

## **Easter Services**

Holy Week

Monday, 7pm. Holy Week Reflection, All Saints Church

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Wednesday, 9.30am, Holy Week Communion Service

Thursday, 6.30pm, Passover Meal, (details to follow)

Maundy Thursday Garden Watch

Good Friday, 2.30pm, Hour at the Cross, St Mary Magdalene Church

Easter Sunday:

United Sunrise Service at East Beach Littlehampton, details to follow

United Celebration Service with Holy Communion, 10.30am, Wick Hall

Service of Holy Communion, 11am, St Mary Magdalene Church

**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: **Grove Crescent**.

Dear Lord, We place the name of Jesus over **Grove 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, 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](mailto:wickinformation@gmail.com)*

**QR code for General Giving:**



**All Saints Wick** Sunday 8 March  
Know, Love & Follow Jesus 'Is This the One?'

### **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.

[www.allsaintswick.org.uk](http://www.allsaintswick.org.uk)

Facebook and Private All Saints Wick Group

To contact Lisa, our Priest in Charge - [rev.lyminsterwick@gmail.com](mailto: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 Third Sunday of Lent

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord.

### A prayer of hope

“As an Iranian and as a Christian, I speak with a heavy heart,” shares a local Open Doors\* partner. “I do not celebrate war, nor do I take lightly the suffering it brings to ordinary families in Iran, in Israel and across the region. Every life is precious before God.

“Yet as an Iranian, I also cannot ignore the deep longing for freedom that has lived in the hearts of our people for generations. If this painful moment becomes a turning point toward justice and true liberty, then my prayer is that it leads not to greater destruction, but to the restoration of dignity, hope and peace.”

He adds: “As followers of Christ, we pray for the protection of the innocent, for restraint among leaders, and for a future where Iran and the region may know freedom without fear. May God bring light out of darkness and peace out of turmoil.”

### “A significant moment in Iran’s history”

An Open Doors expert on Iran shares: “The death of Ayatollah Ali Khamenei marks a significant and sobering moment in Iran’s history. As an Iranian Christian, I cannot ignore that under his leadership the church in Iran lived for decades under intense pressure, facing restrictions, surveillance, arrests and the constant weight of uncertainty. Many faithful believers endured suffering simply for following Christ.

“Yet even in hardship, the church has remained resilient, prayerful and deeply rooted in hope. This moment is not about revenge or triumph, but about the possibility of a different future. One where freedom of conscience, dignity and justice are extended to all Iranians, regardless of faith or background. My prayer is that this turning point will open the way for peace, reconciliation and genuine freedom for our nation.”

### Please keep praying

Given this escalation, we call for urgent prayers for the people in Iran, Palestinian Territories, Israel, Syria, Jordan, Iraq and Lebanon and especially for our brothers and sisters. Please join in praying:

- for peace, protection and wisdom for the people of Iran and the wider region amid violence and uncertainty
- for comfort for families who have lost loved ones and for the lives of all citizens to be protected
- for families facing economic hardship, that the Lord would provide their daily bread
- for children who are afraid and confused, that God would be their Comforter and protect their hearts and minds
- for those injured, both physically and psychologically, to receive divine healing and emotional restoration
- for Christians in these countries to remain vessels of hope, faith and light to their neighbours
- for leaders and decision-makers worldwide to act justly and wisely and speak boldly for freedom of religion and belief
- for Christian converts in detention, and for all believers held in custody, that they would be protected from any harm and released swiftly
- for courage and hope among Iranian Christians, that even in loss and fear, they would know that they’re not forgotten and not alone. Pray that they will rely on God these days.

\* In the UK and Ireland, Open Doors helps the church to pray, give and speak out for those who share our faith but not our freedom. [Opendoorsuk.org](http://Opendoorsuk.org)

## BIBLE READING

### Verses of prophecy from the book of Isaiah 35:5-6; 61:1

5 Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. 6 Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert.

### Chapter 61

1 The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners,

### Matthew 11:1-19

1 After Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and preach in the towns of Galilee. 2 When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples 3 to ask him, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?’

4 Jesus replied, 'Go back and report to John what you hear and see: 5 the blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. 6 Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me.' 7 As John's disciples were leaving, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swayed by the wind? 8 If not, what did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? No, those who wear fine clothes are in kings' palaces. 9 Then what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. 10 This is the one about whom it is written: "I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you." 11 Truly I tell you, among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet whoever is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. 12 From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been subjected to violence, and violent people have been raiding it. 13 For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John. 14 And if you are willing to accept it, he is the Elijah who was to come. 15 Whoever has ears, let them hear. 16 'To what can I compare this generation? They are like children sitting in the market-places and calling out to others: 17 "We played the pipe for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn." 18 For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon." 19 The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners." But wisdom is proved right by her deeds.'

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

## **CHURCH FAMILY NEWS**

**Ladies Breakfast.** The next Ladies Breakfast Meeting is on Saturday the 14th at 9am in the small hall. We're excited that Pauline Latter will be giving her testimony. Please bring a 'bring and share' contribution towards the breakfast if you can, remembering that Wick Hall is a nut-free zone (and no strawberries too please). Please let us know if you're coming, so we have enough tables and chairs out. Thank you, Maryann, Christine, Oli and Liz

**Friday Coffee Mornings** March 20th and 27th raising money for The Snowdrop Trust. Easter theme Tombola and Raffle. Any donations will be gratefully received

**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.

**Retreat Day** – All invited to the Holy Spirit Away Day, Bishop's Palace, Chichester. Saturday 28th March, 10am–4pm. Please let Lisa or Liz know that you would like to come: [officeallsaintswick@gmail.com](mailto:officeallsaintswick@gmail.com)

**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

**Electoral Roll Revision 2026** – If you have joined our church in the last year and either All Saints or St Mary Magdalene or both are now your church home, you are potentially eligible to join the Church Electoral Roll. Please speak to Lisa or one of the Churchwardens.

**Parochial Church Council (PCC)** – There will be vacancies for PCC and Church Warden, please come and have a conversation with Lisa if you are interested.

**Prayer Ministry Training** – please get in touch with Lisa for a chat if you would like to be involved in prayer ministry training. A training session will be run very soon.