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Acupressure Update

The February acupuncture clinic will be on 9 February, the 2nd Friday of the month. I am happy to extend the clinic until 1.30pm for anyone outside of Chatty Cafe.

Paola (CityYogiUK)

Funeral Announcement - Geoff Starks

We are very sad to announce the death of Geoff Starks from Stanford Avenue. His funeral will be on Thursday February 1st at 2.30pm with a brief committal at Woodvale Crematorium, followed by a service of thanksgiving at 3.30pm at Stanford Avenue Methodist Church.

Steve Preston

Book on Race Talk in White Majority Churches

We still have a few copies available of the Ben Lindsay bestseller '**We need to talk about race – understanding the black experience in white majority churches**'. Please get in touch with J.J. or anyone in the church office to borrow a copy.

HMC Office

Circuit Project Update

A pdf of the Circuit Project Update presented by Ruth Samur at last Sundays service will be attached to this weeks newsnotes email. Printed copies can also be made available upon request from the church office.

Ruth Samur

Holocaust Memorial Day - 27 February

Here is the complete prayer offered by Michaela Youngson, Assistant Secretary of the Conference and Connexional Ecumenical Officer and shared with our prayers of intercession last Sunday:

*God, source of all freedom,
on this Holocaust Memorial Day we pray to you.
We remember the freedoms stolen from millions of Jewish, Sinti,
black, gay, disabled people and other groups despised by the Nazis
in the lead up to and during the Second World War.
We remember the lives lost in that War and in genocides since,
in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur.
We remember that today, in the UK and around the world, millions
of people face prejudice, discrimination and hostility simply because
of their identity.
God, source of all freedom,
help us to find courage to challenge attitudes of hate and
intolerance,
help us to work for the protection of fragile freedoms that we often
take for granted.
help us to see in others your image and to love our neighbours, that
all might live in peace. In the name of Christ*



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Minister: Rev Andy Lowe

Sunday 28 January

10.30 Circuit Together Service with Rev Andy Lowe

Today's flowers are given by The Pessu Family

Steward: Ruth Samur

Readers: Sue Noak

Music: Andy & The Band

AV: Mark Gregory

Coffee: Barry and Jason

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



Prayer

Let your peace rule in our hearts, O Lord that we may delight in your strength, rejoice in your grace and find our fulfilment in your will, through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Matthew Henry (1662 - 1714)

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

Week: 29 Jan - 4 Feb 2024

- Mon 29** 2.00 **Monday Guild** with Charlotte Gravestock
- Tues 30** 12.00 **Lunch Club** in the hall
- Weds 31** 10.30 **History of Christianity** in the Narthex
2.30 **Drop-in session** at Georgies
- Thurs 1** 10.30 **Midweek Communion**
12.30 **Lunch Club** in the hall
- Fri 2** 10 - 11.30 **Chatty Café**
1.30 **Polka Tots** parent and toddler drop-in

Sun 4 10.30 **Chatty Church** with Rev Andy Lowe & Sue Jacobs



Sunday Worship

This Sunday 28 January, we welcome our extended family from across the circuit to our All Age Worship; and 'Circuit Together' service. Rev Andy Lowe, guitar in tow, will lead us in worship and praise; supported by our regular bunch of talented musicians.

HMC Office

Chatty Church - Sunday 4 February, HMC

Our service, a week on Sunday, will assume an exciting and innovative format. We are bringing the conversation, exuberance and creativity of our weekly Friday sessions to Sunday service. Not forgetting the abundance of tea, coffee and cakes. Expect the unexpected but anticipate all blessings.

Sue Jacobs

Windows into the First Holy Week and Easter

Andy is planning to lead a Lent Course at Dorset Gardens on Monday evenings, 7.30 to 9.30 pm in the Small Hall. The course is called 'Windows into the First Holy Week and Easter' and based on material by Revd Stephen Dawes (Methodist Supernumerary Minister). The schedule is:

- 19th February: Palm Sunday
- 26th February: Maundy Thursday
- 4th March: Good Friday – Betrayal, denial and crucifixion
- 11th March: What does the cross mean for us?
- 18th March: No Meeting
- 25th March: Easter
- And a final meeting after Easter:
- 8th April: What does the resurrection mean for us?

Steve Preston

Music Through The Decades - Wed 7 February, HMC

A valentine's collection of love and friendship; that is the theme for the Martlets Wellbeing Service (Music through the Decades). All are invited to enjoy this musical trip through the decades with local jazz singer Aneesa Chaudhry on Wednesday 7 February (11am - 1pm) at HMC. To book your place or for information email: ann.borg@martlets.org.uk or speak to Rachel.



Winter Warmer

On Saturday 24 February, all are invited to HMC for a cosy afternoon of tea, cake and feel-good folk and acoustic music with local band, **The Cheer Up Mollys**. Doors open at 2.30pm and music starts at 3pm. Suggested donations from £5 to help raise funds for Food and Friendship, who provide low-cost shared meals for older people and adults with learning disabilities.

Rachel Richards



Circuit Community Breakfast HMC, Upper Hall, Sat 24 Feb, 9.30 am- 11am

On Saturday 24 February, all are welcome to our Community breakfast from 9.30am - 11am. We will be gathering to celebrate our sanctuary journey and also to re-launch our Brighton and Hove Methodist Circuit Refugee Project for 2024 to 2026. All donations for your breakfast will go towards the wonderful work done to support the project.

Ruth Samur

