

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



26 October 2025

The Call we dare not ignore

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

469 I heard the voice of Jesus
356 Jesus Eternal
452 Great God of Wonders
315 Lord Enthroned

COLLECT for Bible Sunday

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us to hear them, to read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that through patience, and the comfort of your holy Word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Collect reminds us that the Scriptures were 'written for our learning.' They are not dusty relics, or simply historical documents, but living words addressed to you and to me: to our hopes, our failings, our longings, our everyday walk with the Lord. To "hear" them means more than simply hearing a reading: it means allowing our hearts to still, to open, so that God might speak. To "read, mark, and inwardly digest" means letting those words do their quiet work inside us, taking root, bringing conviction, comfort, challenge, renewal.

And why? So that through patience (change often takes time), and through the comfort of the holy Word, we may "embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life." In a world of shifting sands, fleeting assurances and momentary fixes, the Scriptures anchor us in the unchanging hope of life which God gives in Christ. It is a hope not simply for another place or another time, but for today, shaped by him, and yet secured for ever.

Consider this illustration: Imagine a young tree planted beside a stream. The first season it looks frail and its roots are shallow. But the stream continues to flow, and the tree drinks deeply, its roots gradually reaching deeper into the moist ground. In the second season it weathers storms, but stands firm because its roots have grown unseen beneath the surface. In the third season it begins to bear fruit. The foundation was laid quietly over time. So it is with the Word of God in us: we may not always see dramatic change immediately, but as we hear, read, mark and digest, our roots deepen. And when storms come, we are able to stand. And eventually, the fruit of life appears.

This Bible Sunday, what if we were to begin or renew our commitment to that daily discipline: to open the Scriptures not just as a duty, but as a delight; to read not only with our minds, but with our hearts; to let God's Word settle deeply in us so that when life presses in our hope is anchored, and our lives transformed.

Be encouraged – you do not embark on this alone: the same Spirit who inspired the Scriptures walks with you, enabling you to receive them, digest them, live them. May the Word be a comfort to you, a challenge to you, and above all, a hope that you will hold fast –today and for ever.

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Next week's service (2.11.25) is a Family communion service at 4pm.

The Bible Course – It has only just begun and you would be warmly welcome to join the group hosted by Gill Quigley, meeting Wednesday evenings. Please contact Gill to let her know you would like to join: gillquigley9@gmail.com

Memorial Service – Sunday 26th October, 4pm at St. Mary Magdalene Church, Lyminster. A quiet reflective hour, to light a candle and remember those we love, but see no more. Please PRINT the name of your loved one to be read out on the sign up sheet or when you arrive.

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 Sung by the choir of Brighton and Hove Operatic Society. 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.

BIBLE READINGS

Romans 15:1-6

1 We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. 2 Each of us should please our neighbours for their good, to build them up. 3 For even Christ did not please himself but, as it is written: 'The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.' 4 For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope. 5 May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, 6 so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Luke 4:16-24

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.'