

Praying for One Another

Prayer is the oxygen of spiritual life, it's not just something we do, it is how our spiritual life grows and develops. It is a way of life which consciously focuses and centre upon God. Prayer is how we learn to hear the voice of God and recognise His ways.

Praying the News: Rather than switching off the news, consider praying for each news story for we are called to bring the world and it's needs to God in prayer.

Praying For Others: One of our Church family mentioned that whenever she sees a plane in the sky she prays for the crew and passengers. Why not try it? But don't just pray for air passengers, pray for those you see in cars, buses and trains. It could transform their lives as well as our own journey as we are held up in traffic, stop to cross a road or wait at a level crossing!

Praying for our Church family: This week we give thanks to God and pray for all those involved in Knit & Natter..

Pray for wholeness and healing: For Angie Johnson, Pauline Latter, Nancy Fellows, Jeff, Dan and Beccy Jenkins, Margaret Millidge, Gill Haworth, the Batchelors, Susan, Ian, Sarah's family & relatives of church family: Sophie, Jean, Jamie Colclough (Val Stewart's son).

Praying for Wick and Kingley Gate – Road of the Week: Bignor Walk.
Dear Lord, We place the name of Jesus over Bignor Walk – 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.

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 4 May Know, Love & Follow Jesus We believe in the Holy Spirit

Welcome to All Saints, Wick. We are one Church, meeting on Sundays in All Saints (9am) and Wick Hall (10am for refreshments, service starts 10:30am). If you are visiting, please make yourself known to one of our welcomers.

We have groups for children and youth during our service in Wick Hall, apart from the 1st Sunday of the month when we have an All In Together service.

Above all we hope that you feel welcome, and able to share in the good news of Jesus our risen Saviour.

Our Clergy

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Lisa is not generally available on Fridays which is her family/rest day

CONTACT DETAILS

We've setup a detailed contact list on the church website for different areas of church life:

<https://www.allsaintswick.org.uk/428/Contact>

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 am to 12 noon.

Midweek Service – Wednesdays, 9.30am in All Saints

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

In person prayer gathering – 3rd Sunday of the month **6-7pm** at All Saints

COLLECT (Worldwide Anglican prayer) for The Third Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father.

We believe in the Holy Spirit

So, after an epic section in the middle of the Nicene Creed series where line after line is about Jesus, we move onto the third section of the Creed and the third person of the Trinity, as we go on to declare, “We believe in the Holy Spirit.” As we declare this we are effectively saying: I believe God is with me—always. I believe He gives me strength when I feel weak. I believe He helps me live like Jesus—even when it’s hard. I believe He guides me and helps me understand God’s Word. Do you believe this? Ask God now to help you believe it, and live like you do. Jesus called the Holy Spirit “what my Father has promised.” He’s a gift—not something we earn. Jesus says to ask and receive. So today, let’s say yes to that gift.

BIBLE READING

Ezekiel 36:16–29,

16 Again the word of the Lord came to me: 17 ‘Son of man, when the people of Israel were living in their own land, they defiled it by their conduct and their actions. Their conduct was like a woman’s monthly uncleanness in my sight. 18 So I poured out my wrath on them because they had shed blood in the land and because they had defiled it with their idols. 19 I dispersed them among the nations, and they were scattered through the countries; I judged them according to their conduct and their actions. 20 And wherever they went among the nations they profaned my holy name, for it was said of them, “These are the Lord’s people, and yet they had to leave his land.” 21 I had concern for my holy name, which the people of Israel profaned among the nations where they had gone. 22 ‘Therefore say to the Israelites, “This is what the Sovereign Lord says: it is not for your sake, people of Israel, that I am going to do these things, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations where you have gone. 23 I will show the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, the name you have profaned among them. Then the nations will know that I am the Lord, declares the Sovereign Lord, when I am proved holy through you before their eyes. 24 “For I will take you out of the nations; I will gather you from all the countries and bring you back into your own land. 25 I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. 26 I will give you a new heart and put

a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. 27 And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. 28 Then you will live in the land I gave your ancestors; you will be my people, and I will be your God. 29 I will save you from all your uncleanness. I will call for the corn and make it plentiful and will not bring famine upon you.

