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Minister: Rev Andy Lowe

Sunday 13 August

10.30 Circuit Together Service at Stanford Avenue Methodist Church with Rev Andy Lowe

Congregations from the five Methodist Churches in Brighton & Hove will gather for a joint service in Stanford Ave.

6.30 Thinking Allowed online discussion on a theme with Andy Lowe.

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



Prayer

Grant to us, O Lord, fullness of faith,
firmness of hope and fervency of love.

For the sake of the gospel may we sit
loosely to our wealth and daily embrace
you in the poor of the world.

As we rejoice in your generosity so may we
give ourselves in the service of others;

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Thomas More (1478 - 1535)

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

Week: 14 - 20 August 2023

Tues 15 Lunch Club returns on 12 Sept

Weds 16 **2.30 Drop-in session** at Georgies

Thurs 17 **10.30 Midweek Communion** with Rev Andy Lowe
Lunch Club returns on 14 Sept

Friday 18 **Chatty Café** self-service
Polka Tots returns on Friday 8 September

Sunday 10.30 Sunday Worship with Sue Jacobs.



Circuit Together Service

At the Circuit Together Service on Sunday 13th August we will be saying our formal farewell to Revd Deborah Cornish and Cynthia Tudor will be back to say her goodbyes after her move to London at the end of May. We'll be meeting at Stanford Avenue Methodist Church for the service which will be followed by a light buffet lunch.

Steve Preston

New Office incumbent

We'd like to announce the appointment of our next Church Administrator, someone that most of us already know. JJ Baiden-Amisshah will start serving the church community here on 18 September, subject to the checks and bureaucracy all going through. It turns out that his calling is not to preach (at least not right now), but to a different mission. We all join in welcoming him on board. He and I will overlap in the office until Friday 13 October when I shall be off into whatever adventures retirement may hold.



Elin

Church Office

The church office is now closed until 29 August for rest and re-fuelling. Emails will be monitored sporadically, if it's urgent contact Andy. Newsnotes will come out again in September.

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Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

Our friends at Dorset Gardens are hosting a Macmillan's coffeefternoon at their regular Open House drop-in café. It's on Thursday 28 August from 2.30 to 4pm at the DG church. There will be a tombola and a bric-a-brac table. Everyone welcome to come and enjoy a cuppa in a good cause.

Angela Millanzi

Rat Pack Concert

The Martlets 'Songs through the Decades' concert was a great success. Members of the church, lunch club, chatty café and the Martlets were all there to listen to local vocalist Joe Dellow singing from his 'Rat Pack' repertoire. Apart from a Dean Martin and Frank Sinatra songs we also sang along to songs mainly from the 50's; songs most of us knew fairly well.

Of course, members of the Martlets Choir got everyone dancing and singing. One lady had her wheelchair moving to the music! There were refreshments for £2 and Ann the organiser was hopeful that in the autumn there will be more 'Songs through the Decades' concerts here. Peter the Poet is contacting Caroline to see if we can have Joe Dellow again for the lunchclub. Doubles all round!

Barry Wilson

Saturday 9 September Community Breakfast

We'll be serving breakfast from 9.30 here in the hall downstairs, come and join us for a catch up and re-group after the holidays.

Saturday 23 September Cheer Up Mollys concert

Come and enjoy afternoon tea and soak up the glorious sounds of the Cheer Up Mollys folk band. They played here in January for the church's Winter Warmer and pretty much knocked everyone's



socks off. Wonderful music, atmosphere and entertainment. This will be a ticketed concert, details to be announced.

Elin

Mike Kingston's new book

Mike dropped in to the office this week. Steve, having enjoyed reading the first book in Mike's Omega Quartet had just acquired his latest novel 'A Flyblown Solution', the second in the series. Apparently, unbeknown to many of his fellow church members and local preachers, Mike spent a great deal of his career reporting on and investigating corruption, espionage and conspiracy throughout the world. His books reflect events and characters he encountered along the way, and address the remarkable resilience of the human spirit in surviving heartbreaking situations. He's happy to sign copies by the way.



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Home front

- Mavis news - her son Chris phoned to say that Mavis is quite alright and coping with Alzheimers with help from her family. He just wanted to say that if anyone should leave anything e.g. flowers on her doorstep, please leave a note attached, saying they are for Mavis, and who they are from. Otherwise it can lead to Mavis worrying for days about whether she's taken somebody else's present.
- **Archie Richards**, Rachel and Paul's eldest is off to Vietnam this week to start his job teaching English. We wish him all the best in his new post, and will be requesting photos to share.

Secret Supporter

We had another fleeting visit to the office, this time from our secret supporter who likes to remain anonymous while regularly putting cash donations and winning scratch cards through our letterbox. This time she popped in to the office having emptied her spare change pots, but still declined to give her name. Rachel (lucky she works at a bank part-time) totted it up and paid in £121 in all. It's a very touching contribution to the work we do here.



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Pride Sunday

Although we didn't make it down to Pride en masse, we still celebrated in our own Methodist way - Lai made cakes :)

