

Hove Methodist Church

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www.hovemethodist.co.uk Minister: Rev Andy Lowe

Sunday 5 February

10.30 Sunday Service with Rev Andy Lowe upstairs in the church

Stewards: Charlotte Gravestock and JJ Baiden-Amissah

Musician: Paul Richards Reader: Susan Noak

AV desk: Jonathan Gravestock

Flowers today are given by Ruth and Ibrahim Samur

Followed by 12.00 Candlemas Lunch in the hall

10.30 Sunday service online with Rev Heather Leake Date

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























Prayer

Into your hands, O God, we commend our souls and our bodies, our families and our friends, all our neighbours and all who have blessed us with their goodness, those who have confessed their faith in Christ and those who stand in need of your protection.

Enfold us in your love and grant us never to be parted from you in time or in eternity.

For your own mercies' sake. Amen.

Edmund of Abingdon (1180-1240)

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

Week ahead: 6 - 12 Feb

Mon 6 2.30 Monday Guild in the Hall with Barry Wilson

Tues 7 Lunch Club in the Hall

Weds 8 2.30 Drop-in session at Georgies in George St
Thurs 9 10.30 Midweek Communion with Rev Andy Lowe

12.30 Lunch Club in the Hall

Friday 10 10.00 Chatty Café in the Sanctuary

1.30 Polka Tots in the Hall

Saturday 11 5.00 Aneesa's Valentine Cabaret

Sunday 12 10.30 Communion Service with Rev Andy Lowe



Candlemas Lunch 5 Feb

Our Sunday worship will be upstairs in the church this week to allow for a certain amount of scurrying about downstairs putting lunch on the table. If anyone can help with veg prep on Saturday **morning** or serving on the day, they will be welcomed with open arms. Everyone is welcome at the table, and some lunch clubbers may also be joining us at the morning service.

Race Equality Week 2023

February 6th-12th will mark Race Equality Week this year. As a UK wide initiative and movement, individuals and organisations will be getting together to address race inequality in the workplace. The theme for this year is #ItsEveryonesBusiness. If you would like to register and find out about events and how organisations can get involved please visit www.raceequalitymatters.com/race-equality-week/.

A local organisation BARCO was set up in Brighton in the wake of the 2020 demonstrations to improve the experiences of Black people living, working, studying



and visiting Brighton and Hove. If you would like to know more please contact JJ who is a trustee. https://brighton-barco.org/

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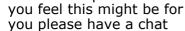
Messy Church starts

The current ear worm going round in my brain is the song 'immeasurably more' by Rend Collective. Last Friday at the launch of our Messy Church, God blessed us in 'immeasurably more' ways than we could have imagined. More families than I could count (partly because I was covered in paint) arrived for the session

and we were able to share in a time of fun, fellowship and faith.

We enjoyed a selection of messy activities that illustrated how precious we are to God even though we are just one of the billions of people in the world. The Cheeky Pandas led us in a song, messy grace was learnt and pizza was shared

together. Those of you who came to help were AMAZING and without you our first session wouldn't have been such a success. THANK YOU! What next? Well if all those families go away and tell a friend next month will be even busier. With that in mind, the recruitment drive for helpers continues. If





with either myself or Andy. Otherwise the job for everyone is to keep on praying for our Messy Church ministry here at HMC. **Sue Jacobs**

Winter Warmer with the Cheer Up Mollys

On Saturday we were blessed by a visit from the Cheer Up Mollys acoustic folk band. The church was heaving, hot drinks, hot mince pies and Christmas cake were served. It was another event bringing together church members, Monday Guilders, lunch clubbers, Martlets choir members, and band fans. Six women (though it seemed more with so many instruments) played a magic set of covers and original works. A highly convivial afternoon ended with a raffle in aid of Jacqui's daughter's charity Flourishing Mentors supporting young women across Brighton & Hove. Andy and Rach passed round the remaining platters of sandwiches from the wake while two band members played us out with a reel on guitar and fiddle. It was wonderful, and it raised over £625. Many thanks to the fantastic band, and to Andy, Rachel and the great team of helpers.

