

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 Men's Football.

Pray for wholeness and healing: For Don Ellis, David & Margaret Millidge, Angie Johnson, Pauline Latter, 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).

Praying for Wick and Kingley Gate – Road of the Week: Boniface Avenue. Dear Lord, We place the name of Jesus over Boniface Avenue – 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 18 May** Know, Love & Follow Jesus The Spirit – God making himself known

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 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father.

God making himself known among us

Were you one of the 40 of us who gathered for the Alpha Away Day last Saturday? Or perhaps you were at the 9, the 10.30 or the 7 on Sunday? So many of you have said how you sensed the presence of God in the worship, in the waiting, in the teaching, in the anointing, in one another or in yourself. Beautiful – thank you, Jesus. We give Him all the glory. **“We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life.”** In just six words the early church fathers encapsulate the essential, the foundational nature and purpose of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is God—fully and gloriously God. To call the Spirit “Lord” is to say what Paul says in 2 Corinthians 3:17: “Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.” So the Spirit is not just a helper. He is God himself, active, sovereign, and present. “I will pour water on the thirsty land... I will pour my Spirit upon your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants... They shall spring up among the grass like willows by flowing streams.” This is the picture: the Spirit as life-giving water—reviving, renewing, making things grow where once there was barrenness.

It's very interesting to me that after last weekend and this week at Alpha, one of our group hosts had a picture of many people being touched by Jesus through the Spirit at work in them. The picture was of all sorts of different flowers springing up. Do you recall the picture which I shared in the APCM trustees' report, it was the same picture I had been given to share at my interview? It was a picture of a wildflower meadow in full bloom, I felt God was saying that all sorts of people were going to flourish in all sorts of ways as they allow the Holy Spirit to bring hope, healing and life to them. Are you hungry for more of Jesus? Will you make Him room? We can be so thankful to God for the joy-filled weekend He gave us. Perhaps some of us want more of that more often. It's one of the reasons why I go to the New Wine Festival each year. Yes, I get to put up my tent usually with the help of the village host – I am really not a natural camper, but for me it's such a wonderful time of Bible teaching, Spirit-filled worship and encounter, as well as hanging out with Church family, I look forward to it very much. This summer a small group of us from All Saints have already signed up and are joining the LA village at New Wine in the Somerset countryside and we'd love others in All Saints to join us either camping onsite or booking offsite accommodation.

For a couple of years I served on kids teams – they are the best fun, so it's definitely a place where children and young people can have a wonderful time too; also with fabulous teaching and fun worship.

Quote: Cyril of Jerusalem, 4th century church father, wrote: “The Spirit comes gently and makes Himself known by His fragrance. He is not felt as a burden, for God is light, very light.” Do we come to worship burdened with formalism or dead tradition? Or do we come open to the fresh wind of the Spirit, who gives life to the dry bones?

BIBLE READING

2 Peter 1:16–21

16 For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eye-witnesses of his majesty. 17 He received honour and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, ‘This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.’[a] 18 We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain. 19 We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. 20 Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. 21 For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Psalms 19

1 The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. 2 Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge. 3 They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them. 4 Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun. 5 It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, like a champion rejoicing to run his course. 6 It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is deprived of its warmth. 7 The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple. 8 The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes. 9 The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring for ever. The decrees of the Lord are firm, and all of them are righteous. 10 They are more precious than gold, than much pure

gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb. 11 By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward. 12 But who can discern their own errors? Forgive my hidden faults. 13 Keep your servant also from wilful sins; may they not rule over me. Then I will be blameless, innocent of great transgression. 14 May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

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

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Don't Bin Me – Lisa now has an additional much more versatile gmail: rev.lyminsterwick@gmail.com address. It seems like her emails may be dropping straight into your 'junk', please do check, thank you!

Scam – Either Lisa's email or phone number, both of which are public, has recently been used asking for 'money for a gift card'. This is a scam. It is not sent by her. Delete and if there is the facility, please report it.

Assisted Dying Bill Today (Friday) our MPs will have a second round of debates considering Kim Leadbeater's proposed bill on assisted suicide. Like me, you may have read in the news headlines earlier this week that over half of GPs surveyed are opposed to this bill. It is unlikely that MPs will vote on this today, however they need our prayers and to hear from their constituents. For a Christian perspective on this vital issue and to help you think this through, visit <https://care.org.uk/cause/assisted-suicide>. I encourage us all to contact our MPs to graciously express your position.

Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Humanity Churches Together in Rustington and East Preston is organising an evening to explore the meaning of Artificial Intelligence (AI), together with the benefits and challenges, from a Christian perspective. Sunday 8th June, 6pm – 8pm at St Peter & St Paul Parish Church, Rustington. Followed by light refreshments and Q&A. FREE to attend. Our speaker John Wyatt is Emeritus Professor at of Neonatal Paediatrics, Ethics and Perinatology, University College London and a Senior Researcher at the Faraday Institute, Cambridge. He has a long-standing interest in ethical dilemmas raised by advances in biomedical and information technology from the perspective of the Christian faith. He has studied the philosophical and theological implications of advanced AI. His edited volume: The Robot will See You Now – Artificial Intelligence and Christian Faith is published by SPCK. Tickets can be booked here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/artificial-intelligence-and-the-future-of-humanity-a-christian-perspective-tickets-1295965199799>

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

Join us this summer at New Wine 2025! From 30 July – 4 August, we're returning to the Bath & West Showground for a powerful week of worship, teaching, age-specific programmes, and time together as the wider church family. We're excited to welcome back the FunZone, offering space for families to enjoy time together, connect, and make lasting memories. Join others from All Saints and be refreshed, inspired, and equipped by the Holy Spirit, and enjoy meaningful time with others on the same journey. Book now at <https://festival.new-wine.org> or be in touch with Lisa for more information: rev.lyminsterwick@gmail.com 07925 275184

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.