

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

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

Please note BCP service in December will be at 8AM. on 2nd Sunday 14th December

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



7 December 2025

The Judge will return

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 WILL BE ON THE BOARD

COLLECT for The Second Sunday of Advent

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God.

Eternal Life: The Gift God Gives, the Gift We Need

This week at our midweek service we had the joy of baptising Wendy, a new sister in Christ who has been wonderfully captivated by Jesus. In fact, she shared with me that the gap between Sunday worship and Wednesday worship... and then Wednesday to Sunday... feels too long. Would that this would be true for all of us, that our hearts would once again be captured, stirred, and held fast by the Lord Jesus!

In the sermon we reflected on eternal life: the gift we need and the gift God so freely gives. Advent helps us reflect on the power of that gift. It teaches us to wait with expectation, to lift our eyes beyond the routines and pressures of the week, and to remember that life – true, unshakeable, everlasting life, comes only from God.

Eternal life begins in the love of God. It is not something we earn or achieve; it is something Jesus offers. As we saw in Wendy's baptism, eternal life begins the moment we put our trust in Christ. It is God placing within us a new heart, a new hope, and a new future.

But eternal life is not just about now. It is also about the day that is coming. I love this verse from this Sunday's reading, it points us to that breath-taking promise: 'In keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.' 2 Peter 3:13. Are we truly looking forward to that day? Do we let it shape our hopes, our priorities, our worship? Jesus will return. He will renew all things. He will wipe away every tear and make everything new. How utterly captivating is that?

Wendy's eagerness for worship, her delight in Christ, her longing to gather with his people is a beautiful reminder to us all. Eternal life is not a distant theological idea; it is a present reality and a coming glory. It is life with God now, and life with God forever. At the midweek service we have been listening to the worship song

BIBLE READINGS

2 Peter 3:3-14

3 Above all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. 4 They will say, 'Where is this "coming" he promised? Ever since our ancestors died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation.' 5 But they deliberately forget that long ago by God's word the heavens came into being and the earth was formed out of water and by water. 6 By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed. 7 By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly. 8 But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: with the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. 9 The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. 10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare. 11 Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives 12 as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. 13 But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells. 14 So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him.

Malachi 3:1-4

'I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come,' says the Lord Almighty. 2 But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap. 3 He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the Lord will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness, 4 and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the Lord, as in days gone by, as in former years.

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Next week's service (14.12.25) will be a Communion service at 11am.

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

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

Christmas is coming – and we're getting excited and organised!

This year, we'd like as many church family members as possible to feel included in the 'To Do' list for our Christmas Celebrations. So, can you help with any of the following please?

- 21st – 26th November: especially delivering Christmas invitations to all homes in our parishes (before the first event on 29 Nov)
- Welcoming/Stewarding
- Serving/Hospitality

We are all needed as 'mingling welcome team', let's mark the season by looking out for those we don't know with joy and friendship, just as you are already doing. The first (and biggest) priority is the leafleting in bundles of approx 50 of these. They will be made up by 21st November for delivery before the first event on the 29th. If you are willing and able to deliver, please would you let Viv or Lisa know and give us an indication of which part/s of our wonderfully wide parish you would cover (Crossbush, Warningcamp, Hampton Park, Lyminster (south of Black Ditch), Lyminster (Church Lane area), Lyminster Road (north of the bypass). Thank you so much for your help with this, Lisa

Christmas Invitations Thank you so much to everyone who came forward to deliver our Christmas Invitations this year. We really appreciate your help with this.

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.

Please continue to pray for Victoria Godsmark a Committed Member of Lyminster Church Following her confirmation. May she know the abiding presence of God with her in every circumstance.

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.

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.)

Improvements to the Sound System – We have commissioned a sound engineer to replace our fault mics and make minor adjustments to the speakers. This is taking place week commencing 8th December. We hope to have good sound everywhere in the building and in time for our special Christmas services.

Christmas Services – who will you invite? Do look out for guests at our services – if St Mary Magdalene is your home church, then you are part of the welcome team.

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

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