



Hove Methodist Church

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Minister: Rev Andy Lowe

## **Sunday 10 December**

**10.30 Epiphany Service** with Beulah Fletcher

Today's flowers are given by The Pessu Family

Steward: Donald Reid

Readers: Heather Coldridge

Music: Janet Bowles

AV: Stella Goddard

Coffee:

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



### **Prayer**

*Come, O Word most gracious and guide your flock.  
Come, O Wisdom most holy and mother your children.  
Come, O Light most glorious and lead us to heaven  
Amen.*

*Clement of Alexandria (c.150 - c.215)*

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

## Week: 8 Jan - 14 Jan 2024

- Mon 8** 2.00 **Monday Guild** with Kathleen Richardson  
**Tues 9** 12.00 **Lunch Club** in the hall  
**Weds 10** 10.30 **History of Christianity** in the Narthex  
2.30 **Drop-in session** at Georgies  
**Thurs 11** 10.30 **Midweek Communion**  
12.30 **Lunch Club** in the hall  
**Fri 12** 10 - 11.30 **Chatty Café**  
1.30 **Polka Tots** parent and toddler drop-in  
**Sun 14** 10.30 **Sunday Service** with Rev Andy Lowe



### Sunday Worship

On Sunday 7 January, we welcome Beulah Fletcher to lead us in our Sunday Service, and we are all encouraged to bring along our favourite Christmas cards. The Junction service is back again from 5pm in the Ventnor Hall, Central United Reformed Church. The theme is 'The hopes and fears for all the years are met in thee tonight' and all are welcome.

**HMC Office**

### Prayer vigil Mon 22 Jan 7 - 8pm in the church.

For the third year running, we shall be holding an open New Year vigil for all who would like to join others, in peace and friendship, in a sacred space. May our prayers, hopes and longings, whether spoken or offered in silence, help to heal the world, our community and ourselves from many concerns.

**Charlotte Gravestock**

### Easter Course

Yes... you read that right! A notice from Rev Andy Lowe: He will be running a new course called "Windows into the first Holy Week & Easter" at Stanford Avenue Methodist Church starting Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January and running fortnightly until 12<sup>th</sup> March from 2.15 to 4.15pm. All are welcome to join.

**HMC Office**



## Table Top Sale

On Saturday 27 January, there will be a Table Top Sale event at the Stanford Avenue Methodist Church from 10am—12 noon. Tables are priced at £5 and to book a table you can email [lissyloucrafts@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lissyloucrafts@yahoo.co.uk).

**Stanford Avenue**

## Circuit Workshop: Speak Up for Sanctuary, Saturday 27th January 2024 from 14:00 to 16:30.

**Venue:** Ruth Samur's home in Goldstone Valley, Hove (no parking restrictions, very close to the A27 & also on the Number 21 bus route). Over a cuppa and biscuits, we will watch a 45 minute recorded webinar about how to have courageous conversations on the topic of asylum seekers / refugees in the UK. The webinar is from the City of Sanctuary UK website. Ruth, who attended the live webinar, will lead feedback and a couple of discussion activities from the Speak Up for Sanctuary Handbook.

Please email [ruthsamur@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ruthsamur@yahoo.co.uk) by Monday 22nd January if you wish to attend, or telephone your Church office and ask them to email Ruth. We have space for up to 10 participants. Please let us know if you need transport to this event or you can offer support with transport to this event.

Be assured the Sanctuary approach to courageous conversations is not about engaging in conversation with people with extreme opinions. It's about everyday conversations where this topic comes up and there are also tips on writing to your MP. Their approach echoes the words of the faith song Peter Farley mentioned in his recent Winter Focus article. When you have these conversations, it's about finding common ground:

*Be kind in all your speaking and hear what others say.*

*Be open to Christ's teaching, and in all matters pray.*

*Be gentle, loving, faithful and keep a humble mind.*

*Remember what is truthful. In everything be kind.*

**Ruth Samur**



## Home front The Christmas Day Lunch

As a church, we were truly blessed to be able to host and be part of so many wonderful events over the Christmas period and the Christmas Day Lunch was no exception; a true culmination of all the goodwill, support and service offered by our amazing volunteers. Thank you to everyone who helped make the day so special for so many people. It was a beautiful day!

**Rachel Richards**

