

Dear Lord,

We thank you that you rule over nations and your governance is one of peace, righteousness and justice. As we adjust to news of Sir Keir Starmer, the prime minister, resigning we ask you would be with those in positions of leading the nation during a transition of leadership. We ask for your wisdom at this time and for godly guidance for our nation. May your church continue to play a key role in modelling unity in local communities and caring for those most in need at this time. Amen

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: **Kingfisher Drive.**

Dear Lord, We place the name of Jesus over **Kingfisher 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.

Pray for wholeness and healing: For Angie Johnson, Martin Tillman, Colin Leach, Mary Jones, Roger & Margaret Purdom, Dan, Sandra Ostler, Marian Ayres, Eileen Vause, Jeff (Nancy Fellows' son) and Norman (Jenny Tillman's brother).

If you would like something about All Saints publicised or would like your name added / taken off the prayer request list above please email Jonathan Black: wickinformation@gmail.com

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All Saints Wick Sunday 5th July
Know, Love & Follow Jesus Ready for the Day of the Lord

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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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

Church Prayer Gathering – 3rd Sunday of the month **6-7pm** at All Saints

COLLECT (Worldwide Anglican prayer) for The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

This Sunday we'll be thinking together about what it means to be ready for

the return of the Lord Jesus. In 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, Paul reminds believers that although we do not know the day or the hour, we are not people who live in darkness or fear. Instead, as children of the light, we are called to live alert, faithful and full of hope.

Jesus tells a similar story in the parable of the ten virgins. The wise were ready because they had oil for their lamps. It's a reminder that the Christian life is not simply about having the appearance of faith, but about living daily in the power and presence of the Holy Spirit.

Whether we have followed Christ for many decades or are only beginning the journey of faith, the Lord's call is the same: to keep trusting Him, encouraging one another, and living each day in joyful expectation of His return. As Paul concludes, "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up."

I look forward to worshipping with you on Sunday.

BIBLE READINGS

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

1 Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, 2 for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3 While people are saying, 'Peace and safety', destruction will come on them suddenly, as labour pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. 4 But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. 5 You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. 6 So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. 7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. 8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. 9 For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. 10 He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we

may live together with him. 11 Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

SERMON NOTES – What has God said today? What will I do about it?

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Getting to Know All Saints...Yvonne McKeown

I go to the 10.30 Wick Hall services.

How did you first come to All Saints, and what has kept you here? I moved to Littlehampton in 2021, and whilst I have been a Christian for all of my adult life, I had fallen away from church attendance in recent years. Since moving to Littlehampton, I'd considered attending a local church, but it felt like a bit of a leap out of my comfort zone. Notwithstanding, I'd looked at local churches and the All Saints services at Wick Hall seemed a really good match. After a conversation with my cousin – also a Christian – I finally decided to take the plunge and started attending the 10.30 service. I deliberately chose to start coming along at the time that the new Priest in Charge started, and I haven't looked back; it feels like the right place for me to be.

Can you share a moment when your faith became particularly real or meaningful to you? There isn't a specific moment that really stands out, but God relates to each of us as individuals and knows the best way to engage with our unique personalities. There are lots of times that have been meaningful and special, but I don't have any epiphanies; it's more a case of day-to-day little moments of wonder, and small insights.

What helps you keep going as a Christian in everyday life? The belief and understanding that I am NEVER alone. God has NEVER let me down. I know that even when I haven't got a clue about things, He has, and He will direct me. My future is safe in His hands.

What's something you're passionate about inside or outside church?

Gardening. Photography. Wildlife. Nature. Being in the countryside, or even the beach. Delighting in creation. (In no particular order.)

A testimony we are hearing in discipleship/home groups is from a believer in Iran who had their Bible confiscated while kept in detention. Instead, she wrote Scriptures on the walls of her cell as she asked the Holy Spirit to call them to mind. Which verse/s would you write on the wall if this were you? Psalm 139. If ever I feel lost, it's a 'go-to' psalm.

How can we pray for you at the moment? For the salvation of my daughter: She prays, she believes in God, but she doesn't seem to realise that Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Light. She lives a very worldly life. I suspect she IS saved, but she's not living in the good of this.

My favourite way to spend a day off? I would be in the countryside on a warm, sunny day, drinking in the nature and wildlife and getting amazing photos of it.

Coffee/Tea? Definitely coffee; small, white and very strong.

At All Saints I love to take photos for the church whenever the opportunity arises. (Permission is sought before photos of church members are included in our website or on social media)

It would be wonderful for us to get to know you too, please share your answers at rev.lyminsterwick@gmail.com

Summer Gatherings: the Sky's the Limit – Do you remember during lockdown we had many summer gatherings? But that was six years ago and summer 2026 is here. You opened your homes to small groups of people for a wide variety of socials, from tea and biscuits, dinner parties, to more relaxed evening meals. This is not Bake Off or Master Chef. Just a cuppa and a packet of biscuits could be all you need. Or maybe you could

host a gathering on the beach or in the park. Perhaps a meet-up with games, a crazy golf time, or music. This is a way of having fun and getting to know the people in the church family. Which activity do you feel inspired to host? Please contact Alex Penfold who is coordinating this for us on penfold486@btinternet.com or 07759 031 298. Let her know the type of activity, where and when you could meet up, how many people you could host. And any other useful information or restrictions. It can be an activity at a time that is best for adults only or an activity ideally suited to lots of children.

Join our hospitality team – we are looking to grow our hospitality team at Wick Hall and if you would like to be part of serving love, friendliness and tea/coffee to people at our services we would love to hear from you. You will be trained and be part of a brilliant team. Please get in touch with Lisa Holland (lisa@thehollandsonline.co.uk) or Lisa our Priest in Charge (rev.lyminsterwick@gmail.com | 07925 275184), we would love to hear from you.

Authorised Lay Ministry Courses – Have you been prayerfully considering if God is calling you to take up one or other of the ALM Courses on offer from the diocese. If you didn't pick up one of the booklets, the information can be found under ALM Chichester Diocese. You will also find information about the next Bishop's Certificate – theological learning offered to you by the diocese. Those considering ALM, need to let Lisa know by email that they would like to undertake the course and if you would like to be considered for Authorised Lay Ministry then you will also need to let her know by 12 July latest for courses starting in Autumn 2026.