

Littlehampton United Church

Mini
Newsletter 38



Keeping
our church
together

A Christmas message from Revd. Naison Hove:

Let me start this message by expanding on the advent ring and its candle colours that define the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ the King. The picture below of candles ring encapsulate the advent Christian season.



The four traditional advent themes for the four advent Sundays are:

[God's people](#) -The Candle of **hope**.

Hope is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at the light of this candle we celebrate the hope we have in Jesus Christ.

The Old Testament prophets - The Candle of **Peace**

Peace is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at this candle we celebrate the peace we find in Jesus Christ.

John the Baptist - The Candle of **Love**

Love is like a candle shining in a dark place. As we look at the light of this candle we celebrate the love we have in Christ.

Mary the mother of Jesus - The Candle of **Joy**

Joy is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at this candle, we celebrate the joy we find in Jesus Christ.

The white candle represents the birth of Christ. The flame of this candle reminds us that He is the light of the world, by accepting and believing in Him as our personal saviour, we will never walk in darkness, but will have the true light of life.

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The following passages of scripture point to the birth of Jesus Christ in whom we find refuge from the ills of the world that have rocketed our livelihood with unprecedented problems world over. Jesus Christ who came shall come again and will be finished as it was finished on the Cross for our totally freedom in the kinship of Jesus Christ.

AND in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. *(Luke, Ch. 1)*

AND it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Cæsar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judæa, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) *(Matthew, Ch. 2)*

And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where the Christ should be born. And they said unto him, "In Bethlehem of Judea:

I pray and hope that as we celebrate Christmas our hearts will be refreshed with the messages of hope, peace, love and joy as gather as families to offer thankfulness' for the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ the Redeemer.

Let me conclude by wishing you a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year!

Friday Morning Services in December

With the church being used Fridays 3rd and 10th December, the Friday service will probably take a different form and be held elsewhere in the building. The last services of the year will be 17th and 31st December.

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

News of the Family

Rev Norman Croft is still taking life easier but he is now able to go out and has been seen in church.

Robert Taunton was taken to hospital on Sunday morning with breathing difficulties. We are waiting for further news.

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

Please remember all these people in your prayers.

Can you help?

The Christmas Tree Festival is coming soon. Could you help by welcoming visitors to our church or serving refreshments?

10th December 4.00pm—7.00pm

11th December 10.00am—3.00pm

There are two objectives of this weekend. For our church, it is an opportunity to welcome our community into our building. Perhaps if people enjoy their visit, they might join us for worship?

For the Charity, the Christmas sale is a fund raiser and an opportunity to publicise our work in Mombasa.

During the exhibition we will showing a 30 minute video filmed in Mombasa in the last month. As well as playing Christmas music. Tea, Coffee, soft drinks, mince pies and cakes will be on sale.

On Friday afternoon we hope to sing carols by the light of candles and the Christmas trees.

Also coming soon:

Saturday 18th December at 7.30pm Christmas Serenade

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

5th December Nigel Stapley

12th December Chris Azzaro

19th December Naison Hove

25th December 10.00am Family celebration with Chris Azzaro

26th December United Service at Westergate Methodist Church

10.30am with Rev. Dan Balsdon

Remember to keep yourself and others safe in church

With the number of new covid cases increasing in Arun we need to be very careful when we meet together.

Please remember to keep at least 1.5 m apart from everyone else (apart from your own family).

We ask you to wear your mask or visor while moving around

The Friends of Mombasa Children

Reg. Charity Number 1155625

**Christmas Sale &
Christmas Tree
Festival**

Friday 10th 4.00 – 7.00pm

Saturday 11th December

10.00am – 3.00pm

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**Entrances in the High Street and Arundel
Road**

**Christmas Goods, Cosmetics, Jewellery,
African Goods, Cards, Candles, Refreshments**

Free Admission

