

# Littlehampton United Church

## Mini Newsletter 37



Keeping  
our church  
together

This week I have been working on services for Friday 5th November and for Remembrance Sunday on the 14th. Both are significant days in their own rite. Bonfire or Firework night reminds us of the struggle between Protestants and Roman Catholics for political power. All the more tragic in that both sides called themselves followers of Christ—who had much to say on how to settle differences of opinion, and blowing people up was not one of them.

Remembrance Sunday has always been an important day for many. Recent events in Afghanistan have reminded us of the sacrifices made in both war and peacekeeping. This year, in the service I expect to lead (at Sompting URC), I will adding those who fought and lost their lives in the war against Corona Virus. Doctors and nurses who worked on the front line, with little in the way of personal protection but put the needs of the sick before their own safety. Key workers who went about their business of serving others. Not least on my list of those to remember will be the many who organised food distribution and challenged the Government on its lack of action. Of course some will be thinking of their own memories, or like me, thinking of my parents and their part in an armed conflict, but the fight for justice, peace and fair shares for all is not over—as images played at the Climate Conference have shown. We will remember the past, sometimes with pride, sometimes with sadness, but above all, with the hope that by all pulling together can still create a better world for all.

Chris

From Revd. Andy Twilly:

Good morning friends and colleagues... I've been reflecting in recent days on the fact that whether we are really struggling, or feel everything is going great, there is always the temptation to simply do things in our own strength, relying (or thinking we have to rely) purely on our own resources. Maybe we need to hear again the words of Proverbs: *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take."* Prov. 3: 5 – 6. Such a simple principle... *"Trust"* and *"seek"*... yet with transformational results: *"He will show you which path to take"*.

## News of the Family

Rev Norman Croft has also had a time in hospital and will be taking life much easier . He is up and about once again and remains cheerful. Please remember both Norman and Jo.

Val has “Passed” the pre-op for her hip replacement but is still waiting—St Richards have suspended operations due lack of beds.

## Dates for your Diary

### 10th and 11th December Christmas Tree Festival.

**Friday** from 4.00pm the Tree festival will be open, refreshments served in the Coffee Lounge and Friends of the Mombasa Children will have set up their Christmas sale in the Knight Hall.

Hoping to have some Carol singing by candle-light around 6.00pm Close at 7.00pm

**Saturday:** Festival open from 10.00am, Refreshments served in the coffee lounge and Christmas sale in the Knight Hall. To be confirmed: A Christmas concert by the Shelly Singers in the church from 3.00pm.

Close at 4.30pm Offers of help (stewarding or selling in the Knight Hall) will be gratefully accepted.

**All Christmas Trees are welcome.** If your group or organisation would like to display a Christmas Tree and take the opportunity to advertise what you do, please talk to Chris Azzaro—There’s still plenty of room.

### Saturday 18th December at 7.30pm

A Concert by Jacob Keet (Violin) and Nickey Williams (Piano) in aid of The Friends of the Mombasa Children.

Tickets available from Chris at £8 each.

## Leaders of Sunday morning Worship in November and December

7th November Naison Hove (Communion)

14th November Revd Geoffrey Bell (Remembrance )

21st November John Carr

28th November Naison Hove (Communion)

5th December Nigel Stapley

12th December Chris Azzaro

19th December Naison Hove

25th December TBA

26th December United Service at Westergate Methodist Church

## Remember to keep yourself and others safe in church

### Friday Morning Services

Friday Morning services continue in November . We followed our established format of about 25 minutes long, well known hymns or songs, a very short thought on a Bible reading and opportunities for prayer.

Tea/Coffee and an opportunity to chat follows the service in the coffee lounge.