

Littlehampton United Church

August Newsletter



Greetings

I started the last Newsletter with the words “We are having a Heatwave!”. One month later and here we go again! The temperature today is likely to reach 30 degrees Celsius in Littlehampton, but I’m typing this from the air conditioned café at a well known local supermarket while Val does the shopping.

Last Sunday we celebrated our 161st Anniversary of the church’s founding. As our guest preacher, former Minister Revd Simon Franklin, said, it was not the exact Sunday of the foundation stone laying nor of the first service, but back in January when these things were arranged it was a good day to choose. As Simon commented, the speed with which the structure was completed was fast compared to modern buildings—perhaps the County Council could have used the same firm for the improvements to the A259.

Sarcasm aside, Simon had a clear message for the church: Our worship is nothing unless it is accompanied by acts of justice, forgiveness, kindness and care for others. As we move into our one hundred and sixty second year we pray

that these may be the traits by which we individually and collectively are known.

Isaiah chapter 1, verse 17

Lunch is served



Simon and Jilly Franklin

Dates for your diary

Sunday 28th August A Church Meeting will follow the morning service Our Worship will be led by Revd Naison Hove. This is probably be Naison's last Sunday morning service before he moves to his new pastorate in London.

1st October URC 50th Anniversary

We will be celebrating this anniversary on **Saturday 8th October** with a tea at St Andrew's Church in Holmes Lane, Rustington together with friends from Emmanuel. More details to follow.

News of the Family

Alison is home from hospital following a successful operation. Her recovery is good but will be slow. Norman Redington is recovering well.

Beryl England will be having surgery next week. Please remember Beryl and her sister Joyce 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

Sunday 14th August Chris Azzaro
Sunday 21st August Revd Nigel Stapley
Sunday 28th August Revd Naison Hove
Sunday 4th September Lynne James
Sunday 11th September Rev Tony Brazier

Friday mornings at 11.00am

19th August Rev Norman Croft 26th August Chris Azzaro

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

The Church is open from 10.30am until approx. 12.00

