

Praying for One Another

Prayer is the oxygen of spiritual life, it's not just something we do, it is how our spiritual life grows and develops. It is a way of life which consciously focuses and centre upon God. Prayer is how we learn to hear the voice of God and recognise His ways.

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 Others: One of our Church family mentioned that whenever she sees a plane in the sky she prays for the crew and passengers. Why not try it? But don't just pray for air passengers, pray for those you see in cars, buses and trains. It could transform their lives as well as our own journey as we are held up in traffic, stop to cross a road or wait at a level crossing!

Praying for our Church family: This week we give thanks to God and pray for all those involved in Tots on Tuesday.

Pray for wholeness and healing: For Angie Johnson, Pauline Latter, Nancy Fellows, Jeff, Dan and Beccy Jenkins, Margaret Millidge, Gill Haworth, the Batchelors, Susan, Ian, Sarah's family & relatives of church family: Sophie, Jean, Jamie Colclough (Val Stewart's son).

Praying for Wick and Kingley Gate – Road of the Week: Blackbourne Chase. Dear Lord, We place the name of Jesus over Blackbourne Chase – 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.

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 May Worshipping God the Spirit 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.

We have groups for children and youth during our service in Wick Hall, apart from the 1st Sunday of the month when we have an All In Together service.

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

Our Clergy

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Lisa is not generally available on Fridays which is her family/rest day

CONTACT DETAILS

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

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

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 am to 12 noon.

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 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father.

We believe in the Holy Spirit

So, after an epic section in the middle of the Nicene Creed series where line after line is about Jesus, we move onto the third section of the Creed and the third person of the Trinity, as we go on to declare, "We believe in the Holy Spirit." As we declare this we are effectively saying: I believe God is with me—always. I believe He gives me strength when I feel weak. I believe He helps me live like Jesus—even when it's hard. I believe He guides me and helps me understand God's Word. Do you believe this? Ask God now to help you believe it, and live like you do. Jesus called the Holy Spirit "what my Father has promised." He's a gift—not something we earn. Jesus says to ask and receive. So today, let's say yes to that gift.

BIBLE READING

John 14:15–31, 16:12–15

15 'If you love me, keep my commands. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you for ever – 17 the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. 18 I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. 19 Before long, the world will not see me any more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. 20 On that day you will realise that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. 21 Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.' 22 Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, 'But, Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?' 23 Jesus replied, 'Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. 24 Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me. 25 'All this I have spoken while still with you. 26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. 27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

28 'You heard me say, "I am going away and I am coming back to you." If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. 29 I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe. 30 I will not say much more to you, for the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold over me, 31 but he comes so that the world may learn that I love the Father and do exactly what my Father has commanded me. 'Come now; let us leave.

Chapter 16

12 'I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. 13 But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. 14 He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. 15 All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you.'

Isaiah 44:1–5

1 'But now listen, Jacob, my servant, Israel, whom I have chosen. 2 This is what the Lord says – he who made you, who formed you in the womb, and who will help you: do not be afraid, Jacob, my servant, Jeshurun, whom I have chosen. 3 For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants. 4 They will spring up like grass in a meadow, like poplar trees by flowing streams. 5 Some will say, "I belong to the Lord"; others will call themselves by the name of Jacob; still others will write on their hand, "The Lord's," and will take the name Israel.

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

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Two priorities for us all going forward as Church:

1. Grow in Prayer

For us to remain vibrant and fruitful both individually and collectively as Church, we need the blessing and covering of God. Who among us doesn't need to grow in our prayer life? Yet prayer – talking and listening to God, is the most exciting adventure of our life. At the APCM, we took an immediate step by taking the names of five people who are on the new All Saints' electoral roll; and if we did, we are committing to pray for 'our five' whether we know them or not every week for 52 weeks. If you are on the electoral roll – you are being prayed for! But, if you are not on our electoral roll, please don't miss out. Let me know you would you like your name added to our church family prayer list, I want if possible everybody who calls All Saints home to be prayed for (email me: minister@allsaintswick.org.uk). Our children and young people who are registered with Super Saints and Youth are prayed for by those teams. Several suggestions have already come in of how people would like to grow in prayer. What would you like to start up or see start up at All Saints around prayer?

