

News from Bishop Martin, Rt Reverend Martin Warner writes: I shall retire from office on 31 May this year. It has been an enormous privilege to work with so many gifted and committed people during my time in Chichester. I shall always be grateful for our partnership in apostolic mission and will hold this joyful household of faith in my prayers as its future unfolds. The diocese seems to be in good heart after the 950 celebrations. A new diocesan bishop will bring fresh vision and energy, and be supported by a strong, gifted, confident team which is committed to the quality of Christian life in our schools, our parishes, and outreach to those in need. There are well-established protocols for a diocesan vacancy and appointing a new bishop. Discussion about this is now taking shape. There is little that will change in terms of day-to-day life in the diocese. The suffragan bishops will together oversee the life of the diocese during the vacancy. They have decided that Bishop Will is to take on the formal duties of acting bishop, subject to consultation with the Bishop's Council.

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: **Goldcrest Avenue**. Dear Lord, We place the name of Jesus over **Goldcrest Avenue** – 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 Dan, Sandra Ostler, Eileen Vause, Marian Ayres, Don Ellis, Angie Johnson, Nancy Fellows, Jeff, 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

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All Saints Wick Sunday 8 February
Know, Love & Follow Jesus 'The Righteousness that Fulfils'

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 The Second Sunday before Lent

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Testimony catch up... did you miss last Sunday's testimony? Here it is:
A few years ago we rented a cottage in Wharfedale Yorkshire. The nearest building was a barn.

After supper we went straight to bed. During the night M went to the bathroom. The light switch on the landing wasn't at the top of the stairs but was located a good way down. In trying to locate it M slipped and shot down the stairs and hit the wall at the bottom.

I woke up and put the bedroom light on as M staggered in. To say his face as a mess was an understatement. We couldn't phone 999 as there was no signal for our mobiles. But the owner of the cottage had left a book with helpful addresses. We decided to go to the hospital which was 30 miles away. There was also a map. When daylight came we left. M insisted on driving, leaving me to mop him up as he was bleeding heavily so I wasn't paying attention to the route.

We arrived at the hospital and M went into shock. He was taken away on a trolley. After a while a doctor found me and said M was going in an ambulance to another hospital where a plastic surgeon would be waiting for him. I wasn't allowed to go with him so I spent the day at the original hospital, I didn't do too badly – roast beef and Yorkshire puds on the menu!

When he was brought back it was dusk. I was told I couldn't stay at the hospital. I so I had to return to the cottage as they were keeping him overnight. So I got in the car and tried not to panic. It was dark by now and I didn't know the route as I hadn't been concentrating on the journey there. I had been concentrating on M. So I put a worship CD on and sang along with it. I prayed to Jesus and said, 'Please help me'. I felt a sense of peace wash over me and I knew it would be alright. So Jesus and I left together. I didn't hear an audible voice but in my head I knew which turning to take each time and eventually we got to the cottage. Normally I would have been nervous on my own in a strange place I don't know but I knew I wasn't alone, Jesus was with me. I slept well and next day got up and with Jesus' help returned to the hospital. Again, no audible voice but guidance in my head. Parking

was never my strong point but when we arrived, there was a parking space right in front of me and I drove straight into it.

It then struck me how putting my trust in Jesus Christ had helped me and guided me. Without him I couldn't have done it. He is trustworthy as I found out then, and many times since. Anna

PS: It reminds us of last week's beatitude – Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God. Jesus was speaking about having an undivided heart towards him and the things of God; when we do we will begin to see Jesus in all sorts of situations, places and people. May we see Him more and more as we keep our hearts and minds fixed on the Lord.

BIBLE READING

Verses of prophecy from the book of Isaiah 42:1-7

1 'Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations. 2 He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets. 3 A bruised reed he will not break, and a smouldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; 4 he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his teaching the islands will put their hope.' 5 This is what God the Lord says – the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out, who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it: 6 'I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, 7 to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.

Matthew 5:17-48

17 'Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfil them. 18 For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. 19 Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practises and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. 20 For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly

not enter the kingdom of heaven. 21 'You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, "You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment." 22 But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, "Raca," is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, "You fool!" will be in danger of the fire of hell. 23 'Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, 24 leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift. 25 'Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still together on the way, or your adversary may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. 26 Truly I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny. 27 'You have heard that it was said, "You shall not commit adultery." 28 But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. 29 If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. 30 And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell. 31 'It has been said, "Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce." 32 But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, makes her the victim of adultery, and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery. 33 'Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, "Do not break your oath, but fulfil to the Lord the oaths you have made." 34 But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is God's throne; 35 or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. 36 And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. 37 All you need to say is simply "Yes," or "No"; anything beyond this comes from the evil one. 38 'You have heard that it was said, "Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth." 39 But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also. 40 And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well. 41 If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles. 42 Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you. 43 'You have heard that it was said, "Love your neighbour and hate your enemy." 44 But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45 that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the

unrighteous. 46 If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? 47 And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? 48 Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

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.

Confirmation Service on Tuesday 10th February, 7.30pm, Rustington Parish Church. We have four candidates (Kerry Haylett, Karen Masanjika, Dave Sax, Val Stewart) who are being confirmed as a sign of their commitment to the local church and to serve in authorised local roles. Please be praying for and thanking God for their willingness to serve the body of Christ in various ways. You would be most welcome to come to the service to give them your support (with thanks to our worship band members who will be supporting the singing)

Turn the Battle Prayer Hour– This week: Wednesday 11th February 11am –12 noon at All Saints Church.

Service of Thanksgiving and Celebration for the Life of Alison Manester – 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.

Discipleship Group (Thursday Mornings – Garden Room) – The group will not be meeting on Thursday 12 and Thursday 25 th February. So only 18 th February 10–11.30 remaining this month.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 – 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.

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.

National Day of Prayer & Worship (NDOPW) 32 days of continual Prayer was concluded at Midnight on Thursday, 5th February. However, you are invited to join NDOPW at 7am, Noon, 7pm and Midnight every day on Zoom. The link is: www.ndopw.com/dailyprayer (Read Ephesians 4:3-6)