

Littlehampton United Reformed Church



June 2025

Pentecost

Once again we have reached the Sunday in the Church calendar which is headed “Pentecost”. We will hear the familiar bible passage from Acts chapter 2, in which Luke, the writer, describes the events that happened in Jerusalem on that day. I expect the reading will be followed by a sermon giving some explanation of the strange phenomena that Luke describes and Peter’s address to those who witnessed the event. Familiarity with the story probably assists us to ascribe such happenings to the first century, certainly not to the present.

And that’s where we fail to grasp the point. God did not send His Spirit for those followers of the early church alone. Throughout history people have described similar events, sometime personal and sometimes very public. To me, it appears that we try to explain the tongues of fire and rushing wind, when we should be looking at what happened to those around. Why the sudden need to tell the world the good news of Jesus Christ, when, for fifty days since the resurrection, the disciples had hid themselves from public sight?

The work of the Holy Spirit is the answer. Work that did not stop on that day of Pentecost but continued throughout history. Starting with what the disciples did next—otherwise called the book of Acts, and continuing to bring vibrancy and life to Christian people.

God’s spirit is in my heart;

He has called me and set me apart.

This is what I have to do,

What I have to do:

He sent me to give the good news to the poor,

Tell prisoners that they are prisoners no more,

Tell blind people that they may see,

And set the down-trodden free,

And go tell everyone the news that the kingdom of God has come;

And go tell everyone the news that God’s kingdom has come.



Preachers and services in June

Sunday services at No 1 High Street will be led by Trinity Church under the leadership of Martin Garratt
Meet in the coffee lounge from 10.00am for tea/coffee. Service commences at 10.30am

Friday services are mainly be taken by Chris Azzaro, Norman Croft or Nigel Stapley

The Friday morning service starts at 10.30am and will last for about 40minutes. Tea/Coffee is available before and after the service. Donations for the refreshments support the Feeding Programme at Unity School, Mombasa.

Friday 30th May	Nigel Stapley (with Holy Communion)
Friday 6th June	Chris Azzaro
Friday 13th June	Chris Azzaro
Friday 20th June	Chris Azzaro
Friday 27th June	Norman Croft

Sunday services at St Andrew's URC commence at 10.30am, refreshments follow the service.

1st June	Revd John du Bois	8th June	John Carr	
15th June	Revd Norman Croft	22nd June	Chris Azzaro	29th June Pam Frost

Parkside Evangelical Church on St. Flora's Road would like to invite Christians from the churches in Littlehampton to join them in celebrating Pentecost at 6:30 pm on Sunday 8th June, 2025.

The next Taize Prayer

will be on Sunday 1st June at 6.00pm at 1 High Street.

Taize Prayer is a simple, meditative form of evening worship that involves music, prayerful silence and short readings, designed for all Christian faiths.

Sunshine Concert at No 1 High Street

On Wednesday 28th May, The U3A choir "Sing for Joy" (It does what it says it is) and "The Elderly Brothers" (U3A Guitar Group) delightfully entertained a packed church with their various musical styles. The concert was followed by refreshments. We look forward to hearing more from these groups at our Christmas Tree Festival in December



More pictures from the Walk of Witness. On the left: The stop at the clock-tower, (How many church members can you identify?) on the right: the service led by Trinity Church.

