

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.

It is with great sadness we have to announce that Ray Russell peaceful in his sleep pass into the arms of Jesus Monday/Tuesday evening Our prayers and blessings to Margaret and family.

St Mary Magdalene regular service pattern at the moment

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

Jo Lark, Margaret Russell & Family, 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

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'The Servant Who Carries Our Sickness'

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. Lisa Fairman-Brown.

ALL ENQUIRIES

Our Clergy

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HYMN NUMBERS WILL BE ON THE BOARD

COLLECT for The Sunday next before Lent

Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Practising Lent

This coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. It is a day of repentance. A day marked out when we confess our sins and express our devotion to God.

On Wednesday evening there will be a simple joint communion service at All Saints Church, 6pm. Ash will be marked on our foreheads in the shape of a cross. It is a sign of allegiance, surrender, devotion, and repentance.

These things, these rituals, these tangible symbolic actions carry rich meaning. By receiving the sign of the cross we declare that we belong to Jesus as his disciples, and we remember our baptism. The ash represents our grief and mourning for our sins – the sins that Jesus Christ gave his life for when he died on the cross. The ashes symbolise both death and repentance.

All of us need his forgiveness and atonement and today we pause, to count the cost of this sacrifice. Such love. Vast. Wide. Deep. High. We 'remember that we are dust, and to dust we shall return.' We 'Repent and believe the Gospel'.

Ash Wednesday marks the start of a 40-day period leading up to Easter, when Jesus was resurrected and it is traditional to observe Lent through fasting, prayer and giving. These 40-days echo stories in both the Old and New Testaments. Moses spent 40 days and nights with God on Mount Sinai in preparation to receive the Ten Commandments. Jesus was led into the wilderness for 40 days and was tested.

Once again we are invited into the story of God, the story of Israel, the story of Jesus, the story of death and resurrection, of repentance and renewal, the story of discipline and training, the story of devotion and commitment.

Let's make it special. If you can't make the service, find a way to mark Ash Wednesday, to repent, to devote yourself to Jesus once again, to remember that you are but dust. May God give us a holy Lent.

Lent Course 2026: Living the Mystery of Faith – The Year of Matthew
In God's wisdom we have four Gospels, a gallery of portraits, each highlighting different aspects of Christ. Matthew paints the portrait of the promised King. Join Gill Quigley to dig deeper into Matthew's gospel this Lent using the diocese course written by Revd Tom Robson. Thursdays, 7.30pm, starting this Thursday 19 th February (5 weeks). To register for this course please email Lisa: rev.lyminsterwick@gmail.com

Wow, God! Thank you to Janet and Clive for sharing their testimonies of God's amazing goodness in the life of two family members in the last year at last Sunday's 10.30am service. 'Lord, we praise you and we ask you continue to bless their family. We bring to you, Loving Lord Jesus, our own family members who are suffering in mind, body or soul at this time, please pour out your wholeness and healing upon them, for we ask this in your mighty name. Amen.'

BIBLE READINGS

Verses of prophecy from the book of Isaiah 53:4

4 Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted.

Matthew 8:1-17

1 When Jesus came down from the mountainside, large crowds followed him. 2 A man with leprosy came and knelt before him and said, 'Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean.' 3 Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. 'I am willing,' he said. 'Be clean!' Immediately he was cleansed of his leprosy. 4 Then Jesus said to him, 'See that you don't tell anyone. But go, show yourself to the priest and offer the gift Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.' 5 When Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, asking for help. 6 'Lord,' he said, 'my servant lies at home paralysed, suffering terribly.' 7 Jesus said to him, 'Shall I come and heal him?' 8 The centurion replied, 'Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed. 9 For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, "Go," and he goes; and that one, "Come," and he comes. I say to my servant, "Do this," and he does it.' 10 When Jesus heard this, he was amazed and said to those following him, 'Truly I tell you, I have not found

anyone in Israel with such great faith. 11 I say to you that many will come from the east and the west, and will take their places at the feast with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. 12 But the subjects of the kingdom will be thrown outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' 13 Then Jesus said to the centurion, 'Go! Let it be done just as you believed it would.' And his servant was healed at that moment. 14 When Jesus came into Peter's house, he saw Peter's mother-in-law lying in bed with a fever. 15 He touched her hand and the fever left her, and she got up and began to wait on him. 16 When evening came, many who were demon-possessed were brought to him, and he drove out the spirits with a word and healed all who were ill. 17 This was to fulfil what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: 'He took up our infirmities and bore our diseases.'

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Next week's service: 11am service of the Word.

18th February Ash Wednesday – Ash Wednesday communion service, 6pm, All Saints Church

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 this summer – help/gifts You may have caught Kerry's encouragement about how inspirational she found the New Wine Week was for her last summer. Many of you will know that from your own experience too, perhaps you've been and seen just how faith-building it can be. You may also be someone who hasn't been, or can't go this year, but would love to bless others to go. We know there are people in our church family who would dearly love to attend this summer but for whom cost or even not having camping equipment is a real barrier. We've set up a New Wine designated fund to help with that. If you'd like to contribute, please have a conversation with Lisa as soon as possible. Or if you'd love to go but are hesitating because of cost or equipment, please do come and have a conversation with Lisa. We would love, as far as possible, for everyone who wants to go to New Wine this summer to be able to do so. 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 (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.