



Hove Methodist Church

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Minister: Rev Andy Lowe

Sunday 24 December

2.00pm Christingle Service with Sue Jacobs

All are welcome to this Christmas celebration for all ages.

Flowers today are given by the Wendy and Andy Mant.

Musician Paul Richards

11.30pm Christmas Eve Communion Service Rev Andy Lowe

Zoom link for this service will be sent out with electronic version of Newsnotes or email: office@hovemethodistchurch.co.uk

Monday 25 December

10.00 Christmas Day Celebration with Rev Andy Lowe

12.30pm Christmas Day Lunch in the hall

Sunday 31 December

10.30 Sunday Service with Sue Jacobs

Steward J.J. Baiden-Amisshah

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



Prayer

Jesus, the Light of the World, as we celebrate your birth, may we begin to see the world in the light of understanding you give us. As you chose the lowly, the outcasts, and the poor to receive the greatest news the world had ever known, so may we worship you in meekness of heart. May we also remember our brothers and sisters less fortunate than ourselves in this season of giving.
Amen.

Karen L. Oberst (Woman's Day)

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

Week ahead: 26 December - 7 January 2024

Office open from 27-29 Dec 2023. Reopen on 4 Jan 2024.

- Thurs 28/12 NO Midweek Communion
- Friday 29/12 NO Chatty Café
- Sun 31/12 10.30 Sunday Service with Sue Jacobs
- Mon 1/1 NO Monday Guild
- Weds 3/1 2.30 Drop-in session at Georgies
- Thurs 4/1 10.30 Midweek Communion with Rev Andy Lowe
- Friday 5/1 10.00 Chatty Café in the Sanctuary
- Sunday 7/1 10.30 Sunday service with Beulah Fletcher



Christingle Service

This Sunday we welcome all ages to join in our special service where we celebrate Jesus Christ as the 'Light of the World'. Preparations are in full swing, led by the Jacobs clan, who have now probably caused a panic in the fruit section of your local grocery. Sue Jacobs leads the celebrations from 2pm.



HMC Office

Wall of Cards



If you've visited the office recently (and if you haven't this is your official invitation), you may have noticed our feature wall of the lovely Christmas cards we've been receiving. On behalf of Andy, Steve, Rachel & Sue, I would like to say a massive thank you for all your seasonal greetings and gifts!

Christmas Day preparations

From 10 - 12pm on Christmas Eve it will be all hands on deck in the preparation of vegetables and set up of the Upper Hall for our Christmas Day lunch. Please bring a vegetable peeler, a dollop of humour and a dash of patience... **J.J.Baiden-Amisshah**

Events

Chatty Café Christmas Party

Bundles of joy and festive cheer on display at the Chatty Café last Friday! The highlight of the session being the unveiling of a musical partnership. The newly formed duo, 'Baz & Dave' led us in joyful carol singing. As always a big thanks to Rachel and all who continue to make this a safe space.



Community Carol Singing

We had a lively community carol singing last weekend led by the wonderful Ann Borg from the Martlets Choir. Thanks to all who came in fine voice to join us.



A Man In A Balloon (CHOMP Christmas Party)

Need I say more? A sight to behold, for which I'm sure the pictures below would show. It was great to see so many families coming to our CHOMP Christmas Party enjoying the fabulous magician, party food and even a visit from Santa. Thanks to all who came and to our amazing volunteers who worked so hard to make it happen.

Rachel Richards



A Man In A Balloon (CHOMP Christmas Party) contd



Home front

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.

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.



And finally..

We wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas and all best wishes for the New Year.