

Littlehampton

United Church

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1 High Street

Littlehampton

West Sussex BN17 5EG



September – October 2019



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Dates for your diary

Sunday 1 st September	A Short church meeting immediately after the morning service
Wednesday 4 th September	7.30pm Joint Steward's and Elder's Meeting
Saturday 21 st September	2.30 - 5.00pm Friends of Mombasa Children Open day and Cream Tea See advert page 10
Wednesday 25 th September	7.30pm Leadership Team Meeting
Sunday 29 th September	Harvest Service
Sunday 3 rd November	12.15pm Church Meeting
Friday 6 th December Saturday 7 th December	4.00 - 7.00pm 10.00 - 4.00pm Christmas Tree Festival
To be announced	Carol Services
Christmas Eve	11.30pm Christmas Communion Service led by Naison Hove
Christmas Day	10.00am Family Christmas Celebration led by Norman Croft
31 st December	Watch Night Service led by Naison Hove at St Andrew's Church

Message from our Minister , Revd Naison Hove

Hay! Summer is here, the weather is lovely to those who are not wishing to travel far. The parks and beaches are swamped with tents, garden chairs, people taking a *shuteye* on their mates. Its all about taking time off from the daily routine of paid and voluntary jobs, in churches and communities. Whatever you do you need to take some time off from the busyness of business to recharge oneself.

Jesus Christ often withdrew from the crowds and the disciples to a solitary place to rest and pray; *“Early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up and slipped out to a solitary place to pray.”* (Mark 1:35). Solitary place was not only place of prayer but a place of rest and reflection. My call to all is to go for a rest, whether its near or far. We all need to take a break away from the busyness of doing mission, because the captain of the ship had some time off from the mission of “the movement or the way”.

To all people who will and those who have already travelled abroad from our beautiful Island for a short break ~ my prayer is for you to enjoy a relaxing and peaceful time away till we meet again on your return.

May God’s travelling mercy be with you all.

Naison M. Hove

Wednesday Fellowship Review

We started our new session on 12th September 2018 and continued fortnightly meetings.

The programme included some devotional and charity speakers and some more informal members afternoons.

In October we welcomed our new minister Rev. Naison Hove to our fellowship to share a service of Holy Communion.

Before Christmas we were able to support **Angel Tree Programme** through **Prison Fellowship**, which enables Christmas gifts to be given to the children of Ford Prison inmates. The new local representative came in May to give an update on the work.

We enjoyed decorating a Christmas Tree and taking part in the festival.

Scarves, hats and blankets made from knitted squares have again been given to **Link to Hope** to be sent to different parts of Eastern Europe. Thanks to all our knitters; we can always use spare double knitting wool!

We were able to support Dame Vera Lynn's charity of **Children With Cerebral Palsy**, following a presentation by the charity.

From the collection of 5p coins raised during the year a donation was sent to **MAF** towards their work in South Sudan.

We were able to send a donation to **Christian Aid** as they work to provide better medical facilities for mothers and babies in Sierra Leone.

During the year we had a presentation on scanning (and how to avoid it) by **Sussex Police**, which was informative and useful.

In June we were transported to China when Alexander Wu told us about the **Chinese Cultural Centre** in Brighton. Thanks to Chris Azzaro, helping with the projector, we were able to see and hear some of the culture for ourselves.

Looking back over the year we have enjoyed a varied programme. A big thank you to everyone who supports the Fellowship and for their help and encouragement.

Our meetings recommence on September 11th

Visitors and new members are always welcome. We meet on Wednesdays at 2.30pm mostly in the Knight Hall. There is always a warm welcome.

Wednesday Fellowship Programme

September – December 2019

September 11 th Hove	Holy Communion in the church with Rev Naison
September 25 th	Rainbow and Auction for Mission
October 9 th	Mr John Carr
October 21 st	Rev. Norman Croft. Quiz afternoon.
November 6 th	Rev Anthony Trevithick
November 20 th	Presentation: Care for Veterans
December 4 th	Mrs Lorna Sivyour
December 18 th	Christmas Special

“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, demonstrations and talks.
- If you require more information, please ring Carol on 782876 or Christine on 717942

Open Hands Prayer Group

At 64 The Haven

Contact Val Azzaro 718070

Next meetings:

9th September and 21st October

At 7.30pm

Last Month's Picture competition:

The Iron Bridge at Coalbrookdale

Congratulations to Robert Taunton
on being the first with the correct answer

The Food Bank

Thank you for your support
The collecting box is under the table next to the
serving hatch in the Coffee Lounge.
Norman Redington will be pleased to give you more
information.

