

The National Day of Prayer & Worship (NDOPW) invites you to join the 72 hours of prayer from midnight on Thursday 11th December to midnight on Sunday 14th December. The link is: www.ndopw.com/dailyprayer. You may join at any time. Also, be sure to watch Songs of Praise on Sunday 14th December at 1.15pm on BBC1

Please be Praying – for all our Christmas Events, Services, Preparations, Volunteers, Visitors, Conversations and Connections with our Friends, Neighbours and Community. Please also be praying the same for churches right across our corner of the country as well as those you are connected with elsewhere. May this Christmas be the beginning of newness of life in Jesus for all sorts of people who come to or connect with the local church.

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 our Church family: This week we give thanks to God and pray for our PCC Secretary: Pour out your wisdom, grace and strength upon her, Lord'.

Praying for Wick and Kingley Gate – Road of the Week: **Falcon Gardens.**

Dear Lord, We place the name of Jesus over **Falcon Gardens** – 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 Justine, Eileen Vause, Marian Ayres, Don Ellis, David & Margaret Millidge, Angie Johnson, Nancy Fellows, Jeff, Dan and Beccy Jenkins, Gill Haworth, the Batchelors, Susan, Ian, Sarah's family & relatives of church family: Sophie, Jean, Jamie Colclough (Val Stewart's son), Steve (Jonathan Black's Dad).

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 7 December
Know, Love & Follow Jesus The Judge will return

Our Purpose: Know, Love & Follow Jesus

A very warm welcome to All Saints Church, Wick. We are a community of all kinds of people – All ages and stages of life. We offer a variety of services on a Sunday and have various groups through the week. We hope everyone from the youngest to the oldest will feel at home. Sunday is a big day for us when we worship, pray, engage with the Bible, and encourage one another in our faith.

Our 9 am traditional service at All Saints Church normally includes holy communion with hymns. Our 10:30 am at Wick Hall is an informal service, (10 am for refreshments) includes groups for children and young people and we sing with a band. On the first Sunday of the month, we have an All Together Service for the whole church family. Our 7 pm Service, once a month (2nd Sunday) is where we meet for a time of extended sung worship and prayer as we expectantly wait to hear what God is saying to us. A Church of Small Groups – During The week the church family meets together in small groups. Most groups meet in the evening, but there are some daytime ones.

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

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

COLLECT (Worldwide Anglican prayer) for The Second Sunday of Advent

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God.

Eternal Life: The Gift God Gives, the Gift We Need

This week at our midweek service we had the joy of baptising Wendy, a new sister in Christ who has been wonderfully captivated by Jesus. In fact, she shared with me that the gap between Sunday worship and Wednesday worship... and then Wednesday to Sunday... feels too long. Would that this would be true for all of us, that our hearts would once again be captured, stirred, and held fast by the Lord Jesus!

In the sermon we reflected on eternal life: the gift we need and the gift God so freely gives. Advent helps us reflect on the power of that gift. It teaches us to wait with expectation, to lift our eyes beyond the routines and pressures of the week, and to remember that life – true, unshakeable, everlasting life, comes only from God.

Eternal life begins in the love of God. It is not something we earn or achieve; it is something Jesus offers. As we saw in Wendy's baptism, eternal life begins the moment we put our trust in Christ. It is God placing within us a new heart, a new hope, and a new future.

But eternal life is not just about now. It is also about the day that is coming. I love this verse from this Sunday's reading, it points us to that breath-taking promise: 'In keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.' 2 Peter 3:13. Are we truly looking forward to that day? Do we let it shape our hopes, our priorities, our worship? Jesus will return. He will renew all things. He will wipe away every tear and make everything new. How utterly captivating is that?

Wendy's eagerness for worship, her delight in Christ, her longing to gather with his people is a beautiful reminder to us all. Eternal life is not a distant theological idea; it is a present reality and a coming glory. It is life with God now, and life with God forever. At the midweek service we have been listening to the worship song

May Jesus renew in us the same joy, the same hunger, the same wonder. And today may we lift our eyes to the One who came, the One who is with us now, and the One who will come again.

BIBLE READING

2 Peter 3:3–14

3 Above all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. 4 They will say, 'Where is this "coming" he promised? Ever since our ancestors died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation.' 5 But they deliberately forget that long ago by God's word the heavens came into being and the earth was formed out of water and by water. 6 By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed. 7 By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly. 8 But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: with the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. 9 The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. 10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare. 11 Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives 12 as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. 13 But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells. 14 So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him.

Malachi 3:1–4

1 'I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come,' says the Lord Almighty. 2 But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap. 3 He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the Lord will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness, 4 and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the Lord, as in days gone by, as in former years.

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

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Shine Your Light – Carol Singing in Wick to bless our neighbours.

