

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

New Wine Festival 2026 – We have a village! All Saints Wick Village with a number of us already booked. Six days of gathering to encounter the Holy Spirit across all ages and to be renewed to play our part in Local Churches Changing Nations. 28 July – 2 August; Bath & West Showground. If you can't pay it all up front, how about putting aside £43.50 a month (adult), £34 a month for six months now? Encountering Jesus, spending time with friends, and having a lot of fun – what's not to love?

Praying the News: Rather than switching off the news, consider praying for each news story for we are called to bring the world and its needs to God in prayer.

Praying for our Church family: This week we give thanks to God and pray for our **Churchwardens**. Pour out your wisdom, grace and strength upon them, Lord'.

Praying for Wick and Kingley Gate – Road of the Week: **Edwards Way**.

Dear Lord, We place the name of Jesus over **Edwards Way** – 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 Eileen Vause, Marian Ayres, 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 Sunday 26 October
Know, Love & Follow Jesus The Call we dare not ignore

A very warm welcome to All Saints Church, Wick. We are a community of all kinds of people – All ages and stages of life. We offer a variety of services on a Sunday and have various groups through the week. We hope everyone from the youngest to the oldest will feel at home. Sunday is a big day for us when we worship, pray, engage with the Bible, and encourage one another in our faith.

Our 9 am traditional service at All Saints Church normally includes holy communion with hymns. Our 10:30 am at Wick Hall is an informal service, (10 am for refreshments) includes groups for children and young people and we sing with a band. On the first Sunday of the month, we have an All Together Service for the whole church family. Our 7 pm Service, once a month (2nd Sunday) is where we meet for a time of extended sung worship and prayer as we expectantly wait to hear what God is saying to us. A Church of Small Groups – During The week the church family meets together in small groups. Most groups meet in the evening, but there are some daytime ones.

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Facebook and Private All Saints Wick Group

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 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

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

COLLECT (Worldwide Anglican prayer) for Bible Sunday

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us to hear them, to read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that through patience, and the comfort of your holy Word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

This Sunday is celebrated in parts of the Church as Bible Sunday and so we pray the beautiful collect, 'Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scripture to be written for our...' (see the Collect, this Sunday's prayer for the whole of the Anglican Church, in full above) It's a prayer that reminds us that Scripture is not simply a text to study, but a living word to be received, shaping our heart, mind, and actions. To 'inwardly digest' God's Word is to let it nourish us as daily bread, transforming the way we see the world and ourselves.

This week we begin a new sermon series in Isaiah, starting with the opening chapter (Isaiah 1:1-20). Here, God calls His people to return to Him, not only in ritual or words, but in heart and deed. The Lord's complaint is not that His people have stopped worshipping, but that their worship has become hollow, disconnected from justice and compassion. He says, 'Stop doing wrong, learn to do right; seek justice, defend the oppressed, take up the cause of the fatherless, plead the case of the widow.' (v. 16-17)

Isaiah's message is as searching now as it was then. God's Word exposes what is false and lifeless in us, not to condemn, but to cleanse and restore. The invitation in verse 18 is breath-taking in its grace: 'Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow.'

As we hear, read, mark, and inwardly digest the Scriptures this Bible Sunday, may we do so with open hearts which are willing not just to learn about God, but to be changed by Him. The same Lord who calls us to repentance also offers forgiveness; the same Word that confronts also comforts.

My prayer for us as a church family is that we would delight again in God's living Word, that through it we would find patience in the waiting, comfort in the struggle, and hope that endures forever in Jesus Christ our Saviour.

"Come now, let us reason together," says the Lord.

May His Word reason with us this week, gently, powerfully, and with redeeming love.

