

HMC top four issues of concern

The scores are in and here are the top four issues of concern in our community as voted for by the HMC congregation:

- 1) Homelessness – 26 votes
- 2) Poverty – 21 votes
- 3) Mental Health – 15 votes
- 4) Social Care / Drugs & alcohol abuse - 13 (a tie!)

Andy will now be able to feed these results back to Common Good and the Brighton Citizens UK group. Thanks to everyone who contributed their vote – it was a good turn-out.

JJ Baiden-Amissah



Hove Methodist Church

Saturday 23rd March 2019
from 2-4pm in the Church



Join us for
Homemade Cakes
& Hot Drinks

Everybody Welcome

All proceeds raised will go to the  Martlets
life-changing hospice care



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Sunday 17 March

We warmly welcome all visitors to Hove Methodist Church. If you are worshipping with us for the first time, please make yourself known to the Minister or a Steward. Coffee and soft drinks are served after the service. If you wish someone to be included in our prayers of intercession, please write their name in the prayer book, and contact the church office if you would like our Prayer Network to pray regularly for them.

10.30: Sunday Worship with Mr Jonathan Gravestock

Stewards: Rose Bateman and Elin Star

Readers: Charlotte Gravestock and Elin Star

Readings: Genesis 1:24-26 & 2:7-23

Luke 13:31-35

Music: Janet Bowles

AV: Ian Draper

Final Voluntary: Benedictus by Francois Couperin

Today's flowers are given by Alan Saunders



Prayer

O Beauty, so ancient and so new! Late have we loved you, though you were always with us. You call to our heart. You burst on our deafness. You scatter our blindness. We draw breath at your fragrance. Our heart pants for you. Our soul hungers for you. You touch us and we are consumed at the thought of your peace.

St Augustine (354-430)

Hove Methodist Church Mission

To share the love of God, as revealed by Christ, through the Holy Spirit

Church week 18 – 24 March

Monday

2.30 Monday Guild with Mrs Cynthia Tudor

Tuesday

12.30 Lunch Club in the Upper Hall

Wednesday

7.30 Lent 'Chocolat' course in the Fellowship Room

Thursday

10.00 Midweek Communion Service with Rev Andy Lowe

2.30 Lent 'Chocolat' course at Central URC with Rev Andy Lowe

Friday

10.00 Loving Hands bereavement support group in the Narthex

2.00 Polka Tots parent and toddler drop-in

7.30 Men's Club in the Lower Hall

Saturday

2.00 Big Cake Extravaganza in the Narthex

5.00 Gentle Exercise group in the Lower Hall

Sunday

9.45 Meet in the Narthex for prayers before the service

10.30 **Sunday Worship** with Mr Bob Hinton



Lent 'Chocolat' course

Our Lent group sessions continue this Wednesday at 7.30pm in the Fellowship room. All fellow travellers are welcome to drop-in to any of these sessions. Alternative afternoon sessions will be held on Thursdays at 2.30pm at the Central URC on 14, 21, 28 March & 4, 11 April. Blatchington Road entrance. **Andy Lowe**

Big Cake Extravaganza on Saturday

Bring out your cake! Cakes can be dropped off here on Fri 22nd, or late Saturday morning. Or just turn up and enjoy our tea & cake fest (2-4pm) to raise funds for the Martlets, in memory of Judy Binstead. See you on Saturday **Rachel Richards**

Interfaith Contact Group AGM

This annual event takes place on Sunday 24 March 2.30 pm at the Friends Meeting House, Ship Street. Baha'i, Buddhist, Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Pagan and 'Sunday Assembly' representatives will be speaking for a few minutes each on their 'core beliefs'.

Everyone is welcome.

Charlotte Gravestock

Easter dates:

Lent 'Chocolat' course evening & afternoon sessions:

2.30 on 14, 28 March and 4, 11 April at Central URC

7.30 on 13, 20, 27 March and 3, 10 April HMC Fellowship room

Sunday 14 April **Palm Sunday** service 10.30

Thurs 18 April **Maundy Thursday** service 7.30

Friday 19 April **Good Friday** service 10.30am at Central URC

Sunday 21 April **Easter Dawn** service 6am on the beach

Sunday 21 April **Easter Sunday** service 10.30

Defibrillator

The new automated defibrillator is now ready for use and up in Cowper Street by the Upper Hall fire door. The code to access it is on the noticeboards in the office and in the crush hall. It is for use in case of cardiac arrest in or outside the church.



We are publicizing it in the local magazines and to the ambulance service.

Our thanks go to Zoe Rodgers of the Poets Ale & Smokehouse in Montgomery St, who raised some of the money for it from her customers there.

Thanks also to Russell our electrician who came and installed it for us.

We are very pleased to have finally got the result we wanted – for ourselves and the local community. **LT Stewards**

Dorset Gardens Day of Prayer 23 March

Dorset Gardens will be open this Saturday from 10am to 3pm for people to visit and engage in prayerful reflection. Refreshments will also be served. All church family from across the Circuit are warmly invited to attend. **Deeptima Massey**

Taize service 5 April at St Peters

There will be a Taize service at St Peters, Portland Rd, at 7.30pm on Friday 5 April. We expect it to last about 50 mins and refreshments will be served afterwards. We would love to see some folk from HMC there. **Kate Williamson** (St Peters Church)