

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 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

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



31 August 2025

Peter: Faith that Fails – and Stands Again

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

233 Jesus Calls us
236 Thou art the Christ
457 Hark my soul
606 Thy hand O God

COLLECT for The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

BIBLE READINGS

Psalm 81

1 Sing for joy to God our strength; shout aloud to the God of Jacob!
2 Begin the music, strike the tambourine, play the melodious harp and lyre.
3 Sound the ram's horn at the New Moon, and when the moon is full, on the day of our Feast;
4 this is a decree for Israel, an ordinance of the God of Jacob.
5 When God went out against Egypt, he established it as a statute for Joseph. I heard an unknown voice say:
6 'I removed the burden from their shoulders; their hands were set free from the basket.'
7 In your distress you called and I rescued you, I answered you out of a thundercloud; I tested you at the waters of Meribah.
8 Hear me, my people, and I will warn you – if you would only listen to me, Israel!
9 You shall have no foreign god among you; you shall not worship any god other than me.
10 I am the Lord your God, who brought you up out of Egypt. Open wide your mouth and I will fill it.
11 'But my people would not listen to me; Israel would not submit to me.'
12 So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts to follow their own devices.
13 'If my people would only listen to me, if Israel would only follow my ways,
14 how quickly I would subdue their enemies and turn my hand against their foes!
15 Those who hate the Lord would cringe before him, and their punishment would last for ever.'
16 But you would be fed with the finest of wheat; with honey from the rock I would satisfy you.'

Luke 22: 31-34 & 54-62

31 'Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat.
32 But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.'
33 But he replied, 'Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death.'
34 Jesus answered, 'I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows today, you will deny three times that you know me.'

54 Then seizing him, they led him away and took him into the house of the high priest. Peter followed at a distance.
55 And when some there had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and had sat down together, Peter sat down with them.
56 A servant-girl saw him seated there in the firelight. She looked closely at him and said, 'This man was with him.'
57 But he denied it. 'Woman, I don't know him,' he said.
58 A little later someone

else saw him and said, 'You also are one of them.' 'Man, I am not!' Peter replied.

59 About an hour later another asserted, 'Certainly this fellow was with him, for he is a Galilean.'
60 Peter replied, 'Man, I don't know what you're talking about!' Just as he was speaking, the cock crowed.
61 The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: 'Before the cock crows today, you will disown me three times.'
62 And he went outside and wept bitterly.

John 21: 15-19

15 When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' 'Yes, Lord,' he said, 'you know that I love you.'
Jesus said, 'Feed my lambs.'
16 Again Jesus said, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He answered, 'Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.'
Jesus said, 'Take care of my sheep.'
17 The third time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, 'Do you love me?' He said, 'Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.'
Jesus said, 'Feed my sheep.'
18 Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.'
19 Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, 'Follow me!'

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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 (07.09.25) will be a 4pm Communion service.

August Days – from War to Peace

August is a time when many of us have in various ways pressed pause on the usual rhythm of life. As we do we may find ourselves reflecting on and reassessing the direction of our lives and we might find ourselves posing life's bigger questions – What am I living for? Where can lasting peace be found? This August as the country marked 80 years since the end of World War II, now is also a moment to give thanks for that hard-fought peace, but also to remember the deeper peace so many found in its aftermath.

The account of Mitsuo Fuchida, the lead pilot in the attack on Pearl Harbour, testifies to this sort of peace. Fuchida was a man of honour, pride, and military achievement yet, in post-war Japan, he found himself grappling with a deep sense of emptiness. A short pamphlet written by Jacob DeShazer, an American airman once imprisoned by the Japanese, changed everything for Fuchida. It told of how DeShazer found forgiveness for his captors after encountering Christ through reading a Bible in a prison cell.

That testimony profoundly affected Fuchida and he bought a Bible for himself. In it he read the words of Jesus on the cross, 'Father, forgive them...' and he realised that Christ had died even for him and in April 1950 Fuchida put his trust in Jesus. From then until his death, he no longer plotted war but instead preached about the peace that only Christ can give.

King George VI, during the war, gave a Bible to all serving members of the armed forces. He wrote, 'To many it will prove a source of strength, as it has done for countless others before us. In the darkest days of the war, I know it was so to me.' Across the centuries, and in every generation, people have found that same strength and peace. Here in Wick this year, we have seen individuals, some who are long-standing churchgoers, others newly welcomed, discovering that same settled peace in Jesus Christ.

Whether in a prison camp, a busy seaside town or a quiet village, that peace is still available today. As Jesus himself promised, 'Seek, and you will find' and just as Fuchida and DeShazer discovered, true forgiveness, real purpose, and unshakeable peace are found only in Jesus.

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