John 3:1–15

1 Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. 2 He came to Jesus at night and said, ‘Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.’ 3 Jesus replied, ‘Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.’ 4 ‘How can someone be born when they are old?’ Nicodemus asked. ‘Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!’ 5 Jesus answered, ‘Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. 6 Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. 7 You should not be surprised at my saying, “You must be born again.” 8 The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.’ 9 ‘How can this be?’ Nicodemus asked. 10 ‘You are Israel’s teacher,’ said Jesus, ‘and do you not understand these things? 11 Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. 12 I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? 13 No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven – the Son of Man. 14 Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, 15 that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.’

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

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

2025 APCM

Sunday 27th April, 12 noon, All Saints Church

Thanks to everyone that came to the All Saints Wick APCM on 27th April. It was a great time to look back on the last year and thank the Lord for his provision and all he has done in and through us this year, but also to all those who have served and contributed to church life and mission. We are thrilled to announce the outcome of the elections:

Churchwardens

Our churchwardens for the next year are Ann Macaulay and Jane Hicks. Please pray for them; they have important legal responsibilities, but they also hold a vital spiritual, pastoral and missional role of leadership.

PCC members

The people elected to serve on PCC for the next 3 years are Mark Wilson, Steve Barber, George Hicks, Peter May and Chris Nairne; Carol Groves was re-elected. They join serving PCC members – Perry Eastaugh, Jenny Tillman, Janet Webb, Phil Wotton, Peter Horne.

Lea Stavrou was elected as Deanery Synod Representative filling the casual vacancy and joining serving representatives: Janice Betson, Alison Manister and Jeannette Sax. Thank you to all who are willing to serve our church and the wider church in this way for the coming year. Please be praying for every member.

Two priorities for us all going forward as Church:

1. Grow in Prayer

For us to remain vibrant and fruitful both individually and collectively as Church, we need the blessing and covering of God. Who among us doesn't need to grow in our prayer life? Yet prayer – talking and listening to God, is the most exciting adventure of our life. At the APCM, we took an immediate step by taking the names of five people who are on the new All Saints' electoral roll; and if we did, we are committing to pray for 'our five' whether we know them or not every week for 52 weeks. If you are on the electoral roll – you are being prayed for! But, if you are not on our electoral roll, please don't miss out. Let me know you would you like your name added to our church family prayer list, I want if possible everybody who calls All Saints home to be prayed for (email me: minister@allsaintswick.org.uk). Our children and young people who are registered with Super Saints and Youth

are prayed for by those teams. Several suggestions have already come in of how people would like to grow in prayer. What would you like to start up or see start up at All Saints around prayer?

2. Grow in Friendship and Hospitality

We don't all know each other as well as we might like, 'We know who we know' but beyond that we haven't had so many opportunities to get to know one another. 'Can we wear our name badges again?' several have said. Yes, this is a great idea! It's hard to learn everyone's names but helping one another by wearing our name badges and being intentional about learning one or two each week is a great place to start. Let's spend time in one another's company outside of church services, and we did this last Sunday with our...

First Picnic of the Year – With many thanks to all who came and enjoyed one another's company at the picnic following the APCM. A number said they would like to do more of this, either in the sunny Church garden as we did on Sunday, or at the beach, in the park; also bringing back 'open house' invitations was a suggestion. Let us know what you are organising and we could include it in the News Sheet!

Are you hiding a light under a bushel?

Dear Church Family, As we approach our APCM, it feels the right time to highlight an upcoming challenge we face as a family, to see how we might be able to solve it together. Our wonderful Churchwardens, Ann and Clare have been so incredibly committed to making All Saints function, especially during our vacancy, and we have been truly spoiled by the amount of time they have dedicated to our church. But now the time has come for Clare to step down after 7 years. Thank you, Clare, and Jon, for carrying so many church jobs for so long, often under the radar. You have gone well above and beyond what is expected of any Churchwardens and we are truly grateful for all you have done and continue to do. We don't know what we would have done without you, and that makes you, Clare, a hard act to follow! In fact, it's been so hard, that we haven't found a willing replacement yet! Our concern now is that we may only have one Churchwarden, Ann, from our APCM onwards. So, we've been looking at how we can split up the tasks Clare and Ann have been managing for our services, buildings and other commitments into more manageable chunks that can be shared more widely amongst our church family – including you! We are blessed with a wide range of skills and experience across our congregations and

love seeing everyone bring them together for the benefit of our community. So, are you hiding a light under a bushel? Do you have a spare hour or two or more a month that you could offer to help make things happen?

