

Littlehampton United Church



January 2024
Newsletter

I wish you a very a Happy New Year - even if it is a little belated.

While preparing a service for this Friday morning, I came across the following challenge:

How does God's voice find us in our churchy enclaves within a nation largely indifferent to formal religion and surrounded by 24/7 news and social media? Are we alert to demands to take up godly matters like truth, justice and compassion when they are raised in seemingly random places?

This week we have an actor and musician putting before us [the pain of knife-crime](#) (Idris Elba); a TV drama (Mr Bates v The Post Office) thrusts [the wrong of continuing injustice](#) at us and the government; and the death of a man once in the public eye (Derek Draper) giving a well-known children's author [the opportunity to fight a deliberate untruth](#). Do we respond to such voices as seriously as we do to those coming from 'safe' quarters such as our churches, or our circle of friends?

On the other hand [social media can be far from benign](#). (Children guilty of internet crime). How acute are our antennae for a good nudge wherever it comes from?

Taken from the on-line publication "Roots for Worship".

Chris



The Nursery Class at Unity School, Mombasa

First week at school, The children in the Nursery class have a new classroom thanks to the building work we helped to fund last year.

Preachers and services in January and February

Sunday 14th January	Nigel Stapley	Covenant Service/ Communion
Sunday 21st January	Chris Azzaro	Followed by a Church Meeting
Sunday 28th January	Nigel Stapley	
Sunday 4th February	Chris Azzaro	
Sunday 11th February	Adam Cook	
Sunday 18th February	Chris Azzaro	
Sunday 25th February	Nigel Stapley	Communion

Friday services are mainly be taken by Chris Azzaro or Revd Norman Croft

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 support the Feeding programme at Unity School, Mombasa.

A Date for your diary

The Friends of the Mombasa Children are holding a **sale of 2nd hand books** including several hundred children's books.

Saturday 2nd March 10.00am—3.00pm. Refreshments will be on sale.

If you have books in good condition that you wish to donate to the charity, please bring them to the church on Friday 1st March between 11,30am and 4.00pm



The book sale in 2022