

Littlehampton United Reformed Church



Newsletter July 2025

Dear Friends,

I hope you are all managing to stay cool amid the soaring temperatures. We keep being told to take care and drink plenty of water—but be prepared for more summers like this! And the heavy rainstorms that also go with Global Warming.



A crowded scene at the beach. I'm not sure when this was taken but it was certainly crowded when I walked along the prom on Saturday. Plenty of people having fun but I suspect there were more than a few who needed the sunburn lotion when they got home.

Looking after ourselves is important but looking out for others is also vital in caring for our community. Paul, in his letter to the Galatians, urges the members of that church to look out for each other. In Chapter 6 verse 7, Paul gives an agricultural example : the whole crop needs to be tended if a good harvest is to be reached. All our friends and community need support in this unusual climate.

Paul concludes his letter to the Galatians by reminding them to look out for one another and bear each other's burdens while not shirking their individual responsibility to live a life of freedom and love. We are all called to care for and nurture one another so that we all grow in the love of Christ.

Chris

Changes to the leadership of the Southern Synod and Surry and Sussex Synod Area:

The Revd Bridget Banks has retired early from her role as Southern Synod Moderator on health grounds. Bridget served as Synod Moderator since 2020 and before that with local churches in Crawley. The Revd Jenny Mills, Deputy General Secretary (Discipleship), said: "We are grateful for all the ways in which she has shared the gospel message of love through her calling and faithfulness. She will be missed.

From the minutes of the Surrey and Sussex Synod:

The Synod Clerk (MH) announced to the meeting that Rev Helen Higgin Botham was retiring from area leader and thanked her for all her hard work and presented her with a beautiful bunch of flowers. He then, on behalf of the Moderator, formally introduced Rev Anne Lewitt as the new area leader and asked members to give her their prayers and support. He offered prayers for Helen, Anne and the Synod Area.

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 4th July	Chris Azzaro
Friday 11th July	Nigel Stapley
Friday 18th July	John Carr
Friday 25th July	Norman Croft

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

6th July Revd Norman Croft (Membership Service and Holy Communion) 13th July

20th July 27th July Sorry, awaiting information on preachers from St Andrew's

Taize Prayer at Littlehampton Sunday 6th July at 6.00pm Leader: Nigel Stapley—see posters.

Littlehampton Lions Fair—The Street, Rustington Saturday 12th July 10.00am—2.00pm

Come and chat to representatives of the Friends of Mombasa Children on our stall.

Our July 2025 Newsletter is now available, pick one up from LURC, St Peter and St Paul, or St Andrew's, Holmes Lane. Or join our mailing list: contact c.azzaro@mombasachildren.org.uk.