Thursday 11 th December 6.15– 7.45 and Friday 12 th December 6.15–7.45pm. Our lead singer will guide us on a pre-planned route, we will start by praying together at church , then go out with carol sheets and stop at particular places to sing, for some of us to post invitations or offer chocolates and prayer for those coming out to listen. Please bring a torch and some sparkle, wrap up warm and bring a heart to bless our community. Stay-home prayer team also needed. Let me know which date you can join us or will pray for this: rev.lyminsterwick@gmail.com or 07925 275184.

NB NO 10.30 Service next Week/14 December

(Carols for Everyone at 4.30pm and 7pm instead)

Church Building Works: You may have noticed that there is scaffolding around the front of the church building. This is due to repointing of the church wall. Water ingress has been a problem for some time, causing damp and mould on the inside wall as well as damaging the outside of the building. The cost of this work is approx £5,500. In addition, because the boiler inside the church is ancient, thoroughly unreliable and inefficient, the Diocese have granted us permission for a replacement boiler which will be sited in the coffee area (rather than the cellar). This will cost approx £9,000. Hence, we are fundraising to try and offset some of these costs. A big thank you to all who have supported us so far in many different ways, eg cleaning & painting the church, cash donations, giving us items for the recent Gift Sale and generally helping us with your time and effort. We continue to pray that the Lord will encourage further generosity as we strive for the upkeep of our lovely church building. Jane Hicks

Friday Coffee Morning First three Fridays in December raising money for St Barnabas Hospice Christmas themed Tombola and Raffle and Scones Cakes and Pastries.

Serve on the Alpha Team – Could this be you this new year? Do you love Jesus and love people? That's what's needed, then how might you offer your gifts to our friends, neighbours, colleagues exploring faith on Alpha? From Welcomers, Pack down/Set up, behind-the-scenes, Cake/Pudding Makers, Team helpers and Team Leaders. Please be in touch with Lisa to register your interest: rev.lyminsterwick@gmail.com

Christmas is coming, this year the homeless appeal is slightly different.

The Lovely Ladies of Angmering are concentrating on those on the street.

I am hoping to fill goody bags for all in very basic temporary accommodation. To spread some Christmas cheer. Required: Small tins of Ham, Corn Beef, salmon ,tuna, fruit, cream or custard. Jar of pickles, Bar of chocolate or packet of sweets, Packet of nuts or special biscuits and Christmas crackers. With sincere thanks for all your contributions, Viv. (There will be a spare list in church.)

Christmas Invitations Thank you so much to everyone who has so enthusiastically offered to deliver our Christmas service leaflets this week – you've all been amazing and we're delighted to say that every home in the Parish has received a timely invite to our services. This is wonderful!

Christmas Service Visitors In anticipation of extra people responding to these Christmas invitations, we'd love some additional volunteers to help our welcomers. It would be fantastic if, as our guests come inside, they have someone else making them feel at home. If this is something you are able to help with, please email liz@graficabythesea.com. Of course, all of us can be welcomers, so if you see someone standing on their own, please do say hello. Thank you.

Church Directory and Website Update Having listened to feedback about our church directory and website, we are in the process of updating them. The update to the church family directory gives us chance to make sure that the information we have is up to date and that everyone is still happy for it to be there. You'll still be able to access it through the website, but there will also be an app if you prefer.

If you receive our newsletter by email, you will shortly receive a short email form to fill in. The system we are moving to is called ChurchSuite and it is used in many churches already. It will give you chance to decide which information we hold and also what is visible to others. Paper sign up sheets will also be available for those who receive a paper copy of the newsletter but who would like to be included. We hope that the new system will make it easier for us all to communicate and further down the line we can expand its use. If you have any questions, please speak to Liz Brooks who is setting up ChurchSuite for us.

Christmas Services – who will you invite? Do look out for other guests at our services – if All Saints is your home, then know that you are part of the welcome team. We love to give everyone a warm- hearted, genuine welcome.

Save the dates, invite your friends & family, pray for our neighbours to join you this Christmas for:

14th December	Carols for Everyone, 4.30pm, Wick Hall Carols for Everyone, 7.00pm, All Saints Church
21st December	Christingle, 9.30am, Lyminster Church Nine Lessons & Carols, 4pm, Lyminster Church
Christmas Eve	Crib Service, 3pm, Lyminster Church Crib Service, 5pm, All Saints Church Midnight Holy Communion, 11.15pm, Lyminster Church
Christmas Day	All Together Celebration Service with Holy Communion, 10am, All Saints Church

Please make a note of the following changes to services this December:

Christmas Day – one benefice service: All Together Celebration Service with Holy Communion, All Saints Church, Wick, 10am.

Sunday 28 th December – Joint Benefice Holy Communion, All Saints Church, 10.30am.