

The National Day of Prayer & Worship (NDOPW) invites you to join the 72 hours of prayer from midnight on Thursday 11th December to midnight on Sunday 14th December. The link is: www.ndopw.com/dailyprayer. You may join at any time. Also, be sure to watch Songs of Praise on Sunday 14th December at 1.15pm on BBC1

Please be Praying – for all our Christmas Events, Services, Preparations, Volunteers, Visitors, Conversations and Connections with our Friends, Neighbours and Community. Please also be praying the same for churches right across our corner of the country as well as those you are connected with elsewhere. May this Christmas be the beginning of newness of life in Jesus for all sorts of people who come to or connect with the local church.

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 PCC & Deanery Synod.

Praying for Wick and Kingley Gate – Road of the Week: **Etherington Place**.

Dear Lord, We place the name of Jesus over **Etherington Place** – 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 Justine, 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 30 November
Know, Love & Follow Jesus The King will come

Our Purpose: Know, Love & Follow Jesus

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 The First Sunday of Advent

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Why In Advent We Want to Be Left, Not Taken

Advent always surprises us. Just when we're ready for tinsel and carols, Jesus begins the season with a wake-up call. And perhaps the most surprising part of His teaching is this: in Matthew 24, the people we want to be are the ones who are left, not the ones who are taken.

That sounds the wrong way round to many of us. We're used to thinking that being 'taken' must be the good news and being 'left behind' the bad news. But Jesus deliberately takes us back to the days of Noah. In Noah's time, it was the wicked who were swept away by the flood, and the righteous, the ones who trusted God, who were left to begin again in God's renewed world.

Jesus says His return will be like that.

It's a surprising reversal, but a hopeful one. It means God is not in the business of abandoning His creation or snatching His people away from it. Instead, He is committed to renewing it; establishing His peace, His justice, His kingdom right here. And those who trust Him, who walk in His ways, are the ones who will remain to enjoy it.

So Advent invites us to a different kind of readiness. Not anxious speculation, not scanning the horizon for signs, but faithful, steady, hopeful, watchful living. It's about being rooted in Christ so that when the storms come, our lives remain grounded in Him.

So as we begin this season, may the Lord keep us awake to His presence today, and ready for His coming tomorrow. When He comes, may He find us joyfully, faithfully, thankfully left behind.

Advent 2025-Ready for the Return. *A Preaching Series on the Second Coming of Jesus.* This Advent we're zooming out and looking up, focusing on the stunning promise that Jesus will return. Each week we'll explore what that means for real life: hope that steadies us, justice that's coming, and a future brighter than we dare imagine. This is not doom-and-gloom prophecy, but good news that

energises our faith and reshapes our everyday. Come ready to be encouraged, challenged, and lifted as we prepare for the King who keeps His promises.

BIBLE READING

Matthew 24:36-44

36 'But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 37 As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. 38 For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; 39 and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. 40 Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. 41 Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left. 42 'Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. 43 But understand this: if the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. 44 So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

Isaiah 2:1-5

This is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem: 2 In the last days the mountain of the Lord's temple will be established as the highest of the mountains; it will be exalted above the hills, and all nations will stream to it. 3 Many peoples will come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the temple of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths.' The law will go out from Zion, the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. 4 He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war any more. 5 Come, descendants of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

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

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Young Advent Reflections – Here is something for everyone, whether you are young or young at heart, we will be releasing a short daily Advent reflection starting with God's promises. Starting this Monday as Advent begins, this is a great way for you and for you to share with other family members what it looks like to 'be ready for Jesus' Look out for their daily appearing on the All Saints Facebook page.

The series has been written and devised by Flix Gillett, please make the most of this and plan ahead of time to set aside time to pause, read and reflect or pray. To have someone cheer you on and keep you on track, why not tell a friend you are doing this, invite them to join you or tell them you would be glad of their help to keep going. It may be that you are reading this and don't have Facebook, don't let that stop you, please email officeallsaints@gmail.com to request your Young Advent Reflections by email.

