



Hove Methodist Church

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Minister: Rev Andy Lowe

## Sunday 4 December

### 10.30 Gift Service with Rev Andy Lowe

Flowers today are given by Wendy and Andy Crowhurst

Stewards: Donald Reid

Musician: Paul Richards

Reader: Trevor and Heather Coldridge

AV desk:

### 10.30 Online service with Rev Dan Woodhouse

Previous services are available on Youtube at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCm05631kHuZgUbYm2xVwUQ>



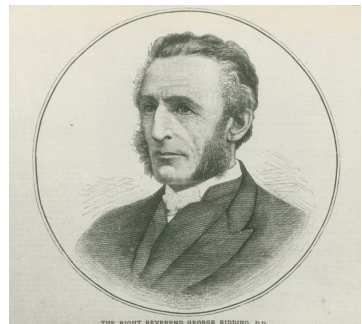
## Prayer

May we see your glory, O God, in all your works.

May we feel your presence in all circumstances and may we hold to you through times of good and ill; through Christ our Lord.

Amen

*Rev George Ridding (1828-1904)*



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** - with Rev Andy Lowe
- Tues** 12.00 **Lunch Club** in the hall
- Weds** 2.30 **Drop-in session at Georgies in George St**  
4.30 **Twilight Cookery Club** with Caroline
- 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** 4.00pm **Candlelight Carols** with Rev Andy Lowe  
6.30pm **Thinking Aloud** online with Rev Andy Lowe



### Gift Service

This Sunday will be our annual Gift Service, when we anticipate the coming of Christ, and prepare by sharing some of our abundance with people who are struggling a bit this winter. We're collecting wrapped gifts suitable for children to pass on to local and refugee families for Christmas. Please bring wrapped gifts and label with age and gender (if appropriate).

Next Sunday there will be no morning service as it's our annual Candlelit Carol service in the afternoon at 4pm. All are very welcome to join us for this celebration of readings and carols. There will be hot drinks and mince pies afterwards.



**Andy**

### New HMC Website

Get out the fizzy beverages - our new website is now live! It's at the same address as the old one:

[hovemethodistchurch.co.uk](http://hovemethodistchurch.co.uk)

Thanks to Louise, Jackie (and of course Impy) for gifting us with this work. Check it out!

Constructive feedback welcome.

**Andy**



## Martlets Christmas concert

The concert went beautifully, apart from a slight hitch with the hot water - smaller cups and more urns next time please. Thanks to Donald, Maggie and of course Andy who helped out. Michael Hill sent us this review:



Just got to say what a wonderful memorable afternoon we have hosted today with the Martlets Good Vibrations Choir.

We saw something not seen I think in a couple of decades - a packed church and gallery to support the choir and their support of the work of the Martlets.

Arriving early it was so good to see the singers relaxing chatting and enjoying the pre show anticipation and excitement with such a happy atmosphere.

Brought memories back of times when Mysterium our own drama group so ably led by Bob Hinton presenting the Mysteries written by Tony Harrison. Can't believe it is

over 20 years Bob.

In those days the pews were still in and it cramped our style somewhat but the challenges were always successfully met.

I thought then about the eventual pews in/out debate which was almost Brexit like with a small majority in favour and it went ahead. I was glad and proud to have been part of the committee to see it through and especially when I look at the chairs we now have. We had sample chairs for the members to view and vote on which they preferred and I think that the preference was for weighty upholstered wooden ones. The committee reviewed the situation and on a very rare occasion in our history applied the "Guiding the Democracy" policy and so we ended up with the lovely strong but manoeuvrable steel chairs. However would we have shifted heavy wooden chairs for events like today and on many other occasions?

The very professional performance by the singers gave us a wonderful happy occasion to start the Christmas season off.

## Home front:

- **Janet** has got a touch of Covid. Luckily it's a mild dose, and Peter has stayed free of it so far. Daughter Emma has done a bit of shopping, and we wish her a speedy recovery.
- **David's** mother has now been fitted with a pacemaker and is out of hospital. His partner Kerry is off to Rotherham for her mother's funeral this weekend, we will be thinking of them.
- **Rose** is still laid up at home with the leg up, thanks to Barry and all who are stepping up in her absence here. She is greatly missed.
- **Jacqui** who is also greatly missed in her many roles here was in at lunch club this Tuesday with her sister-in-law Barbara. She is having radiotherapy and still coming to terms with her diagnosis, however the sale of her house and purchase of a new flat close to her daughter is cracking on apace.
- **Maggie** who was in serving drinks on Saturday for the Martlets concert is also taking on the organisation of the transport for our Christmas Day Lunch again this year, on top of her new role at Sussex University library and her Guiding commitments. Thanks Mags.



## Stay Up Late

On a very blustery November evening in the middle of a downpour, a convivial crowd gathered at Hove Town Hall for the Lord Lieutenant's formal presentation of the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service to Stay Up Late.

It was great to see so many familiar faces from the church community present and chatting up everyone in sight.

Shannara and Paul both accepted the award on behalf of the charity, suffice it to say it was not the normal sort of official reception, and all the better for that. The Mayor and Consort are looking forward to coming to us for lunch on Christmas Day. **HMC Office**

