

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Testimonies: Many of you will have testimonies of God's goodness in a myriad of ways over the last year. It would be so good to share it with your church family, please get in touch with Lisa or let her know.

Poor St Clares at Crossbush Taize Service 7pm last Friday of each Month and Taize Service 6pm first Sunday of the month at United Reform/ Trinity Church High Street Littlehampton.

Coffee/Tea rota and used stamps: There is a container for stamps near the door. The coffee tea rota is also there.

Ray's funeral will be on Friday March 6th @ 2pm Arun crematorium postcode BN18 0LW. Our prayers, blessings and thoughts are with Margaret and family.

St Mary Magdalene regular service pattern at the moment

1st Sunday of the month 4pm All together communion
2nd Sunday 8 am BCP service and 11 am Communion
3rd Sunday 9.30 Family service 11am Parish communion
4th Sunday 11 am communion
5th Sunday 11 am Communion

Please note changes 2nd Sunday 8am B C P and 3rd Sunday 11am service

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.

PRAYER LIST

Barbara Evens granddaughter; Evie, Jo Lark, Margaret Russell & Family, Gwen Marsh, Miriam, Carol Hatton's good friend Lynne Rule-Peters, Sue Arthur, Richard and his Father.

Please email names for prayer list to wickinformation@gmail.com

1 March 2026

'The Servant Who Restores Body and Soul'

Our Purpose: Deeply know, love and follow Jesus

Welcome to St Mary Magdalene Church, Lyminster and to our church building which has been a place of worship for nearly 1,000 years. If you are visiting, or this is your first time here, please make yourself known to one of the welcomers.

We hope that you feel welcome and able to share in the good news of Jesus our risen Lord and Saviour. Please contact Lisa, priest in charge of St. Mary Magdalene and All Saints Wick, Churchwarden or welcomers if you'd like to, and please stay to get to know us better after the service. This week's service will be led by Revd. Lisa Fairman- Brown.

ALL ENQUIRIES

Our Clergy

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HYMN NUMBERS WILL BE ON THE BOARD

COLLECT for The Second Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lent – When the Lord gently asks: Is your heart aligned with your actions? In Matthew’s eye- witness account, Jesus warns about those who, ‘Do not practice what they preach’ (23:3). Outwardly everything looks right, yet inwardly something is out of step. Lent gives us space to notice that gap and bring us back to integrity before God.

It is possible to appear composed, faithful, and coping yet privately be struggling. One woman, known for her hospitality and reliable volunteering, admitted after a bereavement, ‘I didn’t think I was allowed to fall apart.’ Her actions looked strong outwardly; her heart was weary.

The Lord isn’t asking us for a performance and Psalm 51 reminds us, ‘Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.’ (ESV)

Lent invites us to bring our real hearts to God, to let His grace bring our inner life and outward living back into alignment. This week, here is one simple, practical way we can let God’s grace loose in us:

The Discipline of honest prayer – Set aside a few quiet minutes each day to speak plainly to the Lord not the polished version of yourself, but the real one. Use words from Psalms such as Psalm 51: “Create in me a clean heart, O God.” Name what is true, it might be fatigue, resentment, fear, thankfulness or... and place it before Him. Would you either do this now or schedule when you will do this today?.

Save the date – Sussex Prayer for Revival, 6–9pm, Friday 6 th March hosted this time by St Peter’s Church Brighton. Please let Lisa know if you are planning to go.

Come to a Psalm Roar, 7th March! Sing the Spirit-given songs of Christ! A Psalm Roar is a gathering to sing a variety of psalms in a variety of styles. We aim for singing that is enthusiastic, robust, loud and encouraging! Psalm Roars are suitable for those with no musical background. We want to see the psalms restored to their proper place in Christian worship.

Book a place at Psalm Roar Sussex, 7th March. Bishop Hannington Church, Hove. www.psalmsroar.org/sussex

BIBLE READINGS

The Servant who restores Soul and Body

Verses of prophecy from the book of Isaiah 33:24

24 No one living in Zion will say, ‘I am ill’; and the sins of those who dwell there will be forgiven.

Matthew 9: 1–8

1 Jesus stepped into a boat, crossed over and came to his own town. 2 Some men brought to him a paralysed man, lying on a mat. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the man, ‘Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven.’ 3 At this, some of the teachers of the law said to themselves, ‘This fellow is blaspheming!’ 4 Knowing their thoughts, Jesus said, ‘Why do you entertain evil thoughts in your hearts? 5 Which is easier: to say, “Your sins are forgiven,” or to say, “Get up and walk”?’ 6 But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.’ So he said to the paralysed man, ‘Get up, take your mat and go home.’ 7 Then the man got up and went home. 8 When the crowd saw this, they were filled with awe; and they praised God, who had given such authority to man.

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Giving in different ways: Thank you for all the ways that you are contributing to the life of St Mary Magdalene Church. Thank you that many of you give by serving on teams. We would absolutely love to welcome you to serve too. Please ask Viv where our various teams need strengthening Thank you for the way you give to all involved in our mission and ministry through your prayers for us, and for God’s mission through St Mary Magdalene. Finally, thank you, for your generous giving, and if you would like to find out about that, you can go to the giving page on our website or scan the code below. We do encourage you, if you consider yourself a regular worshipping member of St Mary Magdalene to consider this.



New Wine this summer – help/gifts

You may have caught Kerry's encouragement about how inspirational she found the New Wine Week was for her last summer. Many of you will know that from your own experience too, perhaps you've been and seen just how faith-building it can be. You may also be someone who hasn't been, or can't go this year, but would love to bless others to go. We know there are people in our church family who would dearly love to attend this summer but for whom cost or even not having camping equipment is a real barrier. We've set up a New Wine designated fund to help with that. If you'd like to contribute, please have a conversation with Lisa as soon as possible. Or if you'd love to go but are hesitating because of cost or equipment, please do come and have a conversation with Lisa. We would love, as far as possible, for everyone who wants to go to New Wine this summer to be able to do so.

Festival.new-wine.org

National Day of Prayer & Worship (NDOPW) 32 days of continual Prayer was concluded at Midnight on Thursday, 5th February. However, you are invited to join NDOPW at 7am, Noon, 7pm and Midnight every day on Zoom. The link is: www.ndopw.com/dailyprayer (Read Ephesians 4:3-6)

Our next Men's Ministry breakfast is on Saturday 21 March 9am - 10.30am In the small hall & kitchen Wick hall Aaron Colhoun is our speaker & he will share his amazing testimony. Bacon Sausage & egg baps will be served for which I suggest a £5 donation. Please include in notices for All Saints Wick 9 & 10.30 and Lyminster Church please.

I am once again asking for donations of Easter Eggs to distribute to homeless and those in temporary accommodation around our town. This year there are more than ever, so please spread a little Christian Joy and drop eggs in the box to be found in church, with grateful thanks - Viv Prior