

### **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 The BCP service will be on 2nd Sunday of the month at 8am in May, June and July**

**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**

Sue Biddlecombe, Gill & Michael Lee, Barbara Evens granddaughter; Evie, 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)*



# **19 April 2026**

## **The King Who Opens Eyes: Meeting Jesus on the Road**

**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. The 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 Third Sunday of Easter**

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father.

**On the road to Emmaus**, two weary and heavy-hearted disciples walked the long eleven kilometres from Jerusalem, confused and disappointed. What unfolds over perhaps three or more unhurried hours is such a tender picture of how the risen Lord meets his people. Jesus draws alongside them with questions, patience, and Scripture and walks at their pace. Then, beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he opens the Scriptures so that their hearts begin to burn within them.

This is a journey of progressive revelation. Their eyes are kept from recognising him at first, yet he is not absent, only unperceived. Step by step, as the Word is unfolded, their understanding deepens. What seemed like defeat is shown to be God's redemptive plan. The cross was not the end, but the very means of glory.

And then, at the table, in the breaking of the bread, their eyes are opened. The stranger is the Saviour. The one who walked with them all along is the risen Christ.

There is a profound encouragement here for us. Jesus is not playing games instead he makes himself known in ways that draw out faith, kindle understanding, and anchor us in the truth of Scripture. The whole Bible, rightly read, leads us to him. It is the story of God's unfolding purpose, revealed fully in Christ.

So let us take heart. When we seek him in the Scriptures, when we walk patiently in faith, when we gather at his table, He is near and he is found by those who seek him.

'Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?' (Luke 24:32)

**New Electoral Roll** closes on 25 April. If you are baptised and St Mary Magdalene is your 'home' church, please be sure to join the church electoral roll. Forms can be obtained at church or get in touch with Lisa before that date. APCM 10 th May – Vestry Meeting & APCM for St Mary Magdalene Lyminster, 10 th May, 12.30pm at Church. Copies of the

Trustees' Report and Financial Statements are available to read at the back of the church building or on the website.

**Church Officers** – to function well, your church urgently needs a second Churchwarden, a PCC Secretary, Deanery Synod and PCC members. If you are interested in finding out more, please get in touch asap with Lisa or Viv (details on the front page) Coffee Morning – Saturday 25 th April come along to enjoy fellowship and raise funds for the mission and ministry of our church.

### **A story from Carol:**

The man walked slowly past the row of shops. He paused in front of the store selling televisions. His gaze met his reflection and he put his hand up to his unshaven face. Rubbing his stubbled chin he pondered on how tired he looked; tired and sad. His clothes were shabby and a little threadbare. He leant against the window of the shop and looked down at his scuffed shoes. A passing woman stopped, and thinking he was a down and out or someone sick, started to fumble in her purse, asking if he was alright. The man looked up and met her gaze. She drew a little gasp as she met his intensely blue eyes. 'Thanks for asking' he said, 'I'm glad there are people who care' but I'm fine'. Trying to break his gaze she opened her mouth to speak, but somehow couldn't find the right words, so said nothing. The man put his hand on her shoulder and she flinched. 'It's ok';, he said softly, 'I am not the kind of person to hurt people, I just wanted to thank you for caring', she nodded and backed away from him. She turned and walked away down the street and didn't turn around. The man sighed and walked on. Perhaps he was wrong, perhaps people didn't care anymore, perhaps she was just the exception. Had it all been for nothing?

He carried on down the street trying to read peoples' faces as he passed them by.

Turning a corner he saw a church and decided go inside to sit and think. Inside it was cool and dark and at the end of the aisle, the priest stood talking to another man. Walking towards them, the man studied the priest's face. He was young and looked kind. As he approached them the priest turned. 'Can I help you?' he asked smiling. 'I was hoping I could be of some help to you' the man replied. The priest ended his

conversation and came towards the man. 'Now how can you help me?' He asked. 'People usually come to church when they need my help or comfort in some way, are you in trouble?'

The man studied the priest's face again, and beckoning him to sit beside him, sat down on a pew.

