

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

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.)

Still urgently required Church secretary please see Viv or Lisa if this role is something you would be able to take on, assisting in the smooth running of St. Mary Magdalene, Lyminster.

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.

Prayer group meets every 3rd Wednesday of the Month 7:30 at Gills. All welcome.

St Mary Magdalene regular service pattern at the moment

1st Sunday of the month	All together communion 4pm
2nd Sunday	Communion 11am
3rd Sunday	All together 9.30am
4th Sunday	BCP Communion 8.30 am
	Communion 11am
5th Sunday	Communion 11am

PRAYER LIST

Miriam, Carol Hatton's good friend Lynne Rule-Peters, Sue Arthur ,Tina Ward, Richard and his Father.

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



2 November 2025

A Vision that changes everything

Our Purpose: Know, Love & 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

470 I The Lord of sea and sky
71 Give me Joy in my heart
496 The Spirit lives to set us free.

COLLECT for All Saints Day

God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age: as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Two Roads...

If you wander through Lyminster, you will notice two roads that tell quite different stories. One is Church Lane – the path that quite literally leads to our church building, a place where for centuries people have come seeking hope, truth, and peace with God. The other, newly named, is Knucker Folly, a service road near the new bypass. The name recalls an old local legend about a dragon, the Knucker, said to have lived in a nearby pond. It's a curious piece of folklore, but as the name Folly suggests, it doesn't really lead anywhere.

It struck me this week that those two roads offer a picture of life's spiritual choices. One road, the way of Christ, may seem narrow and sometimes challenging, yet it leads to life. Jesus said, *'Enter through the narrow gate... small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.'* (Matthew 7:13–14). The other paths we are offered in the world can look exciting or harmless enough, but so often they end in folly, going nowhere, and never offer lasting peace.

As we come to the end of October, with Halloween on Friday, this contrast feels especially vivid. Our culture often treats it as light-hearted fun, but underneath the costumes and sweets is a celebration of darkness, a fascination with fear, and evil disguised as play. As Christians, we are called to think carefully about what we celebrate and why.

This year we haven't been able to organise a Light Party as an alternative, but we can still shine as people of light. Perhaps that means choosing not to have joined in unthinkingly, or simply having been ready to share kindness and hope with those who come to our door. However you spent the evening, remember that we belong to the One who said, *'I am the Light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.'*

So when we go along Church Lane or drive past Knucker Folly, may we be reminded that the story of the dragon is only a tale, but the story of Jesus is true, and it leads to eternal life. Let's speak life over ourselves and one another.

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Next week's service (9.11.25) Remembrance Sunday Service **to start earlier at 10.45.**

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.

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.

Bishop's Certificate 2026

The Bishop's Certificate is an exciting new opportunity for lay people across the Diocese of Chichester to deepen their understanding of the Christian faith, explore their calling, and grow in ministry. 20 weeks + 3 Saturdays over 3 terms. Our closest course venue is Worthing, on Mondays from Jan, 7–9pm. Cost £50 or free for the unwaged. It is open to anyone in the diocese with a desire to grow in faith and service. No prior theological training is required, just a willingness to learn and participate. For the course overview, links to the application form and location details, click this [link](#) or visit Chichester Diocese website-Vocations & Ministry. Deadline for applications 15 December.

Volunteers required Wednesday evening 6pm–7.30 at the Littlehampton Wave to help at the Dolphins Swimming club for the disabled. the evening gives those less fortunate than ourselves some fun and exercise. various rolls need filling as the club is getting more popular each week for more information contact cliveabbott06@aol.com

BIBLE READINGS

Isaiah 6:1-13

1 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. 2 Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: with two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. 3 And they were calling to one another: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.' 4 At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. 5 'Woe to me!' I cried. 'I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty.' 6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. 7 With it he touched my mouth and said, 'See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.' 8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I. Send me!' 9 He said, 'Go and tell this people: "Be ever hearing, but never understanding; be ever seeing, but never perceiving." 10 Make the heart of this people calloused; make their ears dull and close their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed.' 11 Then I said, 'For how long, Lord?' And he answered: 'Until the cities lie ruined and without inhabitant, until the houses are left deserted and the fields ruined and ravaged, 12 until the Lord has sent everyone far away and the land is utterly forsaken. 13 And though a tenth remains in the land, it will again be laid waste. But as the terebinth and oak leave stumps when they are cut down, so the holy seed will be the stump in the land.'