



Hove Methodist Church

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Minister: Rev Andy Lowe

Sunday 17 December

10.30 Sunday Service with Alan Saunders assisted by R.Hinton

Today's flowers are given by the Pessu Family

Steward: Maggie Symes

Readers: Sue Noak

Music: Janet Morgan

AV: Jonathan Gravestock

Coffee: Christopher and Maggie

HMC Photo Album (Updated weekly): <https://albumizr.com/a/VcW4>



Oh, immortal one who became a child, weak and vulnerable. Help us together to remember you value small and faithful ways in a world obsessed with power and speed. Oh, King of Kings, you first appeared to shepherds who shared their joy. Unite us as your people to witness to the good news.

Amen

Rev Dr Ben Aldous (CTE Christmas Prayer 2023)

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

Week: 18 Dec - 25 Dec 2023

Mon 18 2.00 **Monday Guild** with Wynn Funnell

Tues 19 11.30 **CHOMP** in the hall

Weds 20 2.30 **Drop-in session** at Georgies

Thurs 21 12.00 **Midweek Communion**

Sun 24 10.00 **Veg prep and hot drinks in the hall**

4.00 **Christingle Service** with Sue Jacobs

Mon 25 10.00 **CHRISTMAS day family worship** Rev Andy Lowe



Sunday Worship

This Sunday 17 December our service will be taken by Alan Saunders assisted by Robert Hinton. Later that the evening Rev Andy Lowe will lead us in a Service of Carols and Readings in the church from 4.00pm. Tea and coffee will be served **BEFORE** the service. **HMC Office**

Community Carol Singing, 16 December

Our choral partners are at it again! This time we get the Hot Drinks, Hot Dogs & BBQ out as we wrap up warm to join the Martlets Choir in the traditional carol singing outside the church. We start belting out the 'celestial hits' around 4pm and hope to go on till 5.30pm. Proceeds going to the Martlets Hospice and Action for Children. **Rachel Richards**

Ministry of Flowers

Thank you to everyone who has given flowers during the past year. The flowers are very much appreciated during the service and by those who receive some afterwards. If you would like to contribute next year, the calendar for 2024 is available on the notice board in the church. **Pat Hill**

Hove Methodist Church
COMMUNITY CAROL SINGING
St Patrick's Road
Hot Dogs, BBQ, Hot Drinks
SAT 16TH DEC
4PM - 5.30PM
IN AID OF
Martlets

Circuit Refugee Project



Last Friday, Ruth delivered your generous Gift Service gifts to the Network for International Women (NiW) Sanctuary Afternoon at All Saints Church. Helen from NiW emailed 'Thanks again for dropping off the amazing gifts earlier - almost everything went to our guests and will be very loved indeed. Anything left we will make sure goes to the other families in the hotels.'

Ruth Samur

Christmas Club 2023

It's always so lovely to hear about what goes on in other parts of the circuit around this time. Here's a report and some photos from Dorset Gardens

Christmas Club. 'We had a fabulously festive time at Christmas Club this year making some of the largest crafts we've ever seen. The children created giant snowflakes that were almost as big as themselves, which will look beautiful displayed in front windows across our community. We had a rainbow display of paper angels too, and of course a few festive jokes were told across the day. A huge thanks to volunteers Dawn, Jennie, Jenny and Rosemary, as well as Rev Andy, all of whom made our Saturday Christmas Club a very special event.

Dorset Gardens



RNID Near You Service

A new RNID Near You service will be arriving soon. There will be volunteer opportunities across the Brighton and Hove Area for anyone who wishes to get involved and help deliver the service to those that need it. <https://rnid.org.uk/get-involved/volunteer-with-us/opportunity/rnid-near-you-volunteer-brighton-and-hove/>

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- **Rob Smart** - We would like to recognise the milestone celebration of the 90th birthday of Mr Rob Smart on 23 December 2023. Wishing you many more milestones to come.
- **Lunch Club donation** - We also wish to celebrate, congratulate and thank the lunch club, who collected a whopping £101.65 for Action for Children.
- **History of Christianity** - The weekly reading & study sessions led by Rose Bateman will return in the 2nd week of January.
- **Christmas Breaks** - There will be NO Lunch Club, Chatty Café or Polka Tots next week. Polka Tots & Chatty Café return on the 5th January 2024.
- **Acupressure with Paola** - The ever popular free acupressure sessions with Paola from City Yogi UK will return to Chatty cafe on the 12th January 2024.

Polka Tots Christmas Party



Polka tots party was a beautiful occasion and we were blessed with lots of families joining us for tea and cake and a visit from Father Christmas..... seems familiar??!! Thank you to everyone who came and to our wonderful volunteers. We will be back on Friday 5th January 2024.

Rachel Richards