

# Littlehampton United Church

Mini

Newsletter 41



Before I left home for church on Sunday morning, I was watching the latest news from Ukraine. In the background to the various interviews with correspondents was the magnificent cathedral of St Nicholas in Kyiv (or Kiev). No one was heading for the church; this morning the population of Kiev was sheltering in underground railway tunnels and bomb shelters. Pictures of refugees fleeing the conflict followed. Heartening, the response from Poland and other countries neighbouring the Ukraine. Disappointing was the response of our own government to Ukrainian families seeking to join relatives in the UK.

Next Sunday will be an opportunity to donate to the relief agencies seeking to help Ukrainian refugees. In the meantime we pray that peace will be restored on this conflict and the sovereignty of nations respected.

Sunday morning's service focused on the "Transfiguration " when Jesus met with Moses and Elijah on a mountain top. Those of you who familiar with the calendar of the church year will know that this event marked the end of Jesus' ministry in Galilee and "He set his face to Jerusalem". After the mountain top experience, Jesus had to face the reality of what lay before him. I believe that God gives us such times as Mountain Top Experiences—not always on a physical mountain, but an uplifting experience we remember for a long time— to sustain us when times are hard. We may be in for a long haul as sanctions against Russia will also cost at home in the UK but, in the words of David the psalmist:

*I lift up my eyes to the hills from where comes my help.*

*My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.*

*The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; He shall preserve your soul.*

*The LORD shall preserve your going out and your coming in  
From this time forth, and even forevermore.*

*Verses from Psalm 121*

## Friday Morning Services

Our Friday Morning Services at 11.00am are well supported, many people enjoying the shorter, informal style. These services are usually led by Chris Azzaro, with help from Noman Croft and Nigel Stapley.

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

## News of the Family

Lyn Rendall is home following surgery but awaiting a knee replacement.

Val's hip replacement operation was postponed again Her new date is 11th April.

Alison is awaiting exploratory surgery. .

Please remember all these people in your prayers.

If you have information or news concerning church members, please pass it on to John Stevens who will see that it is circulated so that they be included in our prayers.

Thank you for your generosity in giving to the Christmas Lunch at the orphanage at Unity School, Mombasa. We have now received pictures of the lunch. Looking at the expressions on the faces of the diners, eating pilau, chapatis, curry and rice is a very serious business! Copies of the latest Newsletter published by the Friends of the Mombasa children are available at the back of the church.

### Leaders of Sunday morning Worship in March

Sunday 6th	Jeffrey Craghill
Sunday 13h	Nigel Stapley
Sunday 20th	Chris Azzaro
Sunday 30th	Revd. M Lewis (Communion)

The Leadership team are making plans to serve tea and coffee after the morning services, at the rear of the church. If you feel able to help with this, please talk to John or Chris.



## 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**