

## **Easter Services**

Holy Week

Monday, 7pm. Holy Week Reflection, All Saints Church

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Wednesday, 9.30am, Holy Week Communion Service

Thursday, 6.30pm, Passover Meal,

Maundy Thursday Garden Watch

Good Friday, 11am, Ecumenical Walk of Witness

2.30pm, Hour at the Cross, St Mary Magdalene Church

Easter Sunday:

6.15am, United Sunrise Service at East Beach Littlehampton,

United Celebration Service with Holy Communion, 10.30am, Wick Hall

Service of Holy Communion, 11am, St Mary Magdalene Church

**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: **Hamble Terrace**.

Dear Lord, We place the name of Jesus over **Hamble Terrace**- 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, Dan, Sandra Ostler, Marian Ayres, Angie Johnson, Nancy Fellows, the Batchelors, 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** Sunday 22 March  
Know, Love & Follow Jesus  
'Hearing the Word of the Kingdom'

### **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.

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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 Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **A Gentle Invitation to Live in Freedom**

Lent offers us a simple and grace-filled pattern for living more closely with God. It is not about trying harder, but about returning, again and again, to the love we have been given in Jesus.

#### **1. Believe the Gospel**

We begin by resting in the good news. Our hope is not in what we do, but in what Christ has done for us. We are saved by grace, received through faith; faith is gift to be welcomed with thankful hearts (Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 10:9).

#### **2. Keep Turning Back to God**

As we journey through Lent, we will become aware of the ways we fall short. This is not a cause for fear, but an invitation to return to the Lord. When we confess, he meets us with forgiveness and renewal (1 John 1:9; Acts 3:19).

#### **3. Let God Shape Your Thinking**

God's word gently reshapes us from the inside out. As we spend time in Scripture, we find our minds renewed and our hearts encouraged, learning to see life more as God sees it (Romans 12:2; Colossians 3:16).

#### **4. Stand Firm in Faith**

There are times when we feel pulled away from God's peace. In those moments, we are not alone. As we draw near to God and stand firm in faith, we find strength to resist what would lead us astray (James 4:7; 1 Peter 5:8-9).

#### **5. Walk with the Spirit Each Day**

Above all, Lent is about daily dependence on God. The Holy Spirit leads us step by step, helping us to live in freedom and to grow in love, joy, and peace (Galatians 5:16, 25).

May this season be a time of quiet renewal, as we walk together in the grace and mercy of Christ.

## **BIBLE READING**

### **Verses of prophecy from the book of Isaiah: 6:9-10**

9 He said, 'Go and tell this people: "Be ever hearing, but never understanding; be ever seeing, but never perceiving." 10 Make the heart of this people calloused; make their ears dull and close their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed.'

### **Matthew 13:1-23**

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. 2 Such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. 3 Then he told them many things in parables, saying: 'A farmer went out to sow his seed. 4 As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. 5 Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. 6 But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. 7 Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. 8 Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop – a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. 9 Whoever has ears, let them hear.' 10 The disciples came to him and asked, 'Why do you speak to the people in parables?' 11 He replied, 'Because the knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them. 12 Whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. 13 This is why I speak to them in parables: 'Though seeing, they do not see; though hearing, they do not hear or understand. 14 In them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah: "'You will be ever hearing but never understanding; you will be ever seeing but never perceiving. 15 For this people's heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them.'" 16 But blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears because they hear. 17 For truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it. 18 'Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: 19 when anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. 20 The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. 21 But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes

because of the word, they quickly fall away. 22 The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. 23 But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.'

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

### **CHURCH FAMILY NEWS**

**Friday Coffee Mornings** March 27th raising money for The Snowdrop Trust. Easter theme Tombola and Raffle. Any donations will be gratefully received

**Retreat Day** – All invited to the Holy Spirit Away Day, Bishop's Palace, Chichester. Saturday 28th March, 10am-4pm. Please let Lisa or Liz know that you would like to come or simply book on at:  
<https://allsaintswick.churchsuite.com/events/x0o3b8gf>

**Electoral Roll Revision 2026** – If you have joined our church in the last year and either All Saints or St Mary Magdalene or both are now your church home, you are potentially eligible to join the Church Electoral Roll. Please speak to Lisa or one of the Churchwardens.

#### **Holy Week Events:**

**Monday 7pm, Holy Week Reflection 1, All Saints Church**

**Tuesday 7pm, Holy Week Reflection 2, All Saints Church**

**Wednesday, 9.30am, Midweek Communion Service, All Saints Church**

**Maundy Thursday Passover Communion Meal, 6.30pm All Saints Church –**

Booking Essential – The Passover is an annual festival to celebrate the Exodus from Egypt that is celebrated by Jews all over the world.

On Maundy Thursday, we will join in with the story, sing songs, share a meal and pray. Our evening incorporates some of the Jewish traditions, and we add to it the meaning Jesus initiated after His last supper with the disciples. During the evening we will have a meal – lamb casserole (vegetarian option available at time of booking)

Entry by Pre-Booked Ticket only. Bookings close 1st April. Tickets are bookable at <https://allsaintswick.churchsuite.com/events/rgilacth>. Adults- £10; children- £5; family ticket (2 adults, 2 children)-£22. Cash beforehand or on the day.

**Maundy Thursday Prayer Watch** – The Passover Communion Meal will be followed by an opportunity to join the Prayer Watch in the Garden Room, a time to abide there in prayer (from 8pm) or please feel free to come to this only.

**Good Friday Ecumenical Walk of Witness 11:00am** Meet at St. Mary's Church, Church St, then walking through the High Street to Trinity Church for a short Service.

**Good Friday Hour at the Cross**, 2.30pm, St Mary Magdalene Church, Lyminster.

**Easter Day Sunrise Service**, 6.15am, East Beach (in front of East Beach Café) followed by hot drinks and hot cross buns/croissants.  
Easter Day