

## 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.

### **St Mary Magdalene regular service pattern at the moment**

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

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](mailto:wickinformation@gmail.com)

# 8 February 2026

## 'The Righteousness that Fulfils'

### **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. Bill Meyer.

### **ALL ENQUIRIES**

#### Our Clergy

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### **HYMN NUMBERS WILL BE ON THE BOARD**

### **COLLECT for The Second Sunday of Epiphany**

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and forever.

**Testimony catch up...** did you miss last Sunday's testimony? Here it is: A few years ago we rented a cottage in Wharfdale Yorkshire. The nearest building was a barn.

After supper we went straight to bed. During the night M went to the bathroom. The light switch on the landing wasn't at the top of the stairs but was located a good way down. In trying to locate it M slipped and shot down the stairs and hit the wall at the bottom.

I woke up and put the bedroom light on as M staggered in. To say his face as a mess was an understatement. We couldn't phone 999 as there was no signal for our mobiles. But the owner of the cottage had left a book with helpful addresses. We decided to go to the hospital which was 30 miles away. There was also a map. When daylight came we left. M insisted on driving, leaving me to mop him up as he was bleeding heavily so I wasn't paying attention to the route.

We arrived at the hospital and M went into shock. He was taken away on a trolley. After a while a doctor found me and said M was going in an ambulance to another hospital where a plastic surgeon would be waiting for him. I wasn't allowed to go with him so I spent the day at the original hospital, I didn't do too badly – roast beef and Yorkshire puds on the menu!

When he was brought back it was dusk. I was told I couldn't stay at the hospital. I so I had to return to the cottage as they were keeping him overnight. So I got in the car and tried not to panic. It was dark by now and I didn't know the route as I hadn't been concentrating on the journey there. I had been concentrating on M. So I put a worship CD on and sang along with it. I prayed to Jesus and said, 'Please help me'. I felt a sense of peace wash over me and I knew it would be alright. So Jesus and I left together. I didn't hear an audible voice but in my head I knew which turning to take each time and eventually we got to the cottage. Normally I would have been nervous on my own in a strange place I don't know but I knew I wasn't alone, Jesus was with me. I slept well and next day got up and with Jesus' help returned to the hospital. Again, no audible voice but guidance in my head. Parking was never

my strong point but when we arrived, there was a parking space right in front of me and I drove straight into it.

It then struck me how putting my trust in Jesus Christ had helped me and guided me. Without him I couldn't have done it. He is trustworthy as I found out then, and many times since. Anna

PS: It reminds us of last week's beatitude – Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God. Jesus was speaking about having an undivided heart towards him and the things of God; when we do we will begin to see Jesus in all sorts of situations, places and people. May we see Him more and more as we keep our hearts and minds fixed on the Lord.

## BIBLE READINGS

### Malachi 3: 6-12

1 'I the Lord do not change. So you, the descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed. 7 Ever since the time of your ancestors you have turned away from my decrees and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you,' says the Lord Almighty. 'But you ask, "How are we to return?" 8 'Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me. 'But you ask, "How are we robbing you?" 'In tithes and offerings. 9 You are under a curse – your whole nation – because you are robbing me. 10 Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,' says the Lord Almighty, 'and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it. 11 I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not drop their fruit before it is ripe,' says the Lord Almighty. 12 'Then all the nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land,' says the Lord Almighty.

### Psalm 136

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures for ever. 2 Give thanks to the God of gods. His love endures for ever. 3 Give thanks to the Lord of lords: His love endures for ever. 4 to him who alone does great wonders, His love endures for ever. 5 who by his understanding made the heavens, His love endures for ever. 6 who spread out the earth upon the waters, His love endures for ever. 7 who made the great lights – His love endures for ever. 8 the sun to govern the day, His love endures for ever. 9 the moon and stars to govern the night; His love endures for ever. 10 to him who struck down the firstborn of Egypt His love endures for ever. 11 and brought Israel out from among them His love endures for ever. 12 with a mighty hand and outstretched arm; His love endures for ever. 13 to him who divided the Red Sea[a] asunder His love endures for ever. 14 and brought Israel through the midst of it, His love endures for ever. 15 but swept Pharaoh and his army into the Red Sea; His love endures for ever. 16 to him who led his people through the wilderness; His love endures for ever. 17 to him who struck down great kings, His love endures for ever. 18 and killed mighty kings – His love endures for ever. 19 Sihon king of the Amorites His love endures for ever. 20 and Og king of Bashan – His love endures for ever. 21 and gave their land as an inheritance, His love

endures for ever. 22 an inheritance to his servant Israel. His love endures for ever. 23 He remembered us in our low estate His love endures for ever. 24 and freed us from our enemies. His love endures for ever. 25 He gives food to every creature. His love endures for ever. 26 Give thanks to the God of heaven. His love endures for ever.

### Matthew 6. 25-end

25 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? 26 Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? 27 Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? 28 'And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labour or spin. 29 Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. 30 If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you – you of little faith? 31 So do not worry, saying, "What shall we eat?" or "What shall we drink?" or "What shall we wear?" 32 For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. 33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. 34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

**Next week's services:** Family service at 9.30 & Parish Communion at 11.00.

**Holy Communion** – Each dipping their own wafer – unfortunately this practice may not continue. I realise this may be distressing for those who have been doing this now for some while since the pandemic and I apologise for not picking up on this before now. However the Church of England's guidance states that ordinary communicants should not dip the consecrated bread into the chalice themselves. This is because it is not an authorised Anglican practice in the normal liturgy of Holy Communion. Receiving in one kind (just bread or wine) when necessary still counts as full communion. Dipping by communicants is considered unhygienic and increases the risk of contamination of the chalice with germs or gluten from the bread, which could affect others.

**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 Festival 2026** – As we look ahead to the summer. Join us this summer at New Wine Festival 2026! 28 July – 2 August, at the Bath & West Showground for a powerful week of worship, teaching, age-specific programmes, and time together as the wider church family. Our Church, along with churches from across the nation will gather, to be refreshed, inspired, and encounter God together in worship, teaching, and the power of the Holy Spirit and to enjoy meaningful time with others on the same journey. All Saints has its own mini village on the campsite, a number of us are already booked. Book now at [festival.new-wine.org](http://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](http://www.ndopw.com/dailyprayer) (Read Ephesians 4:3-6)

**News from Bishop Martin**, Rt Reverend Martin Warner writes: I shall retire from office on 31 May this year. It has been an enormous privilege to work with so many gifted and committed people during my time in Chichester. I shall always be grateful for our partnership in apostolic mission and will hold this joyful household of faith in my prayers as its future unfolds. The diocese seems to be in good heart after the 950 celebrations. A new diocesan bishop will bring fresh vision and energy, and be supported by a strong, gifted, confident team which is committed to the quality of Christian life in our schools, our parishes, and outreach to those in need. There are well-established protocols for a diocesan vacancy and appointing a new bishop. Discussion about this is now taking shape. There is little that will change in terms of day-to-day life in the diocese. The suffragan bishops will together oversee the life of the diocese during the vacancy. They have decided that Bishop Will is to take on the formal duties of acting bishop, subject to consultation with the Bishop's Council.