

## 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

<b>1st Sunday of the month</b>	All together communion 4pm
<b>2nd Sunday</b>	Communion 11am
<b>3rd Sunday</b>	All together 9.30am
<b>4th Sunday</b>	BCP Communion 8.30 am
	Communion 11am
<b>5th Sunday</b>	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](mailto:wickinformation@gmail.com)



# 23 November 2025

## Clothed in Righteousness, Sent in Hope

### 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 Revd. Bill Meyer.

### ALL ENQUIRIES

#### Our Clergy

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### HYMN NUMBERS

166 Crown him with many Crowns  
563 Rejoice the Lord is King  
356 Judge eternal throned  
398 Christ Triumphant

## **COLLECT for Christ the King**

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## **Rebuild, restore, renew**

Famous last words. Isaiah 61: 1-11 the prophet is drawing near the end of his words of prophecy and these words are well-known to committed Christians. I encourage you to familiarise yourself with them, as you read them perhaps underline the words or phrase which jumps out at you; ask Jesus to deepen your understanding and grasp what he has for you today in this passage. This Sunday is the last Sunday in the Church year and typically when the Church celebrates Christ the King. I believe Isaiah's great vision is speaking with fresh power into our life together. Three Spirit-breathed verbs

stood out for me as I read the passage this week: rebuild, restore, renew. Each echoes the ministry of Jesus, the anointed King who stands among us still.

Rebuild.

The Lord calls His people to take up the work of rebuilding the places that have fallen into disrepair, sometimes that means literal structures, more often it means the hidden architecture of our lives: trust, hope, prayer, fellowship. Wherever something good has been knocked down whether by grief, disappointment, sin, or simple exhaustion, Christ the King invites us to begin again in His strength. Rebuilding is never a solo task; it is the work of a Spirit-filled community. Would you ask a trusted fellow disciple of Jesus to pray with you?

Restore.

Our King delights in restoration. He lifts up the broken-hearted, releases the captive, and proclaims beauty instead of ashes. And He sends us out as His agents of restoration. In our homes, our workplaces, and in the parish, we carry His restoring presence. Look this week for someone who needs the gentle word, the kind gesture or patient attention that restores dignity and hope.

Renew.

Isaiah promises that the Lord will 'renew the ruined cities', it's a powerful picture of places once written off becoming sites of new life. Renewal is God's speciality. As we yield to Him, the Spirit renews our minds, our courage, and our love for the lost. Christ the King reigns not by crushing His enemies but by making all things new and this includes us. So as we worship this Sunday and whenever we worship this week, let's pray for holy boldness: that we may rebuild what has been broken, restore what has been wounded, and renew what seems beyond repair. May Jesus Christ our King rule in us, and through us, for the blessing of our community and the glory of His name

## **BIBLE READINGS**

### **Isaiah 61:1-11**

1 The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, 2 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, 3 and provide for those who grieve in Zion – to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendour. 4 They will rebuild the ancient ruins and restore the places long devastated; they will renew the ruined cities that have been devastated for generations. 5 Strangers will shepherd your flocks; foreigners will work your fields and vineyards. 6 And you will be called priests of the Lord, you will be named ministers of our God. You will feed on the wealth of nations, and in their riches you will boast. 7 Instead of your shame you will receive a double portion, and instead of disgrace you will rejoice in your inheritance. And so you will inherit a double portion in your land, and everlasting joy will be yours. 8 'For I, the Lord, love justice; I hate robbery and wrongdoing. In my faithfulness I will reward my people and make an everlasting covenant with them. 9 Their descendants will be known among the nations and their offspring among the peoples. All who see them will acknowledge that they are a people the Lord has blessed.' 10 I delight greatly in the Lord; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of his righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. 11 For as the soil makes the young plant come up and a garden causes seeds to

grow, so the Sovereign Lord will make righteousness and praise spring up before all nations.

### **Psalms 2**

1 Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain? 2 The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the Lord and against his anointed, saying, 3 'Let us break their chains and throw off their shackles.' 4 The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them. 5 He rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying, 6 'I have installed my king on Zion, my holy mountain.' 7 I will proclaim the Lord's decree: He said to me, 'You are my son; today I have become your father. 8 Ask me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession. 9 You will break them with a rod of iron; you will dash them to pieces like pottery.' 10 Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth. 11 Serve the Lord with fear and celebrate his rule with trembling. 12 Kiss his son, or he will be angry and your way will lead to your destruction, for his wrath can flare up in a moment. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

### **Luke 4.16-30**

16 He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, 17 and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: 18 'The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, 19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' 20 Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. 21 He began by saying to them, 'Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.' 22 All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. 'Isn't this Joseph's son?' they asked. 23 Jesus said to them, 'Surely you will quote this proverb to me: "Physician, heal yourself!" And you will tell me, "Do here in your home town what we have heard that you did in Capernaum."'" 24 'Truly I tell you,' he continued, 'no prophet is accepted in his home town. 25 I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah's time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. 26 Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon. 27 And there were many in Israel with leprosy in the time of Elisha the prophet,

yet not one of them was cleansed – only Naaman the Syrian.' 28 All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. 29 They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff. 30 But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.

## **CHURCH FAMILY NEWS**

**An Evening with Kenyanito Dudi**, Monday 24 Nov, 7-8pm, TLA Chapel, Fitzalan Rd, BN17 6FE From a Compassion-sponsored Kenyan child to national influence, come and hear his moving, inspiring story of faith, hope and change. More information contact [psanderson@tla.woodard.co.uk](mailto:psanderson@tla.woodard.co.uk)

**Confirmation at Chichester Cathedral** – please be praying for Victoria Godsmark, a committed member of Lyminster Church, as she confirms her faith in Jesus at the service led by Bishop Martin on Wednesday 26 November, 7pm. Everyone welcome. May she know the abiding presence of God with her in every circumstance.

**Next week's service** (30.11.25) will be a Communion service at 11am.

**Save the date for the popular St. Mary Magdalene Church Quiz Night** which will take place in Wick Hall on 6th December 7pm for 7.30pm. Tickets now on sale, £10 per person, see Viv Prior or Jenny Tillman.

**Songs from the Musicals** – Thank you! What a joyful afternoon of song filled our Church and lovely to see so many friends, family and the local community together to enjoy the music and the hospitality. Thank you especially to Carol for organising the afternoon and bringing along the lovely BHOS choir. Thank you to everyone for your generosity on the day.

**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.

### **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.

### **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