

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 the Friday Coffee Morning..

Pray for wholeness and healing: For Angie Johnson, Pauline Latter, Nancy Fellows, Jeff, Dan and Beccy Jenkins, Margaret Millidge, 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: Benjamin Gray Driv. Dear Lord, We place the name of Jesus over Benjamin Gray Drive – 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 27 April
Jesus present & future
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.

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

Rev'd Lisa Fairman-Brown Priest-in-charge

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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 Second Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father.

Ascended – Seated – Jesus will come again

Jesus is not absent—He is reigning. He has gone to the place of ultimate authority: the right hand of the Father. The ascension tells us that the resurrection wasn't the end of the story. It was the beginning of a new reign. Think of what the angels say in Acts 1:11: "This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way." So we wait, not in despair, but in hope—because the King who ascended will one day return. So when we say in the Creed: He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. Let's live like it's true.

Lent Neighbour Challenge – How did you get on? It's been lovely to hear stories of conversations with neighbours, Easter eggs being given and you praying blessing on your neighbours and neighbourhoods. These are glimpses of the in-breaking of the kingdom which has no end and we are invited by Jesus to join in!

BIBLE READING

Acts 1:1-11

1 In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach 2 until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. 3 After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. 4 On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: 'Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. 5 For John baptised with water, but in a few days you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

6 Then they gathered round him and asked him, 'Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' 7 He said to them: 'It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' 9 After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a

cloud hid him from their sight. 10 They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. 11 'Men of Galilee,' they said, 'why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.'

Romans 8:31-39

31 What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all – how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? 33 Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. 34 Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died – more than that, who was raised to life – is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? 36 As it is written: 'For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.' 37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

In preparation for our APCM on Sunday 27th April at 12:00pm, we have published our annual report and accounts on our church website. You can read them by clicking [here](#) or visiting <https://www.allsaintswick.org.uk/127/Annual-Meeting-APCM>. A limited number of printed copies will be available on the day for those who cannot access them online. Do please remember to also bring a picnic if you can stay to join us for a time of fellowship together after the APCM meeting.

Picnic Season is upon us! Yes, this Sunday we are celebrating Jesus' presence among us and his power at work through us. Our APCM is at 12 noon at All Saints Church, we get to pause and thank God for his goodness to us in 2024 and to pray for the year to come. Then let's picnic together in Church, in the garden and in the Garden Room get to know people in the Church family you haven't yet met or don't know well and draw others into the friendships you already have. So please bring a picnic and come and join in, cold drinks will be provided.

Church Family Photographs – we need to update our website. If you are coming to the picnic and this is your thing. Please capture the life in All Saints for us. If this is you, please let Lisa know that you are willing to do this. If you do not wish to have your photograph taken/published, please also let Lisa know.

Are you hiding a light under a bushel?

Dear Church Family, As we approach our APCM, it feels the right time to highlight an upcoming challenge we face as a family, to see how we might be able to solve it together. Our wonderful Churchwardens, Ann and Clare have been so incredibly committed to making All Saints function, especially during our vacancy, and we have been truly spoiled by the amount of time they have dedicated to our church. But now the time has come for Clare to step down after 7 years. Thank you, Clare, and Jon, for carrying so many church jobs for so long, often under the radar. You have gone well above and beyond what is expected of any Churchwardens and we are truly grateful for all you have done and continue to do. We don't know what we would have done without you, and that makes you, Clare, a hard act to follow! In fact, it's been so hard, that we haven't found a willing replacement yet! Our concern now is that we may only have one Churchwarden, Ann, from our APCM onwards. So, we've been looking at how we can split up the

tasks Clare and Ann have been managing for our services, buildings and other commitments into more manageable chunks that can be shared more widely amongst our church family – including you! We are blessed with a wide range of skills and experience across our congregations and love seeing everyone bring them together for the benefit of our community. So, are you hiding a light under a bushel? Do you have a spare hour or two or more a month that you could offer to help make things happen?

You might not be able to move chairs, but could you sit by the door and count how many people come to our services once a month at your regular service? Or perhaps you could be in charge of the communion bread at one of the services you attend each month? These roles are just as important as the “bigger” or more visible roles, but Ann and I would be so grateful not to have to think about them each week! There's such a wide range of things we're looking for help with and many of them can be shared too. By setting up teams and rotas for each task, there would be a pool of people who could ask each other for cover as well. The sorts of other things that need adding to rotas (mostly at Wick Hall) include:

