

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

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.)

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

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



16 November 2025

The God who does Right and Saves

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 Mike & Michael.

ALL ENQUIRIES

Our Clergy

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HYMN WILL BE ON THE SERVICE SHEET

COLLECT for The Second Sunday before Advent

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

In Isaiah 45 we hear God's remarkable invitation: 'Turn to me and be saved... for I am God, and there is no other.' It's a reminder that the God who created the world also calls every one of us to find our hope and security in Him alone.

Someone recently told me about their shed roof, which finally blew off after repeated patching. They admitted that the problem was that they were trying to patch on rotten timber. It struck me that many of us try to build our lives on things that can't hold, perhaps it's success, busyness, or simply our own strength. Eventually the storms show us we need a firmer foundation.

Isaiah points us to that foundation: the Lord Himself, who speaks truth, offers salvation, and has revealed Himself fully in Jesus. He alone is solid ground.

Pause now and turn again to Him and do so this week, trusting His strength and inviting others to do the same.

BIBLE READINGS

Isaiah 45:18-25

18 For this is what the Lord says – he who created the heavens, he is God; he who fashioned and made the earth, he founded it; he did not create it to be empty, but formed it to be inhabited – he says: 'I am the Lord, and there is no other. 19 I have not spoken in secret, from somewhere in a land of darkness; I have not said to Jacob's descendants, "Seek me in vain." I, the Lord, speak the truth; I declare what is right. 20 'Gather together and come; assemble, you fugitives from the nations. Ignorant are those who carry about idols of wood, who pray to gods that cannot save. 21 Declare what is to be, present it – let them take counsel together. Who foretold this long ago, who declared it from the distant past? Was it not I, the Lord? And there is no God apart from me, a righteous God and a Saviour; there is none but me. 22 'Turn to me and be saved, all you ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no other. 23 By myself I have sworn, my mouth has uttered in all integrity a word that will not be revoked: before me every knee will bow; by me every tongue will swear. 24 They will say of me, "In the Lord alone are deliverance and strength.'" All who have raged against him will come to him and be put to shame. 25 But all the descendants of Israel will find deliverance in the Lord and will make their boast in him.

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This Sunday is Safeguarding Sunday, and we give thanks to God for John Galvin, our Parish Safeguarding Officer and for the professional safeguarding team at the Diocese who support and guide us. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. It simply means creating a church where children, young people, and adults can be safe, heard, and cared for. If you ever have a concern about someone's safety or wellbeing, please speak to our Parish Safeguarding Officer (details clearly on the noticeboards in and outside the Church). Your vigilance and care help our church remain a place of trust and protection for all.

Next week's service (23.11.25) will be a Communion service at 11am.

There's a 5th Sunday this month – 30th November, 11am, Parish Communion Service. Everyone welcome as we celebrate the start of Advent.

Help needed to bundle Christmas publicity: Volunteers needed to come to All Saints Church to bundle Christmas literature into packs of approximately 50 leaflets next Friday (21 November), from 9:30 am. Also needed, someone willing to coordinate, if that's you, please get in touch with Lisa. The friendly Friday Coffee Morning will set aside a corner or one of the tables for this. Thank you in advance to those who are able to help with this.

Next All Saints Ladies Breakfast: Saturday 22nd November 9am at the church building (Don't come to the small hall). Lea is speaking! Looking forward to hearing all about her work at Feba radio and how God has worked in her life. There is no charge but if you're able, please bring a breakfast contribution. No nuts, strawberries or kiwis, please. (If you have an allergy/intolerance bring something you can have and we'll put all the free-from foods on a separate table). Tea and coffee provided. Please bring your own plate. (Unlike the small hall there isn't enough plates to go around, we have cutlery and cups a plenty). Please reserve your space by commenting on All Saints private Facebook post or contact Maryann, Liz, Christine or Oli if you do not have access to Facebook.

5th Sunday, 30 November – 11am Worship Service with Holy Communion
Save the date. Come and prepare your heart and your soul as we celebrate the first Sunday of Advent in worship and prayer.

Save the date for the popular St. Mary Magdalene Church Quiz Night which will take place in Wick Hall on 06.12.25, details/tickets on sale at a later date.

BHOS – Afternoon of well-known and much loved songs from the musicals. Including songs from Carousel, Wicked, Chicago, Sister Act, Top Hat, Cabaret and more. Sunday 16 November, 3pm, St Mary Magdalene Church Lyminster. Refreshments during interval. Tickets £5 – available from Viv Prior in Church, Carol Hatton 07710 596095 or on the door.

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.

The National Day of Prayer & Worship (NDOPW) offers the opportunity for Daily Prayer on Zoom at 07.00 and 19.00. Each session lasts for approximately one hour and is open to all. Why not give it a try. Taste and see that the Lord is good... (Psalm 34:8). Here is the link: www.ndopw.com/dailyprayer

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

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

7th December	Christingle, 10.30am, Wick Hall
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

Scam Alert: Emails from me asking for money, promising you vouchers or asking you to do 'something' on my behalf are a scam. Please ignore and delete. If you are worried or not sure, do get in touch with me by creating a new email message to me. (Lisa – my correct details are on the front of the news sheet)

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.