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✚ Continue to pray for Jimbo and Liz with ongoing health issues

Gifts to Church

Our inability to worship in church for the past 6 months has meant most of us have engaged in worship online. While these services have been much appreciated, they could not include collections for the ongoing work of our churches, which continue to finance the circuit. Alternative ways of donating to church have included by standing orders and cheque, however, we now have a new option. If you have a debit or credit card, you can use it to donate, either in person at the office, or online, by going to our church website: hovemethodistchurch.co.uk. Click the contact/donate page, then at the foot of the page, click 'Donate' and follow the instructions. If you pay income tax, you can also increase the value of your gift by 25%, at no cost to yourself, by gift-aiding it.

Your support at this challenging time is of vital importance. Thank you.

Jonathan Gravestock

Autumn stories

Rose has let us have some information which will appear in the next couple of weeks.

In the meantime we have this item from Michael Hill following last Sunday's service and JJ's interview.

J.J.'s moving Testimony last week reminded me of years gone by - 74 years to be exact - a time when the Methodist Church was still actively sending missionaries to Gold Coast and all over the world.

Sunday School children were educated about it and all had a little wooden money box along with a register to collect from family and friends.

Each year you received a certificate with a seal confirming how much you had collected. In my case in 1944 one pound ten shillings and ten pence. About £50 today. I eventually became JMA secretary.

Michael



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Sunday 18 October

Contact Rev Dan Woodhouse revdanwoodhouse@gmail.com or call Andy Lowe at andrew.lowe@methodist.org.uk to join us online or by phone link.

10.30 Service online and on the phone with Mrs Sue Jacobs and Rev Andy Lowe. This is a trial service for Sue who is a Local Preacher in the West Sussex (Coast and Downs) circuit as she is candidating for the Methodist Ministry.

10.30 Service at Patcham with Rev Dan Woodhouse

Previous services also available on Youtube at:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCm05631kHuZgUbYm2xVwUQ>

Worship is also streaming live from **Wesley's Chapel London** at <https://mchw.live/>



Prayer

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me,
Christ before me, Christ beside me.

Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me.

Christ beneath me, Christ above me,

Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,

Christ in hearts of all that love me,

Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

Attributed to St Patrick (372 - 466)

Hove Methodist Church Mission

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

Church week 19 October – 26 October

Thursday	10.00am	Communion in the church
Friday	10.00am	Coffee morning in the church
Sunday	10.30am	Circuit Communion Service at Hove
	10.30am	Online service
	6.30pm	Online service of Prayer/Meditation

Email Andy for the link



Wednesday prayers in the church

The prayer circle in the sanctuary returns this Wednesday October 7th at 2.30pm – please wear a mask and use the hand sanitizer when entering. Other dates and November 4th and 11th. All are very welcome to share in some moments of peace in our sacred space.

Charlotte and Jonathan

Alison says “thank you”

“Thank you so much to everyone who wished me happy birthday for my recent 21st birthday, sang happy birthday to me at last Sundays online service and provided a cake with candles. It means a lot. Thank you for being kind to me. From Alison.



Chomp – is a school holiday lunch club for families feeling the financial pressure during the school holiday. A free nutritional meal, games and crafts are provided. We have been running these sessions at HMC for 3 years, but the pandemic put a temporary stop to this.

We are pleased to say that Government guidelines now allow us to provide this much needed service to our local families and so, on Tuesday 27th October we will hold two sessions 11.30 to 12.45 and 1.00 to 2.15. If you know of any families who would benefit from a Chomp session, please do put them in contact with me so I can book them a place. **Rachel Richards** 07813707929.

Polka Tots – like many activities had to close its doors in April but we are now able to re-open and welcome a limited number of families back to our group.

We plan to open on Friday 6th November with two short sessions beginning 12.30 – 1.45 and 2 – 3.15.

Both Chomp and Polka Tots will operate under strict Covid safe guidelines. **Rachel**

Brighton Table Tennis Club – we are so excited to welcome this amazing community group to our building. They operate right around the city bringing people of all walks of life and ages together through table tennis or ping pong, however you like to call it! They have recently moved into the sanctuary of Stanford Avenue Methodist Church and will be using our top hall from Tuesday 27th October between 7-10pm.

Throughout the summer you may have seen BTTC playing at the tables around our city. The amazing weather has enabled this to happen but as we move into the winter months these sessions are coming to an end and so they need to move indoors.

Pre Covid days more than 1250 people played in the weekly run sessions. Some of their number includes people with learning disabilities, young people from the Brighton Travellers site, Asylum seekers, refugees, homeless people, ex-offenders & LGBT community. Being part of this club has such a positive effect on people’s fitness, physical and mental well-being.

The Vision of the club is “An integrated community where people from all backgrounds play table tennis together while breaking down barriers and prejudice”

Watch this space for more information and how you can be involved
Rachel & Andy