- Setting up the AV equipment
- Operating the AV
- Getting out and putting back the banners each Sunday
- The defibrillator needs a check once a week (that must be recorded)
- Lighting the candles ten minutes before the start of a service
- Carrying out fire extinguisher/lightning conductor checks as needed
- Opening up the church or hall for tradespeople etc. and reading a book or working while they work
- Doing a weekly check of the heating times for the main hall on the phone app and making sure they match the needs of the bookings
- Basic DIY (painting, maintenance)
- Gardening
- Back up cover for refreshments and set up teams
- Sweeping up at the end of the service

Brief descriptions of the roles will be added to our website shortly with details of what's involved. We'll include the links in the newsletter when they're ready. If you would like to offer a little time for something that has not been mentioned, please do drop an email to Lisa or Ann to see how it could be applied. Basically, we want to spread the load so that nobody feels burdened by everything that has to be done. Ann's role can then be that of a more traditional Churchwarden and she can be a point of contact rather

than the 'doer' of everything that needs doing. And, if you think that all this delegation makes the role of Churchwarden something you would like to explore, please speak to Lisa, thank you! One last thing: please don't worry if you can't help at the moment – there is a time for everything and a place for everyone and we get that. As we move into this new season, let's belong, believe and become even more united as we pull together!

Notice from Clare and Jon: Within the Church of England, churchwardens generally serve for a maximum of 6 years (I served an additional year to provide continuity during the vacancy). Therefore I will be hanging up my churchwarden lanyard on Sunday. Over the years, the role has challenged me in many ways with God pushing me to take many leaps of faith and stepping out of my comfort zone. I couldn't have imagined some of things that God would have me do!! I want to extend my sincere thanks to everyone in our church family. Your willingness to volunteer (sometimes with gentle persuasion), your support in countless ways and your encouragement has been deeply appreciated. I would also like to thank Jon as I couldn't have done it all without his support. While my time in this specific role is ending, Jon and I look forward to continuing our involvement with the Youth, Wick Hall and Wick Action Group. Thank you again for your partnership and support.

All Saints thanks to Clare & Jon: In return, on behalf of the whole PCC and the Church family, our heartfelt thanks to Clare for the tireless and countless ways she has served our Church and Church family as Churchwarden over the last 7 years. We have readily seen on Sundays the many ways both Clare and Jon have worked to enable Sunday worship to happen, but the saying goes, this is just the tip of the iceberg. Clare has undertaken the governance and administrative tasks of a Churchwarden with real diligence and has scooped up a whole raft of other tasks which keep Wick Hall and the Church functioning well. All along, Jon has been there to support and to serve as well. So, this Sunday we pause and give thanks to God for Clare and Jon and please take the time to thank them personally too.

Ladies Group Friday 2nd May 2025. Come and join us for a walk by the sea and if you would like to, share together over Fish and Chips or just a drink. Meet at 7pm by Harbour Lights Cafe. Please let Alison know if you are coming by Thursday 1st May: 01903 723670/ 07752479334 Looking forward to seeing you. Alison Jenny and Viv.

Saturday 10th May – There's a lot happening!

Alpha Away Day – 10th May The Alpha Away Day for St Mary Magdalene & All Saints Wick is taking place on Saturday 10th May 10am – 4pm at St Mary's Church Hall, Climping. This is a highlight of the Alpha Course as we take a day out from our usual pattern to consider the person and work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. If you would like to join us for this day, you would be most welcome. Booking essential – please email Lisa at rev@lyminsterwick.org.uk.

Arundel & Bognor Deanery Pilgrimage to the Cathedral – 10th May Join others for a day of spiritual reflection and community walking from Barnham to Chichester Cathedral as part of the Diocese Year of Faith. A walk of just over 9 miles, mostly following the path of the disused Chichester Canal before ending up at the cathedral in time for Evensong. You will need to come dressed appropriately for the weather and carry a packed lunch, water and snacks for the day. We will pause at different moments to enhance our pilgrimage experience. The walk is largely level but will include some rough paths, stiles and roadside walking. We recommend dogs only join us if they are comfortable walking on the lead. 10am – 5pm. Booking in here. Please note that the Arundel & Bognor deanery are not accepting any liability for your safety on this walk. Please make sure you are fit for the walk and wearing appropriate clothing and footwear.

Vocation Day – 10th May A day for anyone who is wondering whether God might be calling them to ordained ministry in the Church of England. You may have already taken some steps down this route – or you may never have thought about it until now! Either way, the day will help you think, talk and pray through this question. Partners are also welcome to attend. At St Mary's Church, Horsham. Speakers to include Bishop Ruth and the Revd Giles Carpenter, Director of Vocations. Further information, please email Annie Compton and also do let Lisa know!

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

Baptism & Confirmation – Want to find out more? Please get in touch with Lisa.