

## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

**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.

**New Sermon Series for June & July** Will focus on Jesus and the Kingdom that will have no end. In Luke's gospel we will see people opening their hearts as to who he is. Fully God and fully human.

**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.

## PRAYER LIST

Sister Aelred, 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)



## 24 August 2025

### Esther: For Such a Time as This

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 Reji Raj-Singh.

### ALL ENQUIRIES

#### Our Clergy

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### HYMN NUMBERS

163 All Hail the power  
390 Blessed assurance  
324 Sweet Sacrament divine  
262 O Lord my God

### **COLLECT for The Tenth Sunday after Trinity**

Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **BIBLE READINGS**

#### **Isaiah 43:8–23**

8 Lead out those who have eyes but are blind, who have ears but are deaf.  
9 All the nations gather together and the peoples assemble.  
Which of their gods foretold this and proclaimed to us the former things?  
Let them bring in their witnesses to prove they were right, so that others  
may hear and say, 'It is true.' 10 'You are my witnesses,' declares the Lord,  
'and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe  
me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor will  
there be one after me. 11 I, even I, am the Lord, and apart from me there is  
no saviour. 12 I have revealed and saved and proclaimed – I, and not some  
foreign god among you. You are my witnesses,' declares the Lord, 'that I  
am God. 13 Yes, and from ancient days I am he. No one can deliver out of  
my hand. When I act, who can reverse it?' 14 This is what the Lord says –  
your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: 'For your sake I will send to Babylon  
and bring down as fugitives all the Babylonians, in the ships in which they  
took pride. 15 I am the Lord, your Holy One, Israel's Creator, your King.' 16  
This is what the Lord says – he who made a way through the sea, a path  
through the mighty waters, 17 who drew out the chariots and horses, the  
army and reinforcements together, and they lay there, never to rise again,  
extinguished, snuffed out like a wick: 18 'Forget the former things; do not  
dwell on the past. 19 See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you  
not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the  
wasteland. 20 The wild animals honour me, the jackals and the owls,  
because I provide water in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland, to  
give drink to my people, my chosen, 21 the people I formed for myself that  
they may proclaim my praise. 22 'Yet you have not called on me, Jacob,  
you have not wearied yourselves for me, Israel. 23 You have not brought  
me sheep for burnt offerings, nor honoured me with your sacrifices. I have  
not burdened you with grain offerings nor wearied you with demands for  
incense.

### **Luke 22:24–30**

24 A dispute also arose among them as to which of them was considered  
to be greatest. 25 Jesus said to them, 'The kings of the Gentiles lord it over  
them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves  
Benefactors. 26 But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among  
you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who  
serves. 27 For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who  
serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one  
who serves. 28 You are those who have stood by me in my trials. 29 And I  
confer on you a kingdom, just as my Father conferred one on me, 30 so  
that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones,  
judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

### **Heroes who trusted God**

As we have been going through the Summer Series 'Faith that Stands:  
Heroes who trusted God', I have once again been struck by the way that  
God sticks closer to us through life's every up and down  
than any friend. I want this truth to not only be threaded all through the  
history books of the Bible, but through your story and mine as we  
recognise and receive God with us in every joy and challenge  
of life. So take heart as you remember – though he didn't see their  
fulfilment, Abraham believed God's promises, and God called Abraham his  
friend (Isaiah 41:8, James 2:23). Joseph went down to the pit, then to prison  
but rose to second in command and knew that God was with him through  
it all and intended it all for good (Genesis 50:20). Moses, who at 80 thought  
he was past it, saw God come down to rescue his people (Exodus 3:8) and  
received God's promise, 'I will be with you'. David recognised that despite  
the intimidating advance of a giant, that it was the Lord Almighty who  
fought and brought about the victory (1 Samuel 17: 45, 47). Now, this Sunday  
as we gather we will see how God wants us to be courageous as we follow  
Esther's example. She was courageous to listen and to obey God, and she  
shone like a star. God's love takes away our fears (1 John 4:18). He loves us  
all uniquely and surrounds us with his presence. Rather than resort to  
putting up walls, we are taught as Christians to put on our invisible  
armour of God (Ephesians 6: 12–17). As the children's Bible book about  
Esther, open in front of me says, 'Suit up and be ready to be fearless and  
share the courage that Jesus puts in your hearts', for all  
of us who believe, are children of the living God.

## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

I am writing to let you know that the post of Associate Minister for our parishes has been published again on the Chichester Diocese website as well as nationally again on the Church of England Pathways site.

The closing date for applications is 5th September. Please be praying for this to be seen by the right person and for God's will in all of this.

Every Blessing, Lisa

**Next week services** (31.08.25) 8.30 BCP Communion and 11 am Communion

### **St Mary Magdalen 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