

# Littlehampton United Church

## September Newsletter



### **From the Minister's desk :**

The letter comes to you for two reasons:

Firstly, to thank you as a Christian community for the support, beyond measure, that you gave me during my ministry with you. Your support was profoundly acknowledged, and words alone cannot express my gratitude. Your support both morally and spiritual was overwhelming. I pray that God will bless the Worthing Pastorate. You supported my work here and abroad. A poor community and a school in Zimbabwe are now enjoying clean water because of your kindness. After a terrible cyclone that destroyed villages and schools in the eastern part of that country, you managed to build them an ablution block restoring their dignity again. Allow me to thank you for all that as I make my exit from this beautiful part of the country. *"May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word."* (1Thess 2:16-17)

Secondly, hard as it may, allow me to say goodbye. And I wish you the best from the bottom of my heart. May the Lord be with you and guide you from now onwards. I believe your next Minister is going to receive the same love and support that you have given me. My four years with you have been a delight and a learning curve. Human as I am, I know I might have made mistakes but again, they saved as a learning curve. If it rubbed anyone the wrong way, it was never my intention and I ask for your forgiveness.

I did not come to you as an angel but a simple man only trying to play my part in God's kingdom. I exercised my gifts the best I could to equip and to build the body of Christ which has been my passion since I started Ministry.

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In conclusion, I promise to keep you in my prayers while I also ask for your prayers. God willing, we may meet again enjoying and celebrating the work of God around the world. I would have loved to end with a joint service of all three churches like we did when you welcomed me as your Minister. However, I hope this letter will suffice, if that doesn't happen.

Let me end with a beautiful oracle from David, *"Show me your ways, Lord,*

*teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Saviour, and my hope is in you all day long.*" (Ps 25:4-5).

God's blessings to all!

**Naison M. Hove 08/2022**

We were sad to learn of the passing of Beryl: The following was sent by Paul England.

## **Beryl England** **12<sup>th</sup> Oct 1934 – 18<sup>th</sup> Aug 2022**

Beryl was born on 12<sup>th</sup> Oct 1934. One of four children, she grew up in London.

She married Arthur England on 23 Aug 1958 and had for children. First Karen, then Paul followed by Julie in 1965, who only survived a few weeks due to heart failure, then they completed their family by adopting Jane in 1966. Beryl lived for the last 53 years of her life in Littlehampton where she was heavily involved in the Methodist Church and then the URC church when they merged together. She was a Sunday school teacher and youth club leader for many years. She put other skills to use at the church, such as flower arranging, being on the property committee, and lending a hand with dusting, painting and coffee mornings. She gained a son-in-law Paul, and a daughter-in-law Helen.

Her pride and joy were here 4 grandchildren, Luke, Richard, Joel and Toby who she spent many happy hours with, especially during their early years. She loved spending time with them. Family was really important.

Even though the last few years of her life saw some ill health, especially her failing eyesight, she would always have a smile, and a piece of cake, to greet you with when you knocked on her door.



## Dates for your diary

**1st October 2022 50th Anniversary of the URC.** There are celebrations planned in London.

A booklet has been produced by the URC which will be available to all church members (free).

**Saturday 10th October** A Celebration of the 50th Anniversary at St Andrew's Church, Holmes Lane, Rustington. You are invited for tea in the afternoon, together with friends from Emmanuel Church.

### Friday 4th November 2022

**Mr Norbert Were—school manager of Unity School, Mombasa, Kenya will be joining our 11,00am service,** Following the service Norbert will be speaking about the school and recent progress.

This will be followed by a light lunch of African style food.

All welcome but please let Chris know if you wish to stay for lunch.



### Friday 2nd December/Saturday 3rd December

“Crib– Fest” and Christmas Sale with The Friends of the Mombasa Children

More details in the next newsletter.

## Preachers is September

Sunday 4th September	Lynne James
Sunday 11th September	Revd Tony Brazier
Sunday 18th September	Revd Norman Croft
Sunday 25th September	Revd. Tony Trevithic



Friday 2nd September	Chris Azzaro
Friday 9th September	Revd Naison Hove
Friday 16th September	Chris Azzaro
Friday 23rd September	Norman Croft
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On Friday mornings the church is open from 10.15am until 12.00 The short service is at 11.00am. Tea/Coffee is available before and after the service. Donations for the refreshments will support the Feeding programme at Unity School, Mombasa.

## From Roger Purdom on Summer Camp 2022

Dear Each and All

Summer Camp came and went! Wow, the heat was incredible but God enabled us to get through without any major issues.

We had 60 children aged 9-11; we had a team of about 35 leaders, some junior and some adult leaders.

We have had a number of emails from parents - here is a sample:

- *Thank you for having ..... she absolutely loved it*
  - Thank you so for this years summer camp ..... had the best time and came home so happy even singing in her shower when home. She literally had the best week and hasn't stopped talking about it since. It was like she had be recharged and a different happy young girl.

So thank you from the bottom of my heart.
- *Looks like that all had a right brilliant time.*
- Just wanted to email and say a massive thank you to everyone and all the amazing volunteers who gave up their time to organise and run the camp. We could tell how much preparation and work had gone into it and it looked like everyone had a great time!
- I know.... was a bit homesick for some of it, so an extra big thank you to ..... and ..... for being there and getting her through it! She really enjoyed making new friends and is proud of herself for trying lots of different activities. It sounds like hot chocolate in the evening around a fairy light fire was a particular highlight for her! A big thank you again to everyone for making it all possible and for all the hard work that went into making it a wonderful week for all the children, especially after the last few years with Covid and in this heatwave!! Hopefully all the leaders can enjoy a nice relaxing weekend now!
- ..... has almost totally lost his voice which means I'm sure that he has been talking, laughing and singing all week! He had such a wonderful time again this year, thanks so much for all you do. He has decided he wants to be a leader one day too.
- *Thank you ever so so much for having him on the camp, he absolutely loved it and can't wait for next year and then when he is 13 he can't wait to be team leader.*
- Thanks again, she had such an amazing time. She says she wants to be a leader when she is old enough!
- Thanks so much, ..... had an amazing second visit before he heads off to secondary school. All I heard last year was "at summer camp " and this year didn't disappoint. .... had her first time here and thoroughly enjoyed it all and looks forward to returning next year.
  - *I wanted to write to say a huge thank you for giving ..... the best time at the summer camp this year.*

We know of one child who asked about joining the 'Jesus team'. Please pray for us as we make contact with the family and give her a copy of the 4 gospels.

Thanks you for your prayers and your support and your generosity in supporting children and young people financially.

I am now bowing out of LCT Summer Camp. Having started it 20 years ago, it's now time to bow out. The leadership is in excellent hands with Paul Sanderson heading up the Core Leadership Team.

We have a short video of Camp. It's in Dropbox and the link is:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/6ktux0f9arg6yaa/AACcVsXI2pvhXPeqiyafSBqca?dl=0>

I hope you can access it and, if possible, show it in your churches.

God bless.

Roger