

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 our Church family: This week we give thanks to God and pray for all those involved in our **Youth Team**. Please pray for Fliss and the team as well as our young people.

Praying for Wick and Kingley Gate – Road of the Week: **Condor Mews**.

Dear Lord, We place the name of Jesus over **Condor Mews** – 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 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
Know, Love & Follow Jesus

Sunday 24 August
Esther: For Such a Time as This

A very warm welcome to All Saints, Wick. Whether this is your first time joining us or you have been part of the family here at All Saints for a long time, you are so welcome in Jesus' name. We are one Church, meeting to worship: We gather together on-site in one of our church buildings and online via livestream (10.30am) for our Sunday services. We worship God in song, pray for our town and the world, hear biblical teaching and enjoy community together. All Saints Church: Sundays (9am) and Wednesdays (9.30am) Wick Hall: Sundays (10am for refreshments, service starts 10.30am) and Sunday Evening once a month (7pm – Second Sunday) where we meet for a time of extended sung worship and prayer as we expectantly wait to hear what God is saying to us. Over the summer holidays up to 7th September we are worshipping all together as a church family. Small Groups: We are a community with one thing in common, Jesus. Increasingly our small groups are where we share life together & support one another, meeting for bible study, prayer and community.

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Also find us on Facebook; and our Facebook group for everyone whose part of our Church. 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 Café 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 Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

BIBLE READING

Esther 4:1-17

1 When Mordecai learned of all that had been done, he tore his clothes, put on sackcloth and ashes, and went out into the city, wailing loudly and bitterly. 2 But he went only as far as the king's gate, because no one clothed in sackcloth was allowed to enter it. 3 In every province to which the edict and order of the king came, there was great mourning among the Jews, with fasting, weeping and wailing. Many lay in sackcloth and ashes. 4 When Esther's eunuchs and female attendants came and told her about Mordecai, she was in great distress. She sent clothes for him to put on instead of his sackcloth, but he would not accept them. 5 Then Esther summoned Hathak, one of the king's eunuchs assigned to attend her, and ordered him to find out what was troubling Mordecai and why. 6 So Hathak went out to Mordecai in the open square of the city in front of the king's gate. 7 Mordecai told him everything that had happened to him, including the exact amount of money Haman had promised to pay into the royal treasury for the destruction of the Jews. 8 He also gave him a copy of the text of the edict for their annihilation, which had been published in Susa, to show to Esther and explain it to her, and he told him to instruct her to go into the king's presence to beg for mercy and plead with him for her people. 9 Hathak went back and reported to Esther what Mordecai had said. 10 Then she instructed him to say to Mordecai, 11 'All the king's officials and the people of the royal provinces know that for any man or woman who approaches the king in the inner court without being summoned the king has but one law: that they be put to death unless the king extends the gold sceptre to them and spares their lives. But thirty days have passed since I was called to go to the king.' 12 When Esther's words were reported to Mordecai, 13 he sent back this answer: 'Do not think that because you are in the king's house you alone of all the Jews will escape. 14 For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?' 15 Then Esther sent this reply to Mordecai: 16 'Go, gather together all the Jews who are in Susa, and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my attendants will fast as you do. When this is done, I will go to the king, even though it is

against the law. And if I perish, I perish.' 17 So Mordecai went away and carried out all of Esther's instructions.

Heroes who trusted God

As we have been going through the Summer Series 'Faith that Stands: Heroes who trusted God', I have once again been struck by the way that God sticks closer to us through life's every up and down than any friend. I want this truth to not only be threaded all through the history books of the Bible, but through your story and mine as we recognise and receive God with us in every joy and challenge of life. So take heart as you remember – though he didn't see their fulfilment, Abraham believed God's promises, and God called Abraham his friend (Isaiah 41:8, James 2:23). Joseph went down to the pit, then to prison but rose to second in command and knew that God was with him through it all and intended it all for good (Genesis 50:20). Moses, who at 80 thought he was past it, saw God come down to rescue his people (Exodus 3:8) and received God's promise, 'I will be with you'. David recognised that despite the intimidating advance of a giant, that it was the Lord Almighty who fought and brought about the victory (1 Samuel 17: 45, 47). Now, this Sunday as we gather we will see how God wants us to be courageous as we follow Esther's example. She was courageous to listen and to obey God, and she shone like a star. God's love takes away our fears (1 John 4:18). He loves us all uniquely and surrounds us with his presence. Rather than resort to putting up walls, we are taught as Christians to put on our invisible armour of God (Ephesians 6: 12-17). As the children's Bible book about Esther, open in front of me says, 'Suit up and be ready to be fearless and share the courage that Jesus puts in your hearts', for all of us who believe, are children of the living God.

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

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Sunday 31 st August One Joint All Together Service with Holy Communion, 10.30am, followed by baptisms in the sea. 10am for refreshments, service starts 10.30am. Guest Speaker: Bishop Lucy Amakowa from Kenya. Baptisms in the Sea + bring a picnic. We are delighted to have two baptisms straight after this service at East Beach on the shoreline in front of East Beach Café at 12.30pm. Please gather to support our candidates, hear their testimonies and celebrate God's goodness and picnic together afterwards.

Littlehampton and District Foodbank. Last year they gave food parcels to nearly 3,000 people, and the need is growing – especially now, with the start of the summer holidays meaning that children in need will not be getting free school meals until September, putting an extra burden on families. At the PCC meeting earlier this week, we decided that we wanted to become more active as a church in working with the Foodbank. We will be giving more information about this in the Autumn. However, the need is urgent, so we ask you to consider what you can do now. We plan to put food collection baskets in the church and church hall shortly; in the meantime, please consider making food donations at the local supermarkets. You can find more information about the foodbank, including the types of food they need, at: <https://littlehamptondistrict.foodbank.org.uk> If you have any questions, please ask me. Perry Eastaugh.

Summer Fun Thank you so much to Viv and Ron Jones for the two lovely afternoon 'Tea in the Garden' gatherings and also to Angela and Iain Maddox for the delightful Garden Picnic they hosted. Thank you to Lea's home group for hosting Rounders at the Beach Green too. It was great to hang out with one another!

Church Clean Team What an amazing effort from a small band of cleaners, painters and polishers! Thank you so much to Jane, George and team for a week of thorough cleaning of All Saints Church. Why not come along to one of the services there and see the shine for yourself!

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.

New Wine – Local Churches, Changing Nations

Save the Date: 28th July– 3rd 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)

Please BCC rather than CC Please take care of one another's email addresses and other contact details. It's great that we have our church directory and it's hopefully easy to get in touch with one another but when emailing to a group, please put everyone's email address in BCC as this helps keep us off third-party mailing lists. As a Church we have a data privacy policy which you can find here: <https://www.allsaintswick.org.uk/Safeguarding>

Please note –The next men's All Saints Littlehampton meeting: Thursday 11 September at 115 Arundel Road Littlehampton BN17 7DH at 7.00 pm. We hope to have Director of Links International Joe Gisbey talk to us about his life story and the infilling of the Holy Spirit. A really warm welcome and I am in the middle of confirming this with Joe. If for any reason he can't make it I will give you my testimony and account of an interesting early life in Liverpool and abroad. How I came to know Jesus despite many pitfalls along the way!

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.