'I came here a long time ago, and tried to help people' he said, 'but somehow my motives were misunderstood, and people tried to destroy me'. The priest looked long at the man's face and tried to fathom if he was drunk or delusional. Perhaps on drugs, he pondered. 'You came to my church?' The priest asked. 'How did people try to destroy you, I'm sure that no harm was meant; tell me what they did and why the man looked down at his shoes and sighed. 'It doesn't matter now, I overcame the problem and realised why they were so cruel. They were frightened of me and what I stood for.' 'What did you stand for', the priest asked gently, 'were you some sort of political activist?' 'In a roundabout way perhaps you could say that is exactly what I was, not in the sense that I was trying to change peoples' opinions, but in the sense that I wanted to change the way they lead their lives. I wanted them to see the difference between good and evil, cruelty and kindness, and to live their lives in a good way, helping and loving each other. My father sent me on this mission and I rather feel that I failed him, so I have come back to try again, I always said I would'.

The priest looked hard at the man and took his hand. 'My son, you are obviously a good person, but perhaps a bit misguided. Can I get you some refreshment whilst I make a telephone call. There is someone who I think can help you, but you must trust me that I am trying to do the right thing for you'. The man nodded sagely, and let the priest loose his hand. He knew exactly what the priest was thinking and what he was going to do.

As soon as the priest left him he got up and walked slowly to the door. 'Why would I think that anything has changed' he said to himself. 'After all these years and nothing is any different. They didn't listen to me then, why should they now?' If I told them who I was I know I would be

met with the same response. Disbelief. How am I ever going to get them to accept me?

He hung his head as he walked down the steps to the street, passing a blind man with a guide dog. The blind man's white stick got tangled up with the man's legs as he tried to negotiate the church steps and the man grabbed the blind man's arms to steady himself. 'Terribly sorry old chap' the blind man laughed as he found his balance. 'Old buster here must have missed the step' he patted his golden Labrador guide dog. The man bent and stroked the dog and looking up at the blind man took his arm and led him into the church. 'Don't worry about it, no damage done' he said kindly. 'But you won't have to worry about it anymore' the blind man looked puzzled but smiled and thanked the man. The man turned, and digging his hands deep into the pockets of his shabby jacket, walked swiftly on. The blind man watched him go.

#### **BIBLE READING**

##### **Luke 24: 13-35**

13 Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. 14 They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. 15 As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; 16 but they were kept from recognising him. 17 He asked them, 'What are you discussing together as you walk along?' They stood still, their faces downcast. 18 One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, 'Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?' 19 'What things?' he asked. 'About Jesus of Nazareth,' they replied. 'He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. 20 The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; 21 but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. 22 In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning 23 but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. 24 Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.' 25 He said to them, 'How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the

prophets have spoken! 26 Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?' 27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. 28 As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going further. 29 But they urged him strongly, 'Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. 30 When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened and they recognised him, and he disappeared from their sight. 32 They asked each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?' 33 They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together 34 and saying, 'It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' 35 Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognised by them when he broke the bread.

## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

**Next week's service** will be a 11am communion service

**Gentle Jazz with Julia & Andy.** Saturday 18th April, 7pm at Creative Heart, 42 Beach Road, BN17 5HT. An evening of live popular music & jazz classics. Free entry, donations invited to support Creative Heart and All Saints Wick. Book online as follows:

<https://buytickets.at/creativeheart/2109793> . Dress: Smart/Evening wear. You are welcome to bring alcoholic drinks. Café will be open for refreshments.

**All welcome to St Mary Magdalene's** Saturday April 26th 10-12 for a fundraising Coffee,Cake,raffle and bring and buy stall.Tickets £5 children free.Please invite friends and neighbours ,it will be a bottomless coffee pot



**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.

**Try a Discipleship Group/Home Group** this Summer Term. New groups starting this term and there are spaces in some of our existing groups. Come as you are, you would be so welcome. Contact Liz at [officeallsaintswick@gmail.com](mailto:officeallsaintswick@gmail.com) to say you would like to join in.

**Every Friday,** there is a coffee morning at All Saints, Wick between 9.30 -12. Lovely time to socialise in the benefice.

**Coffee/Tea rota and used stamps:** There is a container for stamps near the door.The coffee tea rota is also there.