

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

- The PCC are looking into the feasibility of professional assistance with the care of the churchyard, to supplement the great efforts of our volunteers. Could you make a small regular donation to help cover these costs? There are forms in church to set up a regular amount to help cover the cost. This and general giving to the church are also now available online: www.lyminsterchurch.org.uk/Giving
- **Alpha** is an opportunity to explore life, faith and meaning with puddings and drinks, a short film and discussion afterward. It starts on Monday at 8pm on 17th January for six weeks. Who could you invite? Your invite to someone could be part of their journey to discovering who Jesus is and what He's done for them. Speak to Mark Rodger for more info.
- Along with hundreds of churches across the UK we'll be taking part in **A Passion for Life**. In January and February our sermon series and homegroups will be focused on equipping all of us to share our faith more confidently in our daily lives, and there are some evening services with other local churches too (see below). In the month leading up to Easter there will be special Sunday services and various events designed for people who wouldn't normally come to church.

Why the journey is needed: 16th Jan, 6:30pm, All Saints Church, Wick

God's Word in evangelism: 23rd Jan, 6:30pm at Arundel Baptist

Helping new Christians grow: 30th Jan, 6:30pm at Angmering Baptist

- Chris Fry found a copper double ring, which may go with a scarf. If you've lost it please speak to Chris or one of the church wardens.

PRAYER LIST

Gwen, Sandy Raywood, Tina Ward, Alan Young, Philip Biggs, Dave and Kath Woolven, Miriam's family, Audrey Hall's family.

Please email names for the prayer list to Tom, having checked with them



9 January 2022 Jesus' Baptism

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.

Inside you will find our Bible reading for today (although we'd encourage you to bring your own Bible), the Church's prayer for this week and news of what's going on in the life of our church family.

We hope that you feel welcome and able to share in the good news of Jesus our risen Lord and Saviour. Do get in touch with the clergy if you'd like to, and please stay to get to know us better after the service.

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HYMNS

89 O Worship the Lord

93 When Jesus came to Jordan

174 Breathe on me, breath of God

175 Come down, O love divine

COLLECT (the worldwide anglican prayer for this week)

Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognise him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

BIBLE READINGS

Isaiah 43:1-7

But now, this is what the LORD says –

he who created you, Jacob,

he who formed you, Israel:

‘Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have summoned you by name; you are mine.

²When you pass through the waters,

I will be with you;

and when you pass through the rivers,

they will not sweep over you.

When you walk through the fire,

you will not be burned;

the flames will not set you ablaze.

³For I am the LORD your God,

the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour;

I give Egypt for your ransom,

Cush and Seba in your stead.

⁴Since you are precious and honoured in my sight,

and because I love you,

I will give people in exchange for you,

nations in exchange for your life.

⁵Do not be afraid, for I am with you;

I will bring your children from the east

and gather you from the west.

⁶I will say to the north, “Give them up!”

and to the south, “Do not hold them back.”

Bring my sons from afar

and my daughters from the ends of the earth –

⁷everyone who is called by my name,

whom I created for my glory,

whom I formed and made.’

Luke 3:15-22

15 The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. 16 John answered them all, ‘I baptise you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 17 His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.’ 18 And with many other words John exhorted the people and proclaimed the good news to them.

19 But when John rebuked Herod the tetrarch because of his marriage to Herodias, his brother’s wife, and all the other evil things he had done, 20 Herod added this to them all: he locked John up in prison.

21 When all the people were being baptised, Jesus was baptised too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened 22 and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: ‘You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.’

POST-COMMUNION

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.