BIBLE READING

Isaiah 1:1-20

1 The vision concerning Judah and Jerusalem that Isaiah son of Amoz saw during the reigns of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. 2 Hear me, you heavens! Listen, earth! For the Lord has spoken: 'I reared children and brought them up, but they have rebelled against me. 3 The ox knows its master, the donkey its owner's manger, but Israel does not know, my people do not understand.' 4 Woe to the sinful nation, a people whose guilt is great, a brood of evildoers, children given to corruption! They have forsaken the Lord; they have spurned the Holy One of Israel and turned their backs on him. 5 Why should you be beaten any more? Why do you persist in rebellion? Your whole head is injured, your whole heart afflicted. 6 From the sole of your foot to the top of your head there is no soundness – only wounds and bruises and open sores, not cleansed or bandaged or soothed with oil. 7 Your country is desolate, your cities burned with fire; your fields are being stripped by foreigners right before you, laid waste as when overthrown by strangers. 8 Daughter Zion is left like a shelter in a vineyard, like a hut in a cucumber field, like a city under siege. 9 Unless the Lord Almighty had left us some survivors, we would have become like Sodom, we would have been like Gomorrah. 10 Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom; listen to the instruction of our God, you people of Gomorrah! 11 'The multitude of your sacrifices – what are they to me?' says the Lord. 'I have more than enough of burnt offerings, of rams and the fat of fattened animals; I have no pleasure in the blood of bulls and lambs and goats. 12 When you come to appear before me, who has asked this of you, this trampling of my courts? 13 Stop bringing meaningless offerings! Your incense is detestable to me. New Moons, Sabbaths and convocations – I cannot bear your worthless assemblies. 14 Your New Moon feasts and your appointed festivals I hate with all my being. They have become a burden to me; I am weary of bearing them. 15 When you spread out your hands in prayer, I hide my eyes from you; even when you offer many prayers, I am not listening. Your hands are full of blood! 16 Wash and make yourselves clean. Take your evil deeds out of my sight; stop doing wrong. 17 Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow. 18 'Come now, let us settle the matter,' says the Lord. 'Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool. 19 If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the good things of the land; 20 but if you resist and rebel, you will be devoured by the sword.' For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

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

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Christmas is coming, this year the homeless appeal is slightly different.

The Lovely Ladies of Angmering are concentrating on those on the street.

I am hoping to fill goody bags for all in very basic temporary accommodation. To spread some Christmas cheer.

Required: Small tins of Ham, Corn Beef, salmon, tuna, fruit, cream or custard. Jar of pickles, Bar of chocolate or packet of sweets, Packet of nuts or special biscuits and Christmas crackers. With sincere thanks for all your contributions, Viv. (There will be a spare list in church.)

Memorial Service – Sunday 26th October, 4pm at St. Mary Magdalene Church, Lyminster. A quiet reflective hour, to light a candle and remember those we love, but see no more. Please PRINT the name of your loved one to be read out on the sign up sheet or when you arrive.

The Bible Course – Wednesday Evenings. The latest course started this week, but you would be most welcome if you would like to join the rest of the course, with the next session on Wednesday 29 October. Please contact Gill – gillquigley9@gmail.com

Discipleship Explored – 8 week discipleship course focussing on the book of Philippians also started this week on a Thursday morning. Did you miss the start? No problem, come and join us from week 2 – Thursday 30th October, 10-11.30am Garden Room. Please let me know you are coming: rev.lyminsterwick@gmail.com

Sunday 9th November – Remembrance Sunday, there will be an act of remembrance at the 10.30 Service as we remember the sacrifice of the men of Wick who gave their lives in the cause of freedom during past wars.

BHOS – Afternoon of well-known and much loved songs from the musicals

Sung by the choir of Brighton and Hove Operatic Society.

Sunday 16 November, 3pm, St Mary Magdalene Church Lyminster.

Refreshments during interval. Tickets £5 – available from Viv Prior in Church, Carol Hatton 07710 596095 or on the door.

Save the date for the popular St. Mary Magdalene Church Quiz Night

which will take place in Wick Hall on 06.12.25, details/tickets on sale at a later date.

Thank you to everyone who has been supporting the Littlehampton

Foodbank by donating food in the church and church hall, and a special thank you to everyone for your amazing donations at the Harvest Festival services. As a result of your generosity, we were able to take over 30 bags of food to the Foodbank the following day.

Contactless Giving is now available! We now have a contactless giving device at Wick Hall to provide another way of giving. After entering the amount, you simply tap the card reader with your payment card. Currently we have not enabled a gift aid option as it takes a bit of time to complete online. You can still gift aid by letting Janis Myers (treasurer) know the date and amount you have donated. Alternatively, you can complete a gift aid form on the table next to the machine. There is a way of repeating this without completing a form each time – please ask! For more information please speak with Jeannette.

Serve on the Alpha Team – Could this be you this new year? Do you love Jesus and love people? That's what's needed, then how might you offer your gifts to our friends, neighbours, colleagues exploring faith on Alpha? From Welcomers, Pack down/Set up, behind-the-scenes, Cake/Pudding Makers, Team helpers and Team Leaders. Please be in touch with Lisa to register your interest: rev.lyminsterwick@gmail.com