchelors, Eileen Vause, Jeff, 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

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All Saints Wick

Know, Love & Follow Jesus

Sunday 1 March

'The Servant Who Restores Body and Soul'

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.

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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 Second Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lent – When the Lord gently asks: Is your heart aligned with your actions?

In Matthew's eye-witness account, Jesus warns about those who, 'Do not practice what they preach' (23:3). Outwardly everything looks right, yet inwardly something is out of step. Lent gives us space to notice that gap and bring us back to integrity before God.

It is possible to appear composed, faithful, and coping yet privately be struggling. One woman, known for her hospitality and reliable volunteering, admitted after a bereavement, 'I didn't think I was allowed to fall apart.' Her actions looked strong outwardly; her heart was weary.

The Lord isn't asking us for a performance and Psalm 51 reminds us, 'Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.' (ESV)

Lent invites us to bring our real hearts to God, to let His grace bring our inner life and outward living back into alignment. This week, here is one simple, practical way we can let God's grace loose in us:

The Discipline of honest prayer – Set aside a few quiet minutes each day to speak plainly to the Lord not the polished version of yourself, but the real one. Use words from Psalms such as Psalm 51: "Create in me a clean heart, O God." Name what is true, it might be fatigue, resentment, fear, thankfulness or... and place it before Him. Would you either do this now or schedule when you will do this today?.

Save the date – Sussex Prayer for Revival, 6–9pm, Friday 6 th March hosted this time by St Peter's Church Brighton. Please let Lisa know if you are planning to go.

Come to a Psalm Roar, 7 th March! Sing the Spirit-given songs of Christ! A Psalm Roar is a gathering to sing a variety of psalms in a variety of styles. We aim for singing that is enthusiastic, robust, loud and encouraging! Psalm Roars are suitable for those with no musical background. We want to see the psalms restored to their proper place in Christian worship.

Book a place at Psalm Roar Sussex, 7th March. Bishop Hannington Church, Hove. www.psalmsroar.org/sussex

BIBLE READING

Verses of prophecy from the book of Isaiah 33:24

24 No one living in Zion will say, 'I am ill'; and the sins of those who dwell there will be forgiven.

Matthew 9:1-13, 27-31

1 Jesus stepped into a boat, crossed over and came to his own town. 2 Some men brought to him a paralysed man, lying on a mat. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the man, 'Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven.' 3 At this, some of the teachers of the law said to themselves, 'This fellow is blaspheming!' 4 Knowing their thoughts, Jesus said, 'Why do you entertain evil thoughts in your hearts? 5 Which is easier: to say, "Your sins are forgiven," or to say, "Get up and walk"? 6 But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.' So he said to the paralysed man, 'Get up, take your mat and go home.' 7 Then the man got up and went home. 8 When the crowd saw this, they were filled with awe; and they praised God, who had given such authority to man. 9 As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. 'Follow me,' he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him. 10 While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. 11 When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?' 12 On hearing this, Jesus said, 'It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but those who are ill. 13 But go and learn what this means: "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.'

27 As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed him, calling out, 'Have mercy on us, Son of David!' 28 When he had gone indoors, the blind men came to him, and he asked them, 'Do you believe that I am able to do this?' 'Yes, Lord,' they replied. 29 Then he touched their eyes and said, 'According to your faith let it be done to you'; 30 and their sight was restored. Jesus warned them sternly, 'See that no one knows about this.' 31 But they went out and spread the news about him all over that region.

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

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Ladies Group – Friday March 6th at Viv's home 7pm, where she will demonstrate a flower arrangement. then you arrange yours, cost £6
Please let her know if you are coming by Wednesday March 4th.

Our next Men's Ministry breakfast is on Saturday 21 March 9am – 10.30am
In the small hall & kitchen Wick hall Aaron Colhoun is our speaker & he will share his amazing testimony. Bacon Sausage & egg baps will be served for which I suggest a £5 donation. Please include in notices for All Saints Wick 9 & 10.30 and Lyminster Church please.

Church family invited: Retreat Day at the Alpha Holy Spirit Away Day, Bishop's Palace, Chichester. Saturday 28th March, 10am–4pm. More details coming soon.

I am once again asking for donations of Easter Eggs to distribute to homeless and those in temporary accommodation around our town. This year there are more than ever, so please spread a little Christian Joy and drop eggs in the box to be found in church, with grateful thanks – Viv Prior