Items currently needed:

Tinned Fruit
Sugar (especially 500g bags)
Instant mash
Instant coffee
Rice pudding and custard
Squash
Tin Openers
Jam and peanut butter

List updated 20th June 2019

Thank you for your support

Monday Home Group

Contact Alison Spencer 715711

Next meetings:

16th September and 14th October



Church Holiday Café

Thank to everyone who helped at the Holiday Café and to all who came along to support the event.



T Shirt Colouring



Games



Tea, coffee and a lot of chatting



The prayer beach hut



Constructing Ted the Turtle

Friends of the Mombasa Children
Celebrating 10 years since we opened Unity
School



From an overgrown patch of land to a 2- story building.

You are invited to join us at the **Parish Church Hall,**
Rustington to celebrate 10 years with a cream tea

There will be pictures to see and a talk on all that we have
achieved and our plans for the future

Saturday 21st September 2.30 - 5.00

Life after Birth

Sent in by "Open Hands" Prayer Group after discussing our place in the world.

Two unborn babies are talking in their mother's womb.

Do you believe in life after birth?

Of course. There must be something after birth. Maybe that's the reason why we are here, to prepare ourselves for what happens next.

Don't be silly. There's no life after birth and even if there was, what would it look like?

I'm not entirely sure about that but surely it will be lighter there than here. Maybe we will walk on our own legs; we might even eat with our mouths.

That's crazy! You cannot possibly walk on your legs or eat with your own mouth – that's completely ridiculous! Don't you see that we are fed with the umbilical chord? Listen to me; we have to eliminate the idea of life after birth. Look at the chord, it is already too short!

But there has to be something. Maybe everything will be a bit different from what we are used to.

No one has ever returned from there. Life has to end with birth. Anyway life is just about being crowded in a dark place.

Well, I'm not entirely sure what it will be like, but for one thing we will see mummy and she will take care of us.

The mummy? You believe in the mummy? And just where do you think she is?

Well everywhere, all around us! We live and depend on her. Without her we would not exist.

I don't believe this! I have never seen any mummies so it is obvious that there is none.

But listen, sometimes if we are really quiet we can hear her singing and we can feel how she is putting her hands around our world. You know, I really believe that real life only comes after this.

Author unknown – reproduced from the Crowhurst Magazine “His Healing Steps”.

Friday Mornings at 11.00am

A short, informal service, in the church, using well known hymns or songs, a Bible reading a thought for the day and Prayers.

Followed by tea or coffee and chat.

Leaders for September and October

September 6th Chris Azzaro

September 13th TBA

September 20th Maurice Dibble

September 27th Harvest with River Beach School

October 4th Chris Azzaro

October 11th Naison Hove

October 18th Norman Croft

October 25th Chris Azzaro

WEEKLY/MONTHLY PROGRAMME

Monday	<p>Home Group meets on 2nd Monday each month. Contact: Alison 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 Most Thursdays at 2.30pm 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>
Saturday	<p>Coffee Lounge Open 10am – 11.30am on most Saturdays</p>



Lifestyle - Do more!

Explore practical ideas for buying, cooking and growing food

Good food is 'a celebration of God's creation and human creativity'. That's the message from A Rocha UK's Living Lightly initiative. Every mouthful of food is a gift of God's grace, and your body is a temple of God's Spirit (1 Corinthians 6.19). So we should eat healthily and ethically. And don't stop enjoying and enjoying goodness of food!

Research fairtrade food products

Visit the Fairtrade Foundation website.

Becoming an Eco- Church is part of our mission to worship God by effective stewardship of His creation. We have already reached the lowest level but there are two more levels yet to be achieved. Everyone can help by thinking about their own use of energy, recycling, and generally reducing our "Carbon Footprint"

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 1st September

- 10.30am Morning Worship with communion
led by Revd Naison Hove
6.30pm Café Sundaes led by Chris Azzaro

Sunday 8th September

- 10.30am Morning worship led by Chris Azzaro

Sunday 15th September

- 10.30am Morning Worship led by Mrs K Suttie

Sunday 22nd September

- 10.30am Morning worship led by Revd. Naison Hove

Sunday 29th September

- 10.30am Harvest Service led by Revd Norman Croft
6.30pm Informal Communion led by Rev Dan Balsden

Sunday 6th October

- 10.30am Morning Worship led by Rev Frank Graham

Sunday 13th October

- 10,30am Morning worship and Communion
led Rev Tony Brazier

Sunday 20th October

- 10.30am Morning worship with Rev David Bown

Sunday 27th October

- 10.30 am Morning Worship led by Revd Norman Croft
6.30pm Informal Communion led by Rev Trevithick



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