You might not be able to move chairs, but could you sit by the door and count how many people come to our services once a month at your regular service? Or perhaps you could be in charge of the communion bread at one of the services you attend each month? These roles are just as important as the “bigger” or more visible roles, but Ann and I would be so grateful not to have to think about them each week! There’s such a wide range of things we’re looking for help with and many of them can be shared too. By setting up teams and rotas for each task, there would be a pool of people who could ask each other for cover as well. The sorts of other things that need adding to rotas (mostly at Wick Hall) include:

- Setting up the AV equipment
- Operating the AV
- Getting out and putting back the banners each Sunday
- The defibrillator needs a check once a week (that must be recorded)
- Lighting the candles ten minutes before the start of a service
- Carrying out fire extinguisher/lightning conductor checks as needed
- Opening up the church or hall for tradespeople etc. and reading a book or working while they work
- Doing a weekly check of the heating times for the main hall on the phone app and making sure they match the needs of the bookings
- Basic DIY (painting, maintenance)
- Gardening
- Back up cover for refreshments and set up teams
- Sweeping up at the end of the service

Brief descriptions of the roles will be added to our website shortly with details of what’s involved. We’ll include the links in the newsletter when they’re ready. If you would like to offer a little time for something that has not been mentioned, please do drop an email to Lisa or Ann to see how it could be applied. Basically, we want to spread the load so that nobody feels burdened by everything that has to be done. Ann’s role can then be that of a more traditional Churchwarden and she can be a point of contact rather than the ‘doer’ of everything that needs doing. And, if you think that all this delegation makes the role of Churchwarden something you would like to explore, please speak to Lisa, thank you! One last thing: please don’t worry if you can’t help at the moment – there is a time for everything and a place for everyone and we get that. As we move into this new season, let’s belong, believe and become even more united as we pull together!

Saturday 10th May – There’s a lot happening!

Alpha Away Day – 10th May The Alpha Away Day for St Mary Magdalene & All Saints Wick is taking place on Saturday 10th May 10am – 4pm at St Mary’s Church Hall, Climping. This is a highlight of the Alpha Course as we take a day out from our usual pattern to consider the person and work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. If you would like to join us for this day, you would be most welcome. Booking essential – please email Lisa at rev@lyminsterwick.org.uk.

Arundel & Bognor Deanery Pilgrimage to the Cathedral – 10th May Join others for a day of spiritual reflection and community walking from Barnham to Chichester Cathedral as part of the Diocese Year of Faith. A walk of just over 9 miles, mostly following the path of the disused Chichester Canal before ending up at the cathedral in time for Evensong. You will need to come dressed appropriately for the weather and carry a packed lunch, water and snacks for the day. We will pause at different moments to enhance our pilgrimage experience. The walk is largely level but will include some rough paths, stiles and roadside walking. We recommend dogs only join us if they are comfortable walking on the lead. 10am – 5pm. Booking in here. Please note that the Arundel & Bognor deanery are not accepting any liability for your safety on this walk. Please make sure you are fit for the walk and wearing appropriate clothing and footwear.

Vocation Day – 10th May A day for anyone who is wondering whether God might be calling them to ordained ministry in the Church of England. You may have already taken some steps down this route – or you may never have thought about it until now! Either way, the day will help you think, talk and pray through this question. Partners are also welcome to attend. At St Mary’s Church, Horsham. Speakers to include Bishop Ruth and the Revd Giles Carpenter, Director of Vocations. Further information, please email Annie Compton and also do let Lisa know!

Notice from St.Mary Magdalene, Lyminster: SAVE the date Church Barn Dance Saturday 12th July will confirm details in the following weeks.

Baptism & Confirmation – Want to find out more? Please get in touch with Lisa. There is a Deanery Confirmation Service on Wednesday 4th June and we have a number of candidates, please be praying for all who are considering baptism and confirmation at this time.