

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Annual Church Meeting: This year's meeting will be held in All Saints Church on Wednesday 24th April at 7.30 p.m. all welcome. The documents for this meeting are available on the church website or via this link <http://www.allsaintswick.org.uk/127/Annual-Meeting-APCM>

PRAYER REQUESTS

The churchwardens value your continued prayers during the vacancy. Please pray for Rev'd Lisa Fairman-Brown and her family as she prepares to take up her post as Priest in charge of All Saints and Lyminster and they prepare to move.

For Nancy Fellows, Jeff, Viv and Ron Jones, Dan and Beccy Jenkins, Steve Legg, John Baker, Margaret Millidge, Sue Moss, Dennis Elson, Gill Haworth, Maureen Perry, the Batchelors, Jonathan Black, Susan, Ian, Alex Penfold and Imogen her daughter and her son-in-law, Sarah's family & relatives of church family: 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

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 every Tuesday 10 am to 12 noon.

Midweek Communion – Wednesdays, 9.30am in All Saints

Coffee Morning – Fridays 9.30am – 12pm in All Saints

Splat! – fun-filled faith celebration for 45 mins with stories, music, craft, games and the Bible. 1st Sunday of the month starting at 9:30 at Wick Hall.

Online Prayer – 1st Sunday of the month **7:30-8:15pm** on zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88323153741?pwd=TldsSBSseWFhcEtVFRuQUFVeFpUQT09>; Meeting ID: 883 2315 3741; Passcode: 343191

The 8pm – worship, hear from God, receive prayer. 2nd Sunday of the month 8-9pm at Wick Hall. Refreshments from 7:45pm.

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

All Saints Wick Sunday 21 April:
Caesarea
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.

Inside you will find our Bible reading for today, the church's prayer for this week and news of what's going on in the life of our church family.

We have groups for children and youth during our service in Wick Hall, apart from the 1st Sunday each month when we have Splat! at 9:30am for all ages. On the 1st Sunday refreshments are served in the small hall between Splat! and the 10:30am service.

We tend to stand to sing and at the beginning of communion but please do what you feel comfortable with. In Wick Hall the toilets are up the stairs and to the left or flat access is through the back door and round under the covered walkway.

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

CONTACT DETAILS

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

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

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.

BIBLE READING

Acts 26:1-29

1 Then Agrippa said to Paul, 'You have permission to speak for yourself.'
So Paul motioned with his hand and began his defence: 2 'King Agrippa, I consider myself fortunate to stand before you today as I make my defence against all the accusations of the Jews, 3 and especially so because you are well acquainted with all the Jewish customs and controversies. Therefore, I beg you to listen to me patiently. 4 'The Jewish people all know the way I have lived ever since I was a child, from the beginning of my life in my own country, and also in Jerusalem. 5 They have known me for a long time and can testify, if they are willing, that I conformed to the strictest sect of our religion, living as a Pharisee. 6 And now it is because of my hope in what God has promised our ancestors that I am on trial today. 7 This is the promise our twelve tribes are hoping to see fulfilled as they earnestly serve God day and night. King Agrippa, it is because of this hope that these Jews are accusing me. 8 Why should any of you consider it incredible that God raises the dead? 9 'I too was convinced that I ought to do all that was possible to oppose the name of Jesus of Nazareth. 10 And that is just what I did in Jerusalem. On the authority of the chief priests I put many of the Lord's people in prison, and when they were put to death, I cast my vote against them. 11 Many a time I went from one synagogue to another to have them punished, and I tried to force them to blaspheme. I was so obsessed with persecuting them that I even hunted them down in foreign cities. 12 'On one of these journeys I was going to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests. 13 About noon, King Agrippa, as I was on the road, I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, blazing around me and my companions. 14 We all fell to the ground, and I heard a voice saying to me in Aramaic, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads." 15 'Then I asked, "Who are you, Lord?" "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," the Lord replied. 16 "Now get up and stand on your feet. I have appeared to you to appoint you as a servant and as a witness of what you have seen and will see of me. 17 I will rescue you from your own people and from the Gentiles. I am sending you to them 18 to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me." 19 'So then, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the vision from heaven. 20 First to those in Damascus, then to those in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and then to the Gentiles, I preached that they should repent and turn to God and demonstrate their repentance by their deeds. 21 That is why some Jews seized me in the temple courts and tried to kill me. 22 But God has helped me to this very day; so I stand here and testify to small and great alike. I am saying nothing beyond what the prophets and Moses said would happen – 23 that the Messiah would suffer and, as the first to rise from the dead, would bring the message of light to his own people and to the

Gentiles.' 24 At this point Festus interrupted Paul's defence. 'You are out of your mind, Paul!' he shouted. 'Your great learning is driving you insane.'
25 'I am not insane, most excellent Festus,' Paul replied. 'What I am saying is true and reasonable. 26 The king is familiar with these things, and I can speak freely to him. I am convinced that none of this has escaped his notice, because it was not done in a corner. 27 King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know you do.' 28 Then Agrippa said to Paul, 'Do you think that in such a short time you can persuade me to be a Christian?' 29 Paul replied, 'Short time or long – I pray to God that not only you but all who are listening to me today may become what I am, except for these chains.'

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

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Nat & Connie will be moving to Angmering at the end of May in preparation for Nat taking up his role as Curate at St. Margaret's Church. If you would like to contribute to a leaving gift for them please do this by bank transfer to the PCC account reference Nat & Connie or place cash in an envelope marked Nat & Connie on the collecting plate at the back of church or in the hall.

All Saints – Men's Meeting How do we navigate in a world of deception? Come and Hear Steve Jennings from Maybridge Church Worthing. On: Thursday 30 May at 7.00 p.m. At: 115 Arundel Road Littlehampton BN17 7DH Steve is a great speaker and will help you understand how to seek truth in a deceptive world as an ex Jehovah's Witness. He'll discuss how he broke from the JW's and found peace in the truth.

Sacred Space – Sat. 11th May 2024 Rev'd Steve Gurr is leading a day of exploration on what we understand by 'sacred space', how it benefits our own spiritual journey and how it may benefit those we journey alongside. The event will be held at Micklepage, Nuthurst, Nr Horsham. £80 Please email Steve at ss.gurr@gmail.com for more details or see <https://www.chichester.anglican.org/events/2024/05/11/sacred-space-its-value-you-and-those-you-accompany/>