

## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

**Next week's service** will be a Communion service at 11am.

**Don't Bin Me** – Lisa now has an additional much more versatile gmail: rev.lyminsterwick@gmail.com address. It seems like her emails may be dropping straight into your 'junk', please do check, thank you!

**Scam** – Either Lisa's email or phone number, both of which are public, has recently been used asking for 'money for a gift card'. This is a scam. It is not sent by her. Delete and if there is the facility, please report it.

**Gerry is still collecting Postage stamps** the box is on the chess by front entrance.

**Tea and Coffee rota** still has some spaces waiting to be filled, new volunteers welcomed.

**Poor Clares at Crossbush** still have their evening service last Friday of the Month at 7pm all welcomed.

**Prayer group** meets every 3rd Wednesday of the Month 7:30 at Gills. All welcome.

### Dates for Diary

SAVE the date **Church Barn Dance** Saturday 12th July will confirm details in the following weeks

## PRAYER LIST

Sue Arthur, Tina Ward, Richard and his Father.

*Please email names for prayer list to Jonathan Black at the Wick Information Centre.*



# 18 May 2025

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, Churchwardens 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, Mike & Michael.

### ALL ENQUIRIES

#### Our Clergy

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### HYMN NUMBERS

115 I Cannot Tell (Red book)

2 A New Commandment (Red book)

158 Let us break bread (Red book)

210 Onward Christian pilgrims (Red book)

## COLLECT for The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father.

**“We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life”** In just six words the early church fathers encapsulate the essential, the foundational nature and purpose of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is God—fully and gloriously God. To call the Spirit “Lord” is to say what Paul says in 2 Corinthians 3:17: “Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.” So the Spirit is not just a helper. He is God himself, active, sovereign, and present. “I will pour water on the thirsty land... I will pour my Spirit upon your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants... They shall spring up among the grass like willows by flowing streams.” This is the picture: the Spirit as life-giving water—reviving, renewing, making things grow where once there was barrenness. It’s very interesting to me that after the lovely Alpha Away Day and this week at Alpha, one of our group hosts had a picture of many people being touched by Jesus through the Spirit at work in them. It was a picture of all of us like a field of wildflowers in full bloom, as though the Spirit is saying ‘Let me enable you to flourish. Lay down your way of life and take up my fullness of life.’ Why not read John 10:10 and allow the truth of that verse and the beginning of that chapter fill you with new hope and peace?

**Quote:** Cyril of Jerusalem, 4th century church father, wrote: “The Spirit comes gently and makes Himself known by His fragrance. He is not felt as a burden, for God is light, very light.” Do we come to worship burdened with formalism or dead tradition? Or do we come open to the fresh wind of the Spirit, who gives life to the dry bones?

## BIBLE READINGS

### 2 Peter 1:16–21

16 For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eye-witnesses of his majesty. 17 He received honour and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, ‘This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.’ [a] 18

We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain. 19 We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. 20 Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet’s own interpretation of things. 21 For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

### Psalms 19

1 The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. 2 Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge. 3 They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them. 4 Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun. 5 It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, like a champion rejoicing to run his course. 6 It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is deprived of its warmth. 7 The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple. 8 The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes. 9 The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring for ever. The decrees of the Lord are firm, and all of them are righteous. 10 They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb. 11 By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward. 12 But who can discern their own errors? Forgive my hidden faults. 13 Keep your servant also from wilful sins; may they not rule over me. Then I will be blameless, innocent of great transgression. 14 May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

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**Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Humanity** Churches Together in Rustington and East Preston is organising an evening to explore the meaning of Artificial Intelligence (AI), together with the benefits and challenges, from a Christian perspective. Sunday 8th June, 6pm – 8pm at St Peter & St Paul Parish Church, Rustington. Followed by light refreshments and Q&A. FREE to attend. Our speaker John Wyatt is Emeritus Professor at of Neonatal Paediatrics, Ethics and Perinatology, University College London and a Senior Researcher at the Faraday Institute, Cambridge. He has a long-standing interest in ethical dilemmas raised by advances in biomedical and information technology from the perspective of the Christian faith. He has studied the philosophical and theological implications of advanced AI. His edited volume: *The Robot will See You Now – Artificial Intelligence and Christian Faith* is published by SPCK. Tickets can be booked here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/artificial-intelligence-and-the-future-of-humanity-a-christian-perspective-tickets-1295965199799>

**APCM 2025** Following the APCM on Sunday 11 th May, your new PCC is made up as follows: Lisa Fairman-Brown – Priest in Charge. Viv Prior – Churchwarden. PCC members: Roger Davies, Sarah Davies, Julie Galvin, Ann Nash, Margaret Russell and Ann Bush. Deanery Synod: Mike Harris. Treasurer: John Raywood and Parish Safeguarding Officer: John Galvin. The role of PCC Secretary is vacant. We are grateful to Frances Farrer-Brown for minute taking at PCC meetings and the APCM. Thank you to everyone who came to the APCM and to those who were able to share their views and offer opportunities for the PCC to consider. If you would like to share how you sense God prompting you to play your part in his mission to extend the kingdom in our parish and beyond, please do get in touch.