

**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: **Grand Ave.**

Dear Lord, We place the name of Jesus over **Grand Ave** – 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, Malcolm Nicholls, Dan, Sandra Ostler, Marian Ayres, Angie Johnson, Nancy Fellows, the Batchelors, Ian, Sarah's family & relatives of church family: 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)*

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# All Saints Wick

Know, Love & Follow Jesus

## Sunday 15 February

### 'The Servant Who Carries Our Sickness'

#### **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 Sunday next before Lent**

Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Practising Lent**

This coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. It is a day of repentance. A day marked out when we confess our sins and express our devotion to God.

On Wednesday evening there will be a simple joint communion service at All Saints Church, 6pm. Ash will be marked on our foreheads in the shape of a cross. It is a sign of allegiance, surrender, devotion, and repentance.

These things, these rituals, these tangible symbolic actions carry rich meaning. By receiving the sign of the cross we declare that we belong to Jesus as his disciples, and we remember our baptism. The ash represents our grief and mourning for our sins – the sins that Jesus Christ gave his life for when he died on the cross. The ashes symbolise both death and repentance.

All of us need his forgiveness and atonement and today we pause, to count the cost of this sacrifice. Such love. Vast. Wide. Deep. High. We ‘remember that we are dust, and to dust we shall return.’ We ‘Repent and believe the Gospel’.

Ash Wednesday marks the start of a 40-day period leading up to Easter, when Jesus was resurrected and it is traditional to observe Lent through fasting, prayer and giving. These 40-days echo stories in both the Old and New Testaments. Moses spent 40 days and nights with God on Mount Sinai in preparation to receive the Ten Commandments. Jesus was led into the wilderness for 40 days and was tested.

Once again we are invited into the story of God, the story of Israel, the story of Jesus, the story of death and resurrection, of repentance and renewal, the story of discipline and training, the story of devotion and commitment.

Let’s make it special. If you can’t make the service, find a way to mark Ash Wednesday, to repent, to devote yourself to Jesus once again, to remember that you are but dust. May God give us a holy Lent.

## **Lent Course 2026: Living the Mystery of Faith – The Year of Matthew**

In God’s wisdom we have four Gospels, a gallery of portraits, each highlighting different aspects of Christ. Matthew paints the portrait of the promised King. Join Gill Quigley to dig deeper into Matthew’s gospel this Lent using the diocese course written by Revd Tom Robson. Thursdays, 7.30pm, starting this Thursday 19 th February (5 weeks). To register for this course please email Lisa: [rev.lyminsterwick@gmail.com](mailto:rev.lyminsterwick@gmail.com).

**Wow, God!** Thank you to Janet and Clive for sharing their testimonies of God’s amazing goodness in the life of two family members in the last year at last Sunday’s 10.30am service. ‘Lord, we praise you and we ask you continue to bless their family. We bring to you, Loving Lord Jesus, our own family members who are suffering in mind, body or soul at this time, please pour out your wholeness and healing upon them, for we ask this in your mighty name. Amen.’

### **BIBLE READING**

#### **Verses of prophecy from the book of Isaiah 53:4**

4 Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted.

#### **Matthew 8:1-17**

1 When Jesus came down from the mountainside, large crowds followed him. 2 A man with leprosy came and knelt before him and said, ‘Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean.’ 3 Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. ‘I am willing,’ he said. ‘Be clean!’ Immediately he was cleansed of his leprosy. 4 Then Jesus said to him, ‘See that you don’t tell anyone. But go, show yourself to the priest and offer the gift Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.’ 5 When Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, asking for help. 6 ‘Lord,’ he said, ‘my servant lies at home paralysed, suffering terribly.’ 7 Jesus said to him, ‘Shall I come and heal him?’ 8 The centurion replied, ‘Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed. 9 For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, “Go,” and he goes; and that one, “Come,” and he comes. I say to my servant, “Do this,” and he does it.’ 10 When Jesus heard this, he was amazed and said to those following him, ‘Truly I tell you, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith. 11 I say to you that many will come from the east and the west, and will take their places at the feast with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. 12 But the subjects of the kingdom will be

thrown outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' 13 Then Jesus said to the centurion, 'Go! Let it be done just as you believed it would.' And his servant was healed at that moment. 14 When Jesus came into Peter's house, he saw Peter's mother-in-law lying in bed with a fever. 15 He touched her hand and the fever left her, and she got up and began to wait on him. 16 When evening came, many who were demon-possessed were brought to him, and he drove out the spirits with a word and healed all who were ill. 17 This was to fulfil what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: 'He took up our infirmities and bore our diseases.'

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

#### **CHURCH FAMILY NEWS**

**Hour of Prayer** - all are welcome and everyone is needed. Our prayer meeting this week is 6-7pm, Sunday 15 February in the Garden Room.

**18th February Ash Wednesday** – Ash Wednesday communion service, 6pm, All Saints Church.

**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](mailto: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](http://www.ndopw.com/dailyprayer) (Read Ephesians 4:3-6)

**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.

**Using your gifts** At our gathered hour of prayer this week we had the picture of someone not sharing their gift as being like the worker who hid his bag of gold rather than investing it (Matthew 25:14-30). Is God calling you to serve on a new team or move from another team? If the local church is the hope of the world (and it is) as it brings the kingdom into its gathered worship and out into the world around us, then we need to be playing our part by praying and serving. Would you be praying for and asking God to raise up people called to serve right across the breadth of our ministry and mission, especially in our children's team (safer recruiting required), cleaning, worship, hospitality, AV... and might this be you? Please get in touch with Liz Brooks ([officeallsaintswick@gmail.com](mailto:officeallsaintswick@gmail.com)) if you would like to offer your gift or find out more.

**New Wine this summer – help/gifts** You may have caught Kerry's encouragement about how inspirational she found the New Wine Week was for her last summer. Many of you will know that from your own experience too, perhaps you've been and seen just how faith-building it can be. You may also be someone who hasn't been, or can't go this year, but would love to bless others to go. We know there are people in our church family who would dearly love to attend this summer but for whom cost or even not having camping equipment is a real barrier. We've set up a New Wine designated fund to help with that. If you'd like to contribute, please have a conversation with Lisa as soon as possible. Or if you'd love to go but are hesitating because of cost or equipment, please do come and have a conversation with Lisa. We would love, as far as possible, for everyone who wants to go to New Wine this summer to be able to do so.

[Festival.new-wine.org](http://Festival.new-wine.org)

**Save the date** – Sussex Prayer for Revival – 6-9pm Friday 6th March. More details to follow.

**Alison's Thanksgiving Service** - thank you to everyone who enabled the service last Thursday to run so beautifully. So many helped in a myriad of ways, it was amazing to see and appreciated by June and John and our many guests.