

Littlehampton United Church

January/February Newsletter



Dear Friends

If it's not too late to say it: A Very Happy New Year to you all.

The year began well for Val and I. After enjoying Christmas with our family in the West Midlands, we spent New Year and my birthday with friends, but were then stopped in our tracks by another dose of Covid. Thankfully we are both now clear and life resumes. However, being out of circulation has given me the opportunity to catch up with a few things—not least, this Newsletter!

On my Birthday we visited Mottisfont in Hampshire, a National Trust property which was staging an exhibition of C S Lewis's "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe". We walked through the wardrobe into the land of Narnia; to be reminded of the story of redemption portrayed through the sacrifice of Aslan, the Lion. Needless to say we went home and watched the film, again.



A few days ago I was reminded again of God's wonderful work of redemption when Robert sent me a cutting from a Christmas message he and Carol had received. The scripture passage is the familiar reading from Luke's Gospel chapter 1 verse 26 onwards:

"Spirit of God, you filled the heart of a young Jewish maiden over 2000 years ago, whose name was Mary. We are told in the New Testament lesson that the Holy Spirit informed Mary a son would be born to her and his name was to be Jesus. The Holy Spirit's announcement came true and the child grew in Wisdom, Love and Compassion. We pray today that the Holy Spirit will fill our hearts and minds with the same Hope, Peace, Joy and Love the the world was blessed with on that first Christmas morn, Amen."



Pictures from Mottisfont House—The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe.

Chris

News of the family

Norman Redington is home and feeling a little stronger. He is hoping to hear the results of various tests next week. Doreen is in Salvington Lodge and hopes to be home before much longer.

Kay Balchin is in Worthing Hospital. Awaiting an update on her condition.

We will keep them all in our prayers.

Dates for your diary

The next Church Meeting will follow the morning service on February 19th

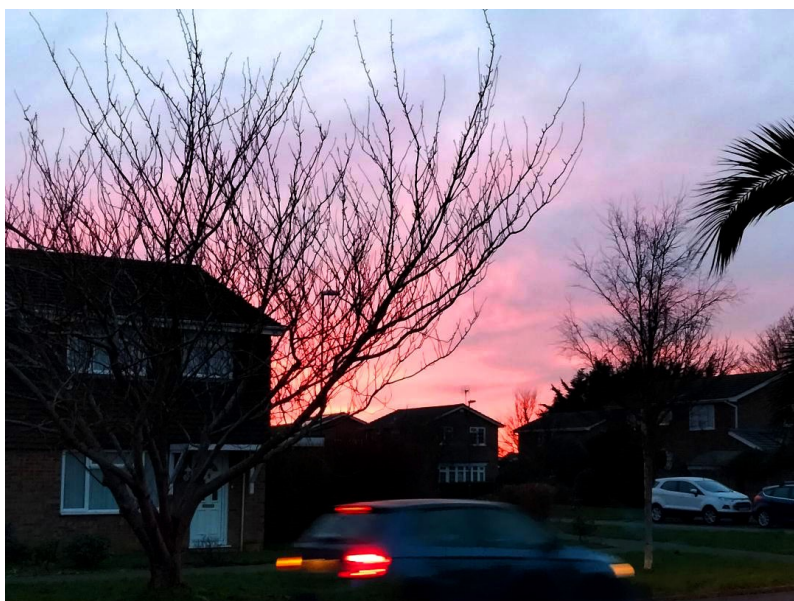
On Wednesday 22nd February there will be an Ash Wednesday service at Bognor Regis Methodist Church commencing at 10.30am

Preachers in February

Sunday 5th February	John Carr
Sunday 12th February	Wendy Corney
Sunday 19th February	Chris Azzaro
Sunday 26th February	Revd Tony Brazier Communion

Friday services are mainly be taken by Chris Azzaro.

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.



Sunset across Beaumont Park