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Sunday 11 September

10.30 Covenant Service with Communion Rev Andy Lowe
Flowers today are given by the Pessu family

6.30pm Thinking Aloud (Allowed) online discussion with
Rev Andy Lowe

No online service today

Online service link please contact

admin@brightonandhovemethodistcircuit.com Previous .services are
available on Youtube at: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/
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Prayer



Knit my soul to your own, O Christ,
so that I may never be separated
from you. Only in you am I a person
fully alive. Only in your light can I
see and only in your strength can I
pursue my way. To you I come, O
wisdom without end. In you I rest, O
mercy without limit. To you I give all
praise, O crown of all majesty.
Amen.

Mechtild of Magdeburg (1210-1280)

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

Church activities in Week 12 - 18 September

- Mon** **2.30 Monday Guild** with Stewart
Tues **12.00 Lunch Club** in the hall
Weds **2.30 Drop-in session at Georgies in George St**
Thurs **10.30 Midweek Communion** with Rev Andy Lowe
 12.30 Lunch Club in the hall
Friday **10.00 Chatty Café** in the Sanctuary
 1.30pm Polka Tots drop in parents and toddlers
Sunday **10.30 Sunday Worship with Rev Dan Woodhouse**



The Covenant Service

This service, celebrated annually at the start of the new connexional year, is at the heart of Methodists' devotion and discipleship, and our dedication to working for social justice. It celebrates the relationship between humans and the divine, modelled for us in the teaching of Jesus Christ.

The Covenant is the means of grace by which we accept the relationship with God, and then seek to live it out. The spirit of it is summed up in these lines from the Covenant Prayer:

“let me be employed for you,
or laid aside for you,
exalted for you,
or brought low for you;
let me be full,
let me be empty,
let me have all things,
let me have nothing...”

In our culture we tend to prize our ability to make decisions and choose our own path in life. It can feel very hard to give that up. But this prayer is like a love poem. It is about surrendering to God in love and joy.

All are welcome to share in a Covenant Service, whether you are sharing in the Covenant for the first time, have renewed it annually for many years, or simply want to watch it without taking part.

from **Methodist.org.uk**

Macmillan coffee morning at DG

Our friends at Dorset Garden are holding a coffee and cake afternoon from 2 till 4.30pm on Saturday 24 September in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support. Their summer coffee morning raised £255 for Action for Children, from which I deduce that their cakes are succulent.

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Flowerpot festival

Our sister church at Stanford Avenue are putting on a Flowerpot Festival on 24 & 25 September, preceded by a flowerpot workshop on 17th Sept.

Everyone is invited to join in, bring your sculptures for exhibition:

"Many plastic flower pots go to land fill because there are very few places that recycle them, so why not make them into something that

gives a smile! This is the perfect opportunity to use your empty plastic flower pots. Turn them into a dog, a face or something bigger and better! We suggest you google Settle Flower Pot Festival for some imaginative ideas. Contact us at

lissylocrafts@yahoo.co.uk. Many thanks **Lis & Lorna Coblentz**



Lunch Club - the Return

On Tuesday, the Food & Friendship lunch club returned to the delight of many. Caroline and the team served carrot and coriander soup, followed by a chicken dinner.

Despite worries about



Jacqui, and FareShare's dwindling supplies, the mood was celebratory as the team caught up with all the summer birthdays including Andy's.

Safeguarding training

On Saturday morning, Steve Preston and Rosemary Cuthbert led us through the minefield that is Safeguarding in a fast-moving and interesting foundation training. Everyone who holds a post in the five Circuit churches is required to complete the training. It's necessary in this day and age, and protects not only the congregation, and people using the building, but also ourselves as we carry out the work of the church and community. **Elin Star**

Home front:

- **Michael Hill** has been back to hospital as his symptoms are getting worse. Neurologists are fast-tracking more tests to find out what exactly is going on. We are holding him in prayer.
- **Jaqui Edwards**, pictured in last week's newsnotes with Lai cooking for CHOMP, has just been taken into hospital with a suspected brain tumour. Although not a member of our Sunday congregation, she is a pillar of Lunch Club, Chatty Café and CHOMP alongside Rachel, and we are praying for her and her family. Thurs update, she has recovered consciousness and the scans only show a blood clot on her lungs so far.

Jamboree Jamming

Our Grandson, Charlie Brand, Marianne's son, who is 15, has recently obtained a distinction in his grade 6 drumming exam and has also been selected to go on the 2023 Scout Jamboree to South Korean. He has to raise about £3,500 for this and to this end he and friends are holding a fundraising concert at Marianne's school in Hurstpierpoint on 24th September. He also has a Gofundme page on [gofundme charlie brand](#). We hope this may be of interest to some of you and if you need any further information please contact either Sue or myself.

David and Sue Sawyer 07725 623898

Phantom metalhead

We have just had a phone message from 'one of your neighbours' - apparently she and other neighbours have had enough of the loud and 'unpleasant' heavy metal music coming from the church at 8pm on Sundays, just as they are trying to settle their families down for the week ahead. If anyone can shed light on this mystery, do get in touch. I've rung back but so far have only left a message. **Elin**

Jenny and Birdie

Our lovely Jenny Parkhouse has been making friends with her local birds. At first she had to coax this pigeon to take food from her hand, but it quickly got very familiar with Jenny, to the point where she had to remember to wear a beret when putting food out.

Has anyone else got any wildlife pics to share? **HMC Office**

