

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Praying the News: Rather than switching off the news, consider praying for each news story for we are called to bring the world and its needs to God in prayer.

Praying for our Church family: This week we give thanks to God and pray for all those involved in **leading prayer ministry**.

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

Dear Lord, We place the name of Jesus over **Cornfield Close** – 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 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 14 September The Story of Our Culture

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.

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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

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

COLLECT (Worldwide Anglican prayer) for The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

BIBLE READING

Genesis 1: 26–31; 2:18–3:7

26 Then God said, 'Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.' 27 So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. 28 God blessed them and said to them, 'Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.' 29 Then God said, 'I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. 30 And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground – everything that has the breath of life in it – I give every green plant for food.' And it was so. 31 God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning – the sixth day.

Chapter 2

18 The Lord God said, 'It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.' 19 Now the Lord God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. 20 So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals. But for Adam no suitable helper was found. 21 So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. 22 Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. 23 The man said, 'This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called "woman", for she was taken out of man.' 24 That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

25 Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

Chapter 3

1 Now the snake was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God really say, "You must not eat from any tree in the garden"?' 2 The woman said to the snake, 'We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, 3 but God did say, "You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die."' 4 'You will not certainly die,' the snake said to the woman. 5 'For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' 6 When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. 7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realised that they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

The Boundary Lines Have Fallen in Pleasant Places.

A team of landscape architects once studied the effects of placing a fence around a preschool playground. They found that on unfenced playgrounds, children tended to huddle near their teacher and stayed close to the school building, hesitant to explore. But when a fence enclosed the area, the same children freely used the entire space, running and playing with confidence. The presence of boundaries, rather than restricting the children, actually gave them a greater sense of safety and freedom. This idea that boundaries can lead to freedom feels counterintuitive. Many of us instinctively think of boundaries as limitations, as things that hold us back. But in reality, the right boundaries offer a sense of security that allows us to live more fully. God emphasizes this same principle through the boundaries He provides for us. When He gave the Ten Commandments to Israel, He wasn't placing burdens on their backs—He was pointing the way to a life of flourishing. In Deuteronomy 5:33, God promises, "Walk in obedience to all that the Lord your God has commanded you, so that you may live and prosper and prolong your days in the land that you will possess." Prosperity here doesn't just mean material wealth, but a life filled with meaning, peace, and good outcomes—a life well lived within the safety of God's design. Jesus, who fulfilled the law through His death and resurrection, reinforced this idea when He said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" (John 8:31–32). God's truth—and the boundaries it brings—doesn't confine us; it

liberates us. This concept also came alive for me in parenting. I once read about the idea of “secure fences”- boundaries that provide not just structure but reassurance. Some children feel free to play within the safe limits of a garden or playground, while others test the boundaries by rattling the fence. But the shaking isn’t always an attempt to break out, it’s often a way to make sure the fence is firm. A fence that stands still says, ‘You’re safe here.’ But a fence that falls when pushed? That’s terrifying. It leaves the child to define their own boundaries, and when every child is doing the same, relationships begin to fracture. There’s no common identity or shared framework.

I saw this play out with my own sons. One was content to play within the space he was given. The other was always pushing limits-shaking the stairgate, climbing over the cot bars, and once even unlocking his car seat by himself. I only discovered this when I looked up from the petrol station till and saw him toddling across a busy forecourt. Terrifying. But all of it reminded me: the boundaries we place around our children aren’t to control them, but to keep them safe-and free. And so it is with God’s boundaries for us. They aren’t walls meant to box us in-they’re secure fences that let us live freely and confidently. Within them, we are free to grow, to explore, and to flourish in the life God created for us.