2. Grow in Friendship and Hospitality

We don't all know each other as well as we might like, 'We know who we know' but beyond that we haven't had so many opportunities to get to know one another. 'Can we wear our name badges again?' several have said. Yes, this is a great idea! It's hard to learn everyone's names but helping one another by wearing our name badges and being intentional about learning one or two each week is a great place to start. Let's spend time in one another's company outside of church services, and we did this last Sunday with our...

First Picnic of the Year – With many thanks to all who came and enjoyed one another's company at the picnic following the APCM. A number said they would like to do more of this, either in the sunny Church garden as we did on Sunday, or at the beach, in the park; also bringing back 'open house' invitations was a suggestion. Let us know what you are organising and we could include it in the News Sheet!

Are you hiding a light under a bushel?

Dear Church Family, As we approach our APCM, it feels the right time to highlight an upcoming challenge we face as a family, to see how we might be able to solve it together. Our wonderful Churchwardens, Ann and Clare

have been so incredibly committed to making All Saints function, especially during our vacancy, and we have been truly spoiled by the amount of time they have dedicated to our church. But now the time has come for Clare to step down after 7 years. Thank you, Clare, and Jon, for carrying so many church jobs for so long, often under the radar. You have gone well above and beyond what is expected of any Churchwardens and we are truly grateful for all you have done and continue to do. We don't know what we would have done without you, and that makes you, Clare, a hard act to follow! In fact, it's been so hard, that we haven't found a willing replacement yet! Our concern now is that we may only have one Churchwarden, Ann, from our APCM onwards. So, we've been looking at how we can split up the tasks Clare and Ann have been managing for our services, buildings and other commitments into more manageable chunks that can be shared more widely amongst our church family – including you! We are blessed with a wide range of skills and experience across our congregations and love seeing everyone bring them together for the benefit of our community. So, are you hiding a light under a bushel? Do you have a spare hour or two or more a month that you could offer to help make things happen?

You might not be able to move chairs, but could you sit by the door and count how many people come to our services once a month at your regular service? Or perhaps you could be in charge of the communion bread at one of the services you attend each month? These roles are just as important as the "bigger" or more visible roles, but Ann and I would be so grateful not to have to think about them each week! There's such a wide range of things we're looking for help with and many of them can be shared too. By setting up teams and rotas for each task, there would be a pool of people who could ask each other for cover as well. The sorts of other things that need adding to rotas (mostly at Wick Hall) include:

- Setting up the AV equipment
- Operating the AV
- Getting out and putting back the banners each Sunday
- The defibrillator needs a check once a week (that must be recorded)
- Lighting the candles ten minutes before the start of a service
- Carrying out fire extinguisher/lightning conductor checks as needed
- Opening up the church or hall for tradespeople etc. and reading a book or working while they work
- Doing a weekly check of the heating times for the main hall on the phone app and making sure they match the needs of the bookings
- Basic DIY (painting, maintenance)
- Gardening

- Back up cover for refreshments and set up teams
- Sweeping up at the end of the service

Brief descriptions of the roles will be added to our website shortly with details of what's involved. We'll include the links in the newsletter when they're ready. If you would like to offer a little time for something that has not been mentioned, please do drop an email to Lisa or Ann to see how it could be applied. Basically, we want to spread the load so that nobody feels burdened by everything that has to be done. Ann's role can then be that of a more traditional Churchwarden and she can be a point of contact rather than the 'doer' of everything that needs doing. And, if you think that all this delegation makes the role of Churchwarden something you would like to explore, please speak to Lisa, thank you! One last thing: please don't worry if you can't help at the moment – there is a time for everything and a place for everyone and we get that. As we move into this new season, let's belong, believe and become even more united as we pull together!

Notice from St.Mary Magdalene, Lyminster: SAVE the date Church Barn Dance Saturday 12th July will confirm details in the following weeks.

Baptism & Confirmation – Want to find out more? Please get in touch with Lisa. There is a Deanery Confirmation Service on Wednesday 4th June and we have a number of candidates, please be praying for all who are considering baptism and confirmation at this time.