

Littlehampton

NEWSLETTER

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May - June 2017



From our Minister, Norman Croft:

In this spot, in our last Church Magazine, I invited you to think about the forthcoming Easter season. Well, this month I would like to have a look at a story Jesus told during that last week before His crucifixion.

If you have a look at mark's Gospel and chapter 12 verses 1 – 11 you can read the story for yourself. I am sure you can imagine the scene; Jesus is in the temple addressing the Jewish leaders in what was becoming an increasingly hostile situation. The parable points to God's dealing with Israel and, in turn, helps us to evaluate our own individual response to God.

The story is about a man who planted a vineyard and is full of comparisons. The owner represents God, the vineyard, Israel. The religious leaders are the tenants who were given responsibility for the equipment, shelter and burglar control. They were also required to ensure that the vineyard was healthy and fruitful.

THEY LET GOD DOWN

God dealt patiently with His people including sending them a succession of messengers. However, they stole His goods, rejected his prophets, denied His rightful claim on them and finally, killed His son. So that's the story; what is the story saying to us?

God equips us with the tools we need to work for Him. He holds His people to account for the way they exercise their freedom and trust. We are warned not to ignore those who bring us God's prophetic word. It challenges us to pray for God's leadership and guidance, to listen for when He speaks to us and to act when He does.

DON'T LET GOD DOWN



Good Friday Street Drama
Jesus is nailed to the cross

"Tea & Chat Club"

- Every Tuesday 10am – 3pm in the Church Hall, Littlehampton United Church
- Our aim is to provide a social environment for adults. A regular meeting place where everyone's viewpoint is respected.
- We are open from 10.00am to 3.00pm. You are welcome to drop in for a chat and a cup of tea or stay all day. (Our daily rate is £2.00) Drop in tea & coffee is available at 50p.
- Our current programme includes varying crafts, quizzes, games and demonstrations and talks.
- If you require more information, please ring Jill on 714647, Carol on 782876 or Christine on 717942

Open Hands Prayer Group

At 64 The Haven. Contact Val Azzaro 718070

Tuesday 30th May 7.30pm

Monday 19th June 7.30pm

Monday Home Group

Contact Alison Spencer 715711

Next meetings: 2.00pm Monday 8th May
2.00pm Monday 12th June

Don't Forget the Food Bank

The box for receiving items for the Food Bank is located by the serving hatch in the coffee lounge. Please see the list in the coffee lounge for the latest requested items.

Richard Belchamber

As this Magazine was going to press, we heard that Richard had come to the end of his struggle with Parkinson's Disease. Our sympathy goes out to Jill and her family. Richard's funeral will be at Climping on 11th May at 12.30pm

Items for the Magazine

Articles of general interest, Photos, Holiday Reminiscences, are always welcome. (preferably by email)

The closing date for the July/August edition is 9.00am
Friday 23rd June

Church Anniversary

Sunday 11th June – 10.30

With Revd. Nicola Furley-Smith
Moderator of the URC Southern Synod

Followed by a Church Lunch

Good Friday Re-enactment

“Why Easter?” – A Passion Play in modern dress and a Walk of Witness – took place again this year on Good Friday morning in Littlehampton Town Centre.

The event, organised by Littlehampton Churches Together, and produced once again by Di Brown, told the story of Jesus’ journey to the cross from his arrest outside Boots to his crucifixion in front of the Clocktower. A larger crowd than ever followed the events as they unfolded through the Friday Market.



Jesus is arrested



Actors and crowd assemble



On trial before Pilate



Jesus stumbles with his cross

Dates for your Diary

11 th June	Church Anniversary and Church Lunch Rev Nicola Furley-Smith. URC Moderator of the URC Southern Synod
13 th June	7.30pm Worship Consultation Meeting in the Knight Hall
23 rd July	12.15pm Church Meeting
14 th – 18 th August	Holiday Café 10.30 – 12.30 every day Watch for the notices – We will be on the beach if the Sandcastle Competition takes place
24 th September	10.30am Harvest Festival
1 st October	Morning service followed by a quiet afternoon “In the footsteps of Christ”
15 th October	To be confirmed Choir Sunday
1 st December	Friends of Mombasa Children: Supper and concert with the Congregational Singers.
8 th /9 th December	Christmas Tree Festival with the Friends of Mombasa Children

WEEKLY/MONTHLY PROGRAMME

Monday	<p>Home Group meets on 2nd Monday each month. Contact: Alison & Peter Spencer. (715711)</p> <p>Open Hands Prayer Group meets on 3rd Monday each month. Contact: Val Azzaro (718070)</p>
Tuesday	<p>Tea & Chat every Tuesday 10am – 3pm in Church Hall. Contact: Carol Taunton (782876)</p>
Wednesday	<p>Wednesday Fellowship meet fortnightly at 2.30pm Contact: Stella Lansdale (715465) All welcome</p>
Thursday	<p>Choir Practice 7.30pm each week. Contact: Jean Parker (715313)</p> <p>Arun Care – Drop in Centre 1pm – 4pm</p>
Friday	<p>Friday Service 11.00am in the church Tea/Coffee served in the church after the service. Contact Chris Azzaro (718070)</p> <p>Leadership Team Meeting on 2nd Friday each month.</p>
Saturday	<p>Coffee Lounge Open 10am – 11.30am on most Saturdays</p>

Wednesday Fellowship

Wednesday Fellowship meet fortnightly at 2.30pm
In the Knight Hall

Our programme, which is part devotional, part social include:-
Quizzes, Charity and Devotional Speakers, Lunch and Cream
Tea, Musical Afternoons, Carol Service, Holy Communion and
Members Afternoons.

New members or visitors are very welcome, both ladies and
gentlemen. If you require more information, speak to Stella or
ring 715465

Programme May - June 2017

May 10 th	Poetry and Humour With Sue Hett
May 24 th	Quiz afternoon With Monica and Maurice
June 7 th	Rev. Tony Trevithick
June 21 st	Lunch and informal review of the year

Summer break until September 6th 2017

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 4th June (Pentecost)

10.30am Morning Worship led by Chris Azzaro
6.30pm Littlehampton Churches Together at st Catherine's
Church

Sunday 11th June Church Anniversary

10.30am Morning Worship led by Rev Nicola Furley-Smith

Sunday 18th June

10.30am Morning Worship led Joyce Stroud

Sunday 25th June

10.30am Communion service led by Rev J Wrenn.
6.00pm Café Sundae led by Chris Azzaro and the Café
Sundae team

Sunday 2nd July

10.30am Morning Worship led by Chris Azzaro
6.00pm Informal Communion Service led by Chris Azzaro

Sunday 9th July

10.30am Morning Worship led by Rev K Lynch

Sunday 16th July

10,30am Morning worship led by Margaret Thompson

Sunday 23rd July

10.30am Holiday Café Service led by Chris Azzaro

Sunday 30th July

10.30am Communion service led by Rev Norman Croft



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