

PRAYER REQUESTS

The churchwardens value your continued prayers during the vacancy. Please pray for Rev'd Lisa Fairman-Brown and her family as she prepares to take up her post as Priest in charge of All Saints and Lyminster and they prepare to move.

For Nancy Fellows, Jeff, Viv and Ron Jones, Dan and Beccy Jenkins, Steve Legg, John Baker, Margaret Millidge, Sue Moss, Dennis Elson, Gill Haworth, Maureen Perry, the Batchelors, Jonathan Black, Susan, Ian, Alex Penfold and Imogen her daughter and her son-in-law, Sarah's family & relatives of church family: Sophie, Jean, 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

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 every Tuesday 10 am to 12 noon.

Midweek Communion - Wednesdays, 9.30am in All Saints

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

Splat! - fun-filled faith celebration for 45 mins with stories, music, craft, games and the Bible. 1st Sunday of the month starting at 9:30 at Wick Hall.

Online Prayer - 1st Sunday of the month **7:30-8:15pm** on zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88323153741?pwd=TIIsSBSseWFhcEtVFRuQUFVeFpUQT09>;

Meeting ID: 883 2315 3741; Passcode: 343191

The 8pm - worship, hear from God, receive prayer. 2nd Sunday of the month 8-9pm at Wick Hall. Refreshments from 7:45pm.

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

All Saints Wick Sunday 5 May:
Malta
Know, Love & Follow Jesus

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.

Inside you will find our Bible reading for today, the church's prayer for this week and news of what's going on in the life of our church family.

We have groups for children and youth during our service in Wick Hall, apart from the 1st Sunday each month when we have Splat! at 9:30am for all ages. On the 1st Sunday refreshments are served in the small hall between Splat! and the 10:30am service.

We tend to stand to sing and at the beginning of communion but please do what you feel comfortable with. In Wick Hall the toilets are up the stairs and to the left or flat access is through the back door and round under the covered walkway.

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

CONTACT DETAILS

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

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

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

Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father.

BIBLE READING

Acts 27:27 – 28:6

27 On the fourteenth night we were still being driven across the Adriatic Sea, when about midnight the sailors sensed they were approaching land. 28 They took soundings and found that the water was forty metres deep. A short time later they took soundings again and found it was thirty metres deep. 29 Fearing that we would be dashed against the rocks, they dropped four anchors from the stern and prayed for daylight. 30 In an attempt to escape from the ship, the sailors let the lifeboat down into the sea, pretending they were going to lower some anchors from the bow. 31 Then Paul said to the centurion and the soldiers, 'Unless these men stay with the ship, you cannot be saved.' 32 So the soldiers cut the ropes that held the lifeboat and let it drift away. 33 Just before dawn Paul urged them all to eat. 'For the last fourteen days,' he said, 'you have been in constant suspense and have gone without food – you haven't eaten anything. 34 Now I urge you to take some food. You need it to survive. Not one of you will lose a single hair from his head.' 35 After he said this, he took some bread and gave thanks to God in front of them all. Then he broke it and began to eat. 36 They were all encouraged and ate some food themselves. 37 Altogether there were 276 of us on board. 38 When they had eaten as much as they wanted, they lightened the ship by throwing the grain into the sea. 39 When daylight came, they did not recognise the land, but they saw a bay with a sandy beach, where they decided to run the ship aground if they could. 40 Cutting loose the anchors, they left them in the sea and at the same time untied the ropes that held the rudders. Then they hoisted the foresail to the wind and made for the beach. 41 But the ship struck a sand-bar and ran aground. The bow stuck fast and would not move, and the stern was broken to pieces by the pounding of the surf. 42 The soldiers planned to kill the prisoners to prevent any of them from swimming away and escaping. 43 But the centurion wanted to spare Paul's life and kept them from carrying out their plan. He ordered those who could swim to jump overboard first and get to land. 44 The rest were to get there on planks or on other pieces of the ship. In this way everyone reached land safely.

Chapter 28

1 Once safely on shore, we found out that the island was called Malta. 2 The islanders showed us unusual kindness. They built a fire and welcomed us all because it was raining and cold. 3 Paul gathered a pile of brushwood and, as he put it on the fire, a viper, driven out by the heat, fastened itself on his hand. 4 When the islanders saw the snake hanging from his hand, they said to each other, 'This man must be a murderer; for though he escaped from the sea, the goddess Justice has not allowed him to live.' 5 But Paul shook the snake off into the fire and suffered no ill effects. 6 The people expected him to swell up or

suddenly fall dead; but after waiting a long time and seeing nothing unusual happen to him, they changed their minds and said he was a god.

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

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Save the date – We are planning a farewell tea for Nat, Connie and the family, Sunday 19th May 3–5 pm. The tea will be held at Wick Hall, all are welcome. There will be a sign up sheet at the Sunday service, please add your name so we have a rough idea of numbers. There will also be some food suggestions and corresponding sheet for those who are able to contribute to the event.

The Sussex Snowdrop Trust is holding a charity walk on Sunday 12th May at Arundel Castle Park. If anyone is interested or would like more information please contact Jenny Tillman

Nat & Connie will be moving to Angmering at the end of May in preparation for Nat taking up his role as Curate at St. Margaret's Church. If you would like to contribute to a leaving gift for them please do this by bank transfer to the PCC account reference Nat & Connie or place cash in an envelope marked Nat & Connie on the collecting plate at the back of church or in the hall.

All Saints – Men's Meeting How do we navigate in a world of deception? Come and Hear Steve Jennings from Maybridge Church Worthing. On: Thursday 30 May at 7.00 p.m. At: 115 Arundel Road Littlehampton BN17 7DH Steve is a great speaker and will help you understand how to seek truth in a deceptive world as an ex Jehovah's Witness. He'll discuss how he broke from the JW's and found peace in the truth.

Sacred Space – Sat. 11th May 2024 Rev'd Steve Gurr is leading a day of exploration on what we understand by 'sacred space', how it benefits our own spiritual journey and how it may benefit those we journey alongside. The event will be held at Micklepage, Nuthurst, Nr Horsham. £80 Please email Steve at ss.gurr@gmail.com for more details or see <https://www.chichester.anglican.org/events/2024/05/11/sacred-space-its-value-you-and-those-you-accompany/>