

# Littlehampton United Church

## Mini Newsletter 27



Keeping  
our church  
together

### News of the Family

Thank you to everyone who has contacted myself or other members of the Leadership Team with comments on the last Newsletter. The team are meeting regularly and all comments are much appreciated.

### Lent Cross

So far the chalice, a bag of coins, crown of thorns, the whip and the purple cloth have been added.

If you would like to see a short video of the cross, find our Facebook page (Littlehampton United Church). There is also a guided tour of the coffee lounge and Knight Hall now that they are nearing completion.

I'm hoping to get these videos onto our website very soon. So far, the technology has eluded me. Watch the space and see what happens.

On Easter Sunday I will move the cross into the Church Garden and replace the items that represent the journey to the cross with flowers to represent the resurrection. You are welcome to add your flowers to the display (But please don't all come at once—only 6 people are allowed in a garden at one time!)



### Services and Bible Study on Zoom

The code you need is 254 574 5519 password; 349515

Or you can join in by phone 0203 481 5240

Sunday services are at 10.30 am and Tuesday Bible Studies at 7.30pm.

On Sunday 28th March the Zoom service will be led by the Synod Moderator Rev. Bridget Banks.

## From the Minister's desk

The journey to Easter (Good Friday through to Easter Sunday) was never easy for the Son of Man, (the Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ). It was journey of pain and agony. Jesus knew that he would not travel that journey again in His life time. Lenten period, the forty days before Easter reminds us, as the family of God, of that gruesome and grim journey Jesus partook to Jerusalem where He was arrested and sentenced to die. The Son of Man died a painful death on the Cross of Calvary on Good Friday. However, Lent gives us the opportunity to focus and reflect on the hope of dealing with the difficult challenges with the hope of seeing “*new things*” that comes with the resurrection story of the Risen Christ on Easter Sunday, the “*Good News.*” The Bible tells us that, Jesus said, “*I am the resurrection and life. The one who believes in me will live though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die....*” (John 11:25-26)

If we are to do an audit check as a nation, it is now almost a year to be precise since the first lockdown began in England. What an ugly year it has been, when for much of that year our church buildings have been silent to the rhythm of songs of praise and human voices mostly. It has been a year when we have been challenged about our attitudes to what is the “church”. The pandemic of the coronavirus that caused national lockdown for all the countries world over. The pain of not able to meet, hug and say good bye to your departed loved ones cannot be easily forgotten. The development of the vaccines by scientists gives a gleam of hope that will help to contain the spread of this deadly disease that has brought the world on its knees for the last twelve months.

Easter is about the new life and fresh start, that begun with the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. Floyd W. Tomkins said, “Let the resurrection joy lift us from loneliness and weakness and despair to strength and beauty and happiness.” I pray and hope that, this is the last lockdown that will lead us to new normality.

My prayer is that God help us to reflect on the seriousness of this Christian biblical calendar and the truth of its meaning in our Christian vocation.

A Happy Easter and God's blessings to all!

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