Midweek Holy Communion Service including Baptism – everyone

welcome! This Wednesday 3rd December, we have the joy of welcoming Wendy into the family of God by baptism. Please be praying for Wendy as a new believer, that she will know the power and presence of God at work in her and through her and that she will be filled with all joy and peace as she trusts in him and that she will overflow with hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Christmas Coffee Morning Gift Sale: Please come along to our Friday Coffee Morning on 5th December in All Saints where we shall be holding a sale of gifts, crafts, novelties, cards & calendars and plants. Proceeds are in aid of a new boiler for the church building. If you are able to help us by making anything such as Christmas tree decorations, Christmas table decorations, soft toys, knitted garments, etc please let Jane know (07896 175268).

Ladies Group Christmas Social: Friday 5th December at 7pm at Alison's house 31 Clun Road BN17 7DZ 01903 723670. Come and have fun with a christmas quiz and other fun things. Wear a christmas hat or jumper. Please bring a plate of nibbles to share and let Alison know if you are coming. Looking forward to seeing you. Alison, Jenny and Viv.

Friday Coffee Morning First three Fridays in December raising money for St Barnabas Hospice Christmas themed Tombola and Raffle and Scones Cakes and Pastries.

Save the date for the St Mary Magdalene popular church quiz at Wick Hall Saturday 6th December. 7pm for 7.30. Tickets now on sale £5 per person see Jenny Tillman or Viv Prior. Treat yourselves to a fun evening.

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

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.)

Christmas Invitations Thank you so much to everyone who has so enthusiastically offered to deliver our Christmas service leaflets this week – you've all been amazing and we're delighted to say that every home in the Parish has received a timely invite to our services. This is wonderful!

Christmas Service Visitors In anticipation of extra people responding to these Christmas invitations, we'd love some additional volunteers to help our welcomers. It would be fantastic if, as our guests come inside, they have someone else making them feel at home. If this is something you are able to help with, please email liz@graficabythesea.com. Of course, all of us can be welcomers, so if you see someone standing on their own, please do say hello. Thank you.

Church Directory and Website Update Having listened to feedback about our church directory and website, we are in the process of updating them. The update to the church family directory gives us chance to make sure that the information we have is up to date and that everyone is still happy for it to be there. You'll still be able to access it through the website, but there will also be an app if you prefer.

If you receive our newsletter by email, you will shortly receive a short email form to fill in. The system we are moving to is called ChurchSuite and it is used in many churches already. It will give you chance to decide which information we hold and also what is visible to others. Paper sign up sheets will also be available for those who receive a paper copy of the newsletter but who would like to be included. We hope that the new system will make it easier for us all to communicate and further down the line we can expand its use. If you have any questions, please speak to Liz Brooks who is setting up ChurchSuite for us.

Christmas Services – who will you invite? Do look out for other guests at our services – if All Saints is your home, then know that you are part of the welcome team. We love to give everyone a warm- hearted, genuine welcome.

Save the dates, invite your friends & family, pray for our neighbours to join you this Christmas for:

7th December	Christingle, 10.30am, Wick Hall
14th December	Carols for Everyone, 4.30pm, Wick Hall Carols for Everyone, 7.00pm, All Saints Church
21st December	Christingle, 9.30am, Lyminster Church Nine Lessons & Carols, 4pm, Lyminster Church
Christmas Eve	Crib Service, 3pm, Lyminster Church Crib Service, 5pm, All Saints Church Midnight Holy Communion, 11.15pm, Lyminster Church
Christmas Day	All Together Celebration Service with Holy Communion, 10am, All Saints Church

Please make a note of the following changes to services this December:

Sunday 14 th December: NO 10.30 Wick Hall Service on this day, as we have Carols for Everyone later in the day (Holy Communion 9am at All Saints)

Christmas Day – one benefice service: All Together Celebration Service with Holy Communion, All Saints Church, Wick, 10am.

Sunday 28 th December – Joint Benefice Holy Communion, All Saints Church, 10.30am.