



Hove Methodist Church

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Minister: Rev Andy Lowe

Sunday 27 November

10.30 Sunday Worship with Rev Andy Lowe

Flowers today are given by the Pessu family

Stewards: Maggie Symes

Musician: Paul Richards

Reader: Sue Noak

AV desk: Mark Gregory

Previous services are available on Youtube at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCm05631kHuZqUbYm2xVwUQ>



Prayer

Eternal light, shine into our hearts;
Eternal goodness, deliver us from evil;
Eternal power, be our support;
Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance;
Eternal pity have mercy upon us;
That with all our heart and mind and soul and strength
we may seek your face and be brought by your infinite mercy
into your holy presence;
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Alcuin of York (c.740 - 804)

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

Week ahead: 28 November- 4 December

Mon	2.30 Monday Guild - Flower arranging with Pat Hill
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 2nd Sunday of Advent worship Gift Service with Rev Andy Lowe



Martlets Christmas Concert - Sat 26 November

The office has now sold out of concert tickets, but they are still available at www.martlets.org.uk/winter-celebration/

This is always a really fun event, buzzing with uplifting music and good vibrations. Not to mention the cakes and savouries which are always outstanding. There will also be a limited number on the door, which will open at 3pm for a 3.30 start.

The Martlets Good Vibrations Choir which rehearses here is looking for new voices, if anyone is interested in joining, please contact Ann Borg, the Choir administrator, at ann.borg@martlets.org.uk.



Gift service 4 Dec

Looking ahead, this year we will be collecting wrapped presents for local families in need this winter. Rachel has a number of children on her list whose families would really appreciate an 'extra' gift this year. Please label them with age (and gender if appropriate).

Christmas Day lunch present wrapping Friday 2 Dec

We will be wrapping the presents that we give out to those who come for lunch on Christmas Day at Chatty Café this Friday 2 Dec from 10am. Please come and join us if you have a few moments to spare and enjoy a morning of chat and fun as you help us prepare for one of our long standing and special Christmas events.

Andy

Warm Space Café

The space is nearly ready; the bistro tables and chairs are in place and the painting is three-quarters done. Bob has booked himself into a rare peaceful Saturday in December to complete the colour scheme - we're really looking forward to it. Some



New tables and chairs in use by the lunch Club team

signage may be going up as well. Looking at a launch date realistically, we intend to kick off in the New Year after Christmas. For one thing, the team has been temporarily depleted by health and family issues, and for another, we have been blessed with an amazingly warm Autumn, thank goodness. We will be opening properly in January, with afternoon open sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays initially.

Twilight Cooking Club

In the meantime, Caroline is starting a pilot Twilight Cooking Club on Wednesdays from 4-7pm. She will be teaching small groups how to cook healthy low-costs meals every Wednesday up till 14 December. Everyone is welcome to stay and eat together after cooking. If you are interested in improving your practical cooking skills in a relaxed setting, please contact Caroline on 07813 667857 or at cookingcaroline@outlook.com.

Mystery bride



Mystery bride

Who is this apparently demure bride with her dashing groom?

It is of course Vera.

Church Council news

At our recent Church Council we took two votes which speak about our continuing journey to become a truly open, inclusive, affirming and welcoming community. Firstly we voted to become a Church of Sanctuary and we will be exploring what that might mean in practical terms as we continue to be welcoming for all and secondly we voted to sign up to become part of the Inclusive Church movement.

Having reported our decision to become a Church of Sanctuary to the Circuit meeting this past Wednesday the Circuit then voted to become a Circuit of Sanctuary and become partners in the Sanctuary movement. Brighton and Hove is a Sanctuary City and we will be finding ways to link up with other similarly minded organisations across the city.

Andy

Christmas dates

Sunday 4 Dec 10am

Gift service

Sunday 11 Dec 4pm

Carol Service

Friday 16 Dec 1.30

Polka Tots Christmas Party

Saturday 17 Dec 4pm

Carol Singing (see poster)

Sunday 18 Dec 10.30

Carols and Communion

Saturday 24 Dec 11.30pm

Online Communion Service

Sunday 25 Dec 10am

Christmas Day Family service

Sunday 25 Dec 1pm

Christmas Day Lunch

