

National Day of Prayer & Worship (NDOPW) invites you to join the 32 Days of on-line (Zoom) 24/32 Prayer (5th Jan to 5th Feb). The link is: www.ndopw.com/dailyprayer. You may join at any time.

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 our Church family: This week we give thanks to God and pray for our gardening team.

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

Dear Lord, We place the name of Jesus over **Fitzalan Road** – 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 Eileen Vause, Marian Ayres, Don Ellis, Angie Johnson, Nancy Fellows, Jeff, Gill Haworth, the Batchelors, Susan, Ian, Sarah's family & relatives of church family: Norman (Jenny Tillman's brother), 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

All Saints Wick Sunday 11 January
'The Promised Immanuel'
Know, Love & Follow Jesus

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

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 Baptism of Christ

Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour..

It is with deep sorrow that we share the news of the unexpected death of our dear friend and sister in Christ Alison Manester, just before the New Year. Alison was at the heart of All Saints, often the first to greet you, whether outside the door or inside, and serving faithfully in countless ways across our church life. Her warmth and cheerfulness will be profoundly missed. Yet as we mourn, we also hold fast to the hope of our faith in Jesus Christ, a hope that Alison trusted. Our comfort does not rest on the strength of our own faith, but on the faithfulness of our Saviour, who promises life and peace beyond understanding. As John 3:16 reminds us, 'For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.' In Jesus, the gift of eternal life is offered to all who believe. Alison now rests in that love, and we are called to lean on it too, trusting in God's promise that nothing, not even death, can separate us from His purposes and His care.

As we move into this New Year, let's spur one another on to lean on God's promises day by day, remembering Philippians 1:6: *'He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.'* May this assurance strengthen us, encourage us, and remind us that God's faithfulness never fails.

BIBLE READING

Verses of prophecy from the book of Isaiah: 7:14 and 9:6,7

14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: the virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and for ever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

Matthew 1: 1-25

1 This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham: 2 Abraham was the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, 3 Judah the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar, Perez the father of Hezron, Hezron the father of Ram, 4 Ram the father of Amminadab, Amminadab the father of Nahshon, Nahshon the father of Salmon, 5 Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab, Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth, Obed the father of Jesse, 6 and Jesse the father of King David. David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been Uriah's wife, 7 Solomon the father of Rehoboam, Rehoboam the father of Abijah, Abijah the father of Asa, 8 Asa the father of Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat the father of Jehoram, Jehoram the father of Uzziah, 9 Uzziah the father of Jotham, Jotham the father of Ahaz, Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, 10 Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, Manasseh the father of Amon, Amon the father of Josiah, 11 and Josiah the father of Jeconiah and his brothers at the time of the exile to Babylon. 12 After the exile to Babylon: Jeconiah was the father of Shealtiel, Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, 13 Zerubbabel the father of Abihud, Abihud the father of Eliakim, Eliakim the father of Azor, 14 Azor the father of Zadok, Zadok the father of Akim, Akim the father of Elihud, 15 Elihud the father of Eleazar, Eleazar the father of Matthan, Matthan the father of Jacob, 16 and Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, and Mary was the mother of Jesus who is called the Messiah. 17 Thus there were fourteen generations in all from Abraham to David, fourteen from David to the exile to Babylon, and fourteen from the exile to the Messiah. 18 This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: his mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. 19 Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. 20 But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.' 22 All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had said through the prophet: 23 'The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel' (which means 'God with us'). 24 When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. 25 But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

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

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

New Preaching Series starting this Sunday: 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.

Praying for Your Five: Last April many of you took the names of five people on our electoral roll and committed to pray for them for the year, in particular for God's tangible presence and peace upon them.

As we begin 2026, would you renew your commitment to pray and please pray for the strengthening of their faith and a deepening hope in God, that they may be filled with joy and peace as they trust in Him, knowing He has a purpose and a future for them.

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.

Christmas Leaflets and Christmas Services – Thank you so much! Thanks to so many of you joining in, we were able to deliver nearly 5,000 invitations to the households around our parishes. We met lots of visitors at all our Christmas services and many said they came because of the invitation through their door. Thank you so much to everyone who helped, prepped, served, played, read prayed and joined in making all our Christmas services possible. Great job, church!

SAVE THE DATE-BOOK YOUR PLACE

Prayer Day for All Saints Church at Bishop's Palace, Saturday 24th January 10-3pm You are invited to a day of prayer, drawing close to God. This is for everyone (aged 18 and over) who is part of the All Saints Church congregations. A day of gathering close to our Father God, discerning his abiding love for you. Please bring a packed lunch. We'd be grateful if you

would sign up on Church Suite, via the diary page of our website: (<https://www.allsaintswick.org.uk/368/Church-Diary>) further details in the flyer/on the website.

Alpha Course – Who are you inviting? Are you curious? Got Questions? Like to rekindle your faith? Try Alpha – Introductory Session on Wed 28th Jan, 7.30/Garden Room. Sign up online.

Helping Set Up Administration Systems I am thankful that Liz Brooks has agreed to work with me over the next few months as our Parish Office Development Lead. She is supporting the parish on a temporary, self-employed basis, helping us put in place the systems and foundations we need for the future. This short-term work will prepare the way for us to create a permanent Parish Administrator role, which we hope to appoint later in 2026. Please join me in welcoming Liz into this role and praying for her as she helps us strengthen the ministry and administration of the parish. Liz will continue in her current volunteer roles, such as PCC secretary, alongside this paid role, and we are grateful for all she already contributes to our church life.

New for 2026

Wick Hall – Services with Holy Communion will return to a 2nd and 4th Sunday pattern. St Mary Magdalene – 3rd Sundays from January, 11 am Parish Communion.

Ladies Breakfasts for 2026

The dates for our bring and share breakfasts this year are:

- Saturday 17th January
- Saturday 14th March
- Saturday 20th June
- Saturday 19th September
- Saturday 7th November

They will all be in the Small Hall at 9am. As ever, there will be no charge and tea and coffee will be provided.

Men's Ministry. Monday 26th January 2026 A Journey with Rev David Green 1a Grand Avenue Wick BN177NG 7.30 pm – 9.30 pm a chance to catch up with Dave Green & his story. Cheese & Wine will be provided So suggest £5 donation to cover the cost !!! For further information contact Nigel Charman Men's Ministry co-ordinator.

Funeral & Thanksgiving Service for Margaret Millidge takes place Monday 12 January, 2.30pm at Parkside Church. Followed by a reception at St Mary's Church Hall, Climping. Please continue to hold David and the family in your prayers.

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

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.