

Littlehampton United Church

July Newsletter



Greetings

Last Sunday we served tea and coffee after the morning service. Very informally, using the kitchenette at the rear of the church. Is this a sign of normality returning?

The answer probably depends on what you consider to be “Normal”. After periods of lockdown and the effects of the pandemic, what was once “Normal”, probably no longer exists. That begs another question: what is the “New Normal”?

For example, as I began work on this newsletter: “Mini Newsletter Number 45”, I decided that it might be more appropriate to just call it “July Newsletter”. Pre-pandemic everyone read a printed copy. Now 35 are sent electronically and only 10 copies are printed. (Most of which are delivered to housebound members who do not use computers).

Pre-pandemic, at our Friday morning services, we used to sing along to cd’s. Now we almost entirely use the internet for our music at both services. In order to keep our services short when we re-started after lockdown, we asked our leaders to focus on worship rather than long sermons. I get the impression that our worshippers now prefer this style of service.

Perhaps the New Normal should be : “How can we do what we are doing to the best of our ability”. And how can we sustain this into the foreseeable future?

I hope that, one day, the risk of Covid will retreat sufficiently that we can stand and sing with the writer of Psalm 47: *Clap your hands , all you peoples; Shout to God with loud songs of joy. For the Lord, the Most High is awesome, a great King over all the earth.*

From Chris Azzaro

Dates for your diary

Saturday 25th June “Celebrating Diversity” See Poster

Sunday 8th August Church Anniversary (161st) Rev Simon Franklin

1st October URC 50th Anniversary - Our local event will probably be held on 7th or 8th October.

Watch this space for more details.

News of the Family

Lyn Rendall has received her replacement knee and Val has received her new hip. Both ladies are making good progress.

Norman Redington has had heart surgery. He is making a good recovery but has to take things easy.

Alison is expecting surgery early in July. Mary Newnham is still in Worthing Hospital

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.

Leaders of Sunday morning Worship in July

Sunday 3rd July	Chris Azzaro	Tea/Coffee will be served after the
Sunday 10th July	Rev Tony Brazier	morning service, from the rear of the
Sunday 17th July	Rev Naison Hove	church.
Sunday 24th July	Lynne James	
Sunday 31st July	Rev Kenneth Lynch	

Friday mornings at 11.00am

1st July	Chris Azzaro	15th July	Chris Azzaro
8th July	Naison Hove	22nd July	Chris Azzaro
	29th July	Chris Azzaro	

Tea/Coffee and an opportunity to chat follows the Friday service.

Remember to keep yourself and others safe in church

There are still new covid cases in Arun so we still 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