

Littlehampton United Church

Mini

Newsletter 40



The bible passage which was the focus of the service for the last two Sundays relates Jesus' visit to his home town of Nazareth. (Luke 4: 14-30) Luke, the gospel writer, tells us how Jesus quoted from the Prophet Isaiah:

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to set the oppressed free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.”

I have to admit that listening to the news, nationally and internationally, I am filled with apprehension. There is no good news for the poor—rather the opposite. Sight for the blind? There is much stumbling around in the dark! Some say that relaxing the restrictions to prevent the spread of covid feels like being released from prison. Despite the drop in numbers of new cases, I can't help thinking that the relaxation has been premature. (Which is why I will be encouraging people to wear masks in church.) Even in church, we have entered a new period of uncertainty due to the absence of our Minister.

Yet, there are signs God at work. At the church meeting were asked to vote to admit a new member, I will be shortly be meeting a family to discuss a christening. When I visit the church during the week, I see a coffee lounge bustling with activity. At the same time being a place of fellowship for any who wish to come in for tea or coffee. The opportunities to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour are all around. Let's take heart and remember that we are anointed to proclaim that good news.

Prayer for the future of our church

At the previous Church Meeting the question was posed “What are we going to do when there are too few officers to manage the church?” Since then a prayer meeting was held and subsequently the Leadership Team have made arrangements to cope with management tasks with fewer people. This is not something for just the leadership Team. As was said at the Church Meeting, to continue as a worshipping community, we all need to get involved and we all need to continue to pray in order to seek God’s will.

Friday Morning Services

Our Friday Morning Services started again on 7th January at 11.00am
Tea/Coffee and an opportunity to chat follows the service in the coffee lounge.

News of the Family

Robert Taunton is out of hospital but has regular medication for various issues.

Lyn Rendall is home following surgery.

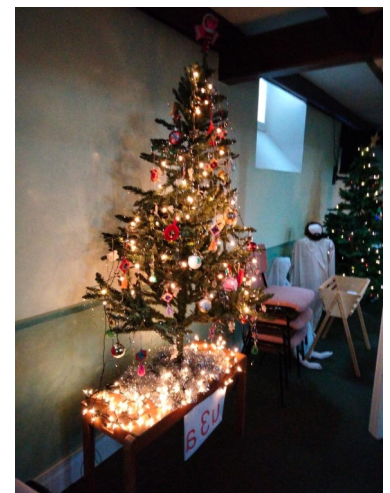
Val’s hip replacement operation was postponed and is waiting for a new date.



The Re-Cycled Crib Scene in the church foyer

Leaders of Sunday morning Worship in February

Sunday 6th	Pam Frost
Sunday 13h	Steven Waters
Sunday 20th	Chris Azzaro
Sunday 30th	Nigel Stapley (Communion)



The winning tree at the tree festival

Remember to keep yourself and others safe in church

With the number of new covid cases still very high 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).

Wearing a mask or visor is not compulsory but we think it safer if you do,

Do not come to church if you are feeling unwell