

## 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.

**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

Please note the 8.30 BCP communion service for October only will be 2nd Sunday (12th October).

## PRAYER LIST

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)



# 28 September 2025

## Jesus is Good News for Everyone

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

558 Praise to the Lord

253 For the beauty of the earth

324 Sweet sacrament Divine

368 All my hope in God is founded

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

Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **BIBLE READINGS**

#### **Psalms 1**

1 Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, 2 but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night. 3 That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither – whatever they do prospers. 4 Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away. 5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous. 6 For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.

#### **Romans 1:18–32**

18 The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness, 19 since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. 20 For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities – his eternal power and divine nature – have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse. 21 For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22 Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools 23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles. 24 Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies

with one another. 25 They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshipped and served created things rather than the Creator – who is for ever praised. Amen. 26 Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones. 27 In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed shameful acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their error. 28 Furthermore, just as they did not think it worth while to retain the knowledge of God, so God gave them over to a depraved mind, so that they do what ought not to be done. 29 They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, 30 slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; 31 they have no understanding, no fidelity, no love, no mercy. 32 Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practise them.

#### **John 16:12–15**

12 'I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. 13 But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. 14 He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. 15 All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you.'

## Perspective

Jacob worked as a window cleaner on tall buildings. Every day, he strapped himself into his harness, went up dozens of stories, and cleaned windows one by one. From the scaffolding, he could only see the section of glass directly in front of him.

One morning, while wiping down the 18th floor, Jacob grew frustrated. Rain was forecast, and it felt pointless to keep cleaning when the grime would soon return. 'What's the point?' he muttered.

Later, while packing up, he noticed a man across the street taking a photo of the building. Curious, Jacob asked, 'What are you photographing?' The man showed him the image. From the ground, the building's glass sparkled in the sun, each window catching the light like a jewel.

'It's beautiful,' the man said. Jacob stared. It didn't look like the dirt or futility he had been focused on. It looked radiant.

Like Jacob, we often see only what is directly in front of us—our frustrations and limitations. But God sees the whole building. What feels insignificant or wasted from our point of view may be part of something beautiful from His.

*'My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,' declares the Lord. 'As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways.'* (Isaiah 55:8–9)

The Bible calls us to a new way of seeing—through faith, not sight.

*'Fix your eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen... the eternal.'* (2 Corinthians 4:18)

Jesus taught a radical shift in perspective: love your enemies, bless those who curse you, and treasure what lasts forever.

*'Set your minds on things above...'* (Colossians 3:2)

Take a 2 minute retreat today to lift your eyes, to see as God sees. Will you?

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**Next week's service** ( 05.10.25) is a Communion service at 4pm.

**Harvest Festival** will be celebrated on October 12th as like other years, tinned or packets, no fresh produce. Both Food Bank and Turning tides homeless charity are running low and both are experiencing a higher demand for their services.

**The Bible Course new edition:** We are running this for Lyminster Church, starting Wednesday 22 October, 7pm. Discover how Bible characters, stories, and themes are connected, from Genesis to Revelation. Eight sessions with films, course Guidebook and inspiring personal stories. Whether you are new to the Bible, familiar with many of the Sunday readings, you love the Bible or don't know where to begin, we would love you to join us. The course runs for eight weeks: 22, 29 October, 5, 12, 26 November, 3 December, 7 & 14 January. The course is free but the course handbook is recommended (£10.00). To book your place, please contact Gill – gillquigley9@gmail.com

**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.)

**Save the date** Sunday 16th November 3pm @ S M M .for a lovely afternoon of Musical Theatre .Tickets amazing low £5 will be on sale shortly.