

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

PRAYER LIST

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



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The Story of Our Culture

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 Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

BIBLE READINGS

Genesis 1:26–31 & 2:18–25

26 Then God said, 'Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.' 27 So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. 28 God blessed them and said to them, 'Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.' 29 Then God said, 'I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. 30 And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground – everything that has the breath of life in it – I give every green plant for food.' And it was so. 31 God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning – the sixth day.

Chapter 2

18 The Lord God said, 'It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.' 19 Now the Lord God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them;

and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. 20 So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals. But for Adam no suitable helper was found. 21 So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. 22 Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. 23 The man said, 'This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called "woman", for she was taken out of man.' 24 That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh. 25 Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

Psalms 51 1–11

1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. 2 Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. 3 For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. 4 Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge. 5 Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. 6 Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb; you taught me wisdom in that secret place. 7 Cleanse me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. 8 Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. 9 Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. 10 Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. 11 Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.

Luke 20:34–38

34 Jesus replied, 'The people of this age marry and are given in marriage. 35 But those who are considered worthy of taking part in the age to come and in the resurrection from the dead will

neither marry nor be given in marriage, 36 and they can no longer die; for they are like the angels. They are God's children, since they are children of the resurrection. 37 But in the account of the burning bush, even Moses showed that the dead rise, for he calls the Lord "the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob". 38 He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive.'

Ephesians 5:25-33

25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her 26 to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, 27 and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. 28 In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. 29 After all, no-one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church – 30 for we are members of his body. 31 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.' 32 This is a profound mystery – but I am talking about Christ and the church. 33 However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

The Boundary Lines Have Fallen in Pleasant Places.

A team of landscape architects once studied the effects of placing a fence around a preschool playground. They found that on unfenced playgrounds, children tended to huddle near their teacher and stayed close to the school building, hesitant to explore. But when a fence enclosed the area, the same children freely used the entire space, running and playing with confidence. The presence of boundaries, rather than restricting the children, actually gave them a greater sense of safety and freedom. This idea that boundaries can lead to freedom feels counterintuitive. Many of us instinctively think of boundaries as

limitations, as things that hold us back. But in reality, the right boundaries offer a sense of security that allows us to live more fully. God emphasizes this same principle through the boundaries He provides for us. When He gave the Ten Commandments to Israel, He wasn't placing burdens on their backs—He was pointing the way to a life of flourishing. In Deuteronomy 5:33, God promises, "Walk in obedience to all that the Lord your God has commanded you, so that you may live and prosper and prolong your days in the land that you will possess." Prosperity here doesn't just mean material wealth, but a life filled with meaning, peace, and good outcomes—a life well lived within the safety of God's design. Jesus, who fulfilled the law through His death and resurrection, reinforced this idea when He said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" (John 8:31–32). God's truth—and the boundaries it brings—doesn't confine us; it liberates us. This concept also came alive for me in parenting. I once read about the idea of "secure fences"—boundaries that provide not just structure but reassurance. Some children feel free to play within the safe limits of a garden or playground, while others test the boundaries by rattling the fence. But the shaking isn't always an attempt to break out, it's often a way to make sure the fence is firm. A fence that stands still says, 'You're safe here.' But a fence that falls when pushed? That's terrifying. It leaves the child to define their own boundaries, and when every child is doing the same, relationships begin to fracture. There's no common identity or shared framework. I saw this play out with my own sons. One was content to play within the space he was given. The other was always pushing limits—shaking the stairgate, climbing over the cot bars, and once even unlocking his car seat by himself. I only discovered this when I looked up from the petrol station till and saw him toddling across a busy forecourt. Terrifying. But all of it reminded me: the boundaries we place around our children aren't to control them, but to keep them

safe-and free. And so it is with God's boundaries for us. They aren't walls meant to box us in-they're secure fences that let us live freely and confidently. Within them, we are free to grow, to explore, and to flourish in the life God created for us.

Preaching Series: Jesus, Marriage & Relationships

In its General Synod, the Church of England is continuing a process of examining its historic formularies relating to holy matrimony (marriage). Over the next few weeks, we will be considering our cultural stories on marriage, the Biblical perspective and how Jesus-Good news for everyone. I will be around after each service if you would like to talk about any issues this raises for you or if you would prefer to be in touch separately, please do so. Lisa

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National Week of Prayer

(Sat 6th – Sun 14th Sept.) Having had an hour of prayer at either St Mary Magdalene or All Saints Church every day over the last week, our final hour of prayer for both churches will take place on Sunday 14th in the Garden Room, All Saints Church, 6-7pm. All are welcome and all are needed. If you have never been to an hour of prayer or haven't for a long time, please do come along. You don't have to pray out loud but, you will have a chance to join in with praying for the state of the world, the issues facing our nation and local concerns as well as our church family.

Next week services (21.09.25) is a Family service at 9.30am.

Macmillan Coffee Morning – Friday 26th September in All Saints Church 9.30am -12noon – with Tombola. All proceeds to Macmillan. Cakes and Tombola items wanted. Contact Viv, Ron, Alison or Jenny.

Save the date Sunday 16th November 3pm @ S M M .for a lovely afternoon of Musical Theatre .Tickets amazing low £5 will be on sale shortly

The Order of St Richard

The Order of St Richard is an award for lay people which recognises and celebrates exceptional service to the parish, the local community and the Diocese. A number of people from each Archdeaconry are awarded the Order of St Richard each year. We are delighted that Margaret Russell, will be invested into the Order of St Richard this year and this will take place at a Service of Evensong at Chichester Cathedral on Saturday 20th September, 3pm. All are welcome. Well done, Margaret!