Preaching Series: Jesus, Marriage & Relationships

In its General Synod, the Church of England is continuing a process of examining its historic formularies relating to holy matrimony (marriage). Over the next three weeks, in our Sunday services and in home groups, we will be considering our cultural stories on marriage, the Biblical perspective and how Jesus is good news for everyone. I will be around after each service if you would like to talk about any issues this raises for you or if you would prefer to be in touch separately, please do so. Lisa

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

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National Week of Prayer

(Sat 6 th – Sun 14 th Sept.) Having had an hour of prayer at either St Mary Magdalene or All Saints Church every day over the last week for the National Week of Prayer, our final hour of prayer for both churches will take place on Sunday 14 th in the Garden Room, All Saints Church, 6–7pm. All are welcome and all are needed. If you have never been to an hour of prayer or haven't for a long time, please do come along. You don't have to pray out loud but, you will have a chance to join in with praying for the state of the world, the issues facing our nation and local concerns as well as our church family.

7pm Praise & Prayer Evening – Sunday 14th September at Wick Hall. This month, Heather Thompson, international and interdenominational CEO of PowerPack, a children's work introducing young people to the work of the Holy Spirit, will be giving the 10 minute talk.

PCC meets 7pm this Tuesday.

Message from Clare – The Order of St Richard is an annual award within our diocese to recognise the exceptional contributions lay people have made to a parish or the local community. I am delighted to be able to share the news that I am one of the recipients of this years awards. The investiture will be taking place on Saturday 20th September at 3pm in Chichester Cathedral. All are welcome to attend the service or to watch the service live on the Cathedrals website.

The Bible Course – a new Course starting Tuesday evenings from 23 September, 6.45pm for a 7pm start. Interested/want to find out more? Ask Lisa. Discover the one United story of the Bible, and how Bible characters, stories, and themes are connected, from Genesis to Revelation. The course is accessible for people new to Christianity, ideal as a follow on from courses like Alpha or mature Christians wanting to increase their understanding of the Bible.

Macmillan Coffee Morning – Friday 26th September in All Saints Church 9.30am –12noon – with Tombola All proceeds to Macmillan Cakes and Tombola items wanted. Contact Viv, Ron, Alison or Jenny

Musical Soiree – Friday 3rd October at 7.30pm and Saturday 4th October at 10.30am in cafe area of Creative Heart. Jane & Claudia present a programme of piano duets, harp and piano solos. Space is limited so please book online using these links Fri eve:

<https://buytickets.at/creativeheart/1844952>

Sat morning: <https://buytickets.at/creativeheart/1845430>

FREE ENTRY – DONATIONS invited to support Creative Heart & All Saints Wick. Evening Dress may be worn on Friday evening and you are welcome to bring alcoholic drinks. Café will be open for refreshments on Fri & Sat.

Notice from St. Mary Magdalene, Lyminster – Save the date Sunday 16th November 3pm at St. Mary Magdalene, Lyminster, for a lovely afternoon of Musical Theatre. Tickets amazing low £5 will be on sale shortly.

New Wine – Local Churches, Changing Nations

Save the Date: 28th July– 3 rd August 2026, Bath & West Showground. Seven of us from All Saints enjoyed five days of Spirit-filled worship, excellent Bible teaching and engaging breakouts, brilliant kids groups, fun, bbqs and time together. What's more, New Wine's inclusion teams are second to none. Next summer we will have our own All Saints Wick camping village and would love you to join us there. Early Bird prices until 30th September. Adults – £240; Luminosity (11–18yrs) £194; Children (R– yr 6) £168; Children (Pre-school) £126. Offsite options are also available. Team – £35. (Offsite options are available)

A note from the Treasurer – Janis Myers Having served in the role of Treasurer of All Saints for over 10 years, I am intending to stand down at the next APCM in 2026. Have you been thinking how you can serve the church? Are you an aspiring bookkeeper? Do you have an aptitude for figures? If so, please feel free to speak to Janis Myers for more information about what the role involves. If you are interested in putting yourself forward for this incredibly rewarding role, please speak with Lisa, Priest in Charge of All Saints Wick, Ann Macaulay or Jane Hicks.

Suggestions & Feedback Thank you for your suggestions, some in the suggestions basket and others to Lisa via email. Thank you also for the positive feedback about the All Together Services over the summer. Keep sharing, keep being the change and keep coming up with creative input.