

# Littlehampton United Church



September 2024  
Newsletter

## Greetings

This summer has been very busy, which is my excuse for not sending out a newsletter for several months. Now that Autumn has arrived, it's clearly time to catch up. With this in mind our Leadership Team decided that we need to update everyone on how our discussions with the URC Synod and Trinity Church are progressing. Hence we have called a **Church Meeting on Sunday 13th October**, following the morning service. The minutes of our last meeting are being sent out with this newsletter and will be available in the foyer from Friday morning.

On Sunday mornings we have been learning about the Letter of James. The writer is keen that we live up to the expectations of being followers of Jesus. In chapter 3 he writes about getting into the right habits.

How long does it take to change a habit? If you decided to no longer wear a wristwatch, how long do you think it would be before you stopped looking at your wrist for the time? Days? Weeks? Sometimes we lapse into well-worn habits when we are tired or distracted. It is the same with speech – we respond automatically when we hurt or when we are under pressure of any kind. Going back to the example of the wristwatch – would you have a plan to find out the time in this new situation, e.g. by using your mobile phone, or by looking at someone else's watch? You might decide that time is not an issue and is a human construct! Similarly, we can prepare now in order to control our speech in the future: we might resolve to listen more attentively, to pause before we speak or to make a different choice of words. This will prepare us to act and speak in a Christ-like way, even in times of stress.

*Chris*

## Preachers and services in October and November

Sunday 6th October	John Carr
Sunday 13th October	Chris Azzaro <b>A Church Meeting will follow this service</b>
Sunday 20th October	Chris Azzaro
Sunday 27th October	Nigel Stapley with Communion
Sunday 3rd November	Nigel Stapley
Sunday 10th November	Chris Azzaro and Revd Norman Croft Remembrance Sunday with St Andrew's URC
Sunday 17th November	Chris Azzaro
Sunday 24th November	Nigel Stapley with 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.

## Other dates

A Thanksgiving service for the life of Lynne James

20th October at 3pm in Felpham Methodist Church (PO22 8QL).

The session will be broadcast on Zoom meeting room 878 7997 8475 with passcode 473352.If you have not Zoomed before, go on-line to Zoom.us and follow instructions for joining a meeting.

From Andy James: No black please.

## Christmas Tree and Crib Festival

**Its less than 100 days to Christmas so preparations are well under way!**

**Friday 6th December 4.00pm—8.00pm**

**Saturday 7th December 10.00am—4.00pm**

