

Dates for Diary

Vestry Meeting & APCM, Sunday 11th May 2025, 12.30pm – Trustees & Financial Reports available! If we have your email address you will have received an electronic copy of the above reports, please supply your email if you would like to receive it in this way. There will be paper copies available in Church for those who require it in this format. All questions for the APCM should be emailed to rev@lyminsterwick.org.uk at least 48 hours ahead of the meeting on 11th May, 12.30pm. Lisa would like us all to bring a picnic lunch and enjoy some social time together after the meeting.

SAVE the date **Church Barn Dance** Saturday 12th July will confirm details in the following weeks

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Next week's service will be communion at 11am.

Gerry is still collecting Postage stamps the box is on the chess by front entrance.

Tea and Coffee rota still has some spaces waiting to be filled, new volunteers welcomed.

Poor Clares at Crossbush still have their evening service last Friday of the Month at 7pm all welcomed.

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

PRAYER LIST

Sue Arthur, Tina Ward, Brian McAvilley, Richard and his Father.
Please email names for prayer list to Jonathan Black at the Wick Information Centre.



4 May 2025

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, Churchwardens 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

609 to God be the glory
383 Be Still
162 Ye choirs of new Jerusalem
160 Thine be the Glory

COLLECT for The Third Sunday of Easter Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father.

We believe in the Holy Spirit

So, after an epic section in the middle of the Nicene Creed series where line after line is about Jesus, we move onto the third section of the Creed and the third person of the Trinity, as we go on to declare, “We believe in the Holy Spirit.” As we declare this we are effectively saying: I believe God is with me—always. I believe He gives me strength when I feel weak. I believe He helps me live like Jesus—even when it’s hard. I believe He guides me and helps me understand God’s Word. Do you believe this? Ask God now to help you believe it, and live like you do. Jesus called the Holy Spirit “what my Father has promised.” He’s a gift—not something we earn. Jesus says to ask and receive. So today, let’s say yes to that gift.

BIBLE READINGS

Ezekiel 36:16–29

16 Again the word of the Lord came to me: 17 ‘Son of man, when the people of Israel were living in their own land, they defiled it by their conduct and their actions. Their conduct was like a woman’s monthly uncleanness in my sight. 18 So I poured out my wrath on them because they had shed blood in the land and because they had defiled it with their idols. 19 I dispersed them among the nations, and they were scattered through the countries; I judged them according to their conduct and their actions. 20 And wherever they went among the nations they profaned my holy name, for it was said of them, “These are the Lord’s people, and yet they had to leave his land.” 21 I had concern for my holy name, which the people of Israel profaned among the nations where they had gone. 22 ‘Therefore say to the Israelites, “This is what the Sovereign Lord says: it is not for your sake, people of Israel, that I am going to do these things, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations where you have gone. 23 I will show the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, the name you have profaned among them. Then the nations will know that I am the Lord, declares the Sovereign Lord, when I am proved holy through you before their eyes. 24 ““For I will take you out of the nations; I will gather you from all the countries and bring you back into your own land. 25 I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. 26 I will give you a new heart and put

a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. 27 And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. 28 Then you will live in the land I gave your ancestors; you will be my people, and I will be your God. 29 I will save you from all your uncleanness. I will call for the corn and make it plentiful and will not bring famine upon you.

John 3:1–15

1 Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. 2 He came to Jesus at night and said, ‘Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.’ 3 Jesus replied, ‘Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.’ 4 ‘How can someone be born when they are old?’ Nicodemus asked. ‘Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!’ 5 Jesus answered, ‘Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. 6 Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. 7 You should not be surprised at my saying, “You must be born again.” 8 The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.’ 9 ‘How can this be?’ Nicodemus asked. 10 ‘You are Israel’s teacher,’ said Jesus, ‘and do you not understand these things? 11 Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. 12 I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? 13 No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven – the Son of Man. 14 Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, 15 that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.’

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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!

