

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 BCP service in December will be at 8AM. on 2nd Sunday 14th December

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



30 November 2025

The King will come

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. Lisa Fairman-Brown.

ALL ENQUIRIES

Our Clergy

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HYMN NUMBERS

32 Oh Come Oh come Emmanuel

24 Come thou Long expected Jesus

31 Lo he comes

396 Christ is the world's

COLLECT for The First Sunday of Advent

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Why In Advent We Want to Be Left, Not Taken

Advent always surprises us. Just when we're ready for tinsel and carols, Jesus begins the season with a wake-up call. And perhaps the most surprising part of His teaching is this: in Matthew 24, the people we want to be are the ones who are left, not the ones who are taken.

That sounds the wrong way round to many of us. We're used to thinking that being 'taken' must be the good news and being 'left behind' the bad news. But Jesus deliberately takes us back to the days of Noah. In Noah's time, it was the wicked who were swept away by the flood, and the righteous, the ones who trusted God, who were left to begin again in God's renewed world.

Jesus says His return will be like that.

It's a surprising reversal, but a hopeful one. It means God is not in the business of abandoning His creation or snatching His people away from it. Instead, He is committed to renewing it; establishing His peace, His justice, His kingdom right here. And those who trust Him, who walk in His ways, are the ones who will remain to enjoy it.

So Advent invites us to a different kind of readiness. Not anxious speculation, not scanning the horizon for signs, but faithful, steady, hopeful, watchful living. It's about being rooted in Christ so that when the storms come, our lives remain grounded in Him.

So as we begin this season, may the Lord keep us awake to His presence today, and ready for His coming tomorrow. When He comes, may He find us joyfully, faithfully, thankfully left behind.

Advent 2025–Ready for the Return. *A Preaching Series on the Second Coming of Jesus.* This Advent we're zooming out and looking up, focusing on the stunning promise that Jesus will return. Each week we'll explore what that means for real life: hope that steadies us, justice that's coming, and a future brighter than we dare imagine. This is not doom-and-gloom prophecy, but good news that

BIBLE READINGS

Isaiah 2:1–5

1 This is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem: 2 In the last days the mountain of the Lord's temple will be established as the highest of the mountains; it will be exalted above the hills, and all nations will stream to it. 3 Many peoples will come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the temple of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths.' The law will go out from Zion, the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. 4 He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war any more. 5 Come, descendants of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Matthew 24 36–44

36 'But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 37 As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. 38 For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; 39 and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. 40 Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. 41 Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left. 42 'Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. 43 But understand this: if the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. 44 So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

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Next week's service (04.12..25) will be a Communion service at 4pm.

Friday Coffee Morning at All Saints Church. First three Fridays in December raising money for St Barnabas Hospice Christmas themed Tombola and Raffle and Scones Cakes and Pastries.

Save the date for the St Mary Magdalene popular church quiz at Wick Hall Saturday 6th December. 7pm for 7.30. Tickets now on sale £5 per person see Jenny Tillman or Viv Prior. Treat yourselves to a fun evening.

The National Day of Prayer & Worship (NDOPW) invites you to join the 72 hours of prayer from midnight on Thursday 11th December to midnight on Sunday 14th December. The link is: www.ndopw.com/dailyprayer. You may join at any time. Also, be sure to watch Songs of Praise on Sunday 14th December at 1.15pm on BBC1

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

Christmas Invitations Thank you so much to everyone who came forward to deliver our Christmas Invitations this year. We really appreciate your help with this.

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.

Please continue to pray for Victoria Godsmark a Committed Member of Lyminster Church Following her confirmation. May she know the abiding presence of God with her in every circumstance.

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.

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.)

Christmas Services – who will you invite? Do look out for guests at our services – if St Mary Magdalene is your home church, then you are part of the welcome team.

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