



Hove Methodist Church

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Minister: Rev Andy Lowe

Sunday 25 February

10.30 Local Arrangement Service with Charlotte & Jonathan Gravestock, Elin Star, David Sharman and J.J. Baiden-Amissah

Today's flowers are given by Jenn Towner

Steward/Reader: J.J. Baiden-Amissah

Music: Hymn Tech

AV: Jonathan Gravestock

Coffee: Charlotte Gravestock

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



Reflective Thoughts

'Life's picture is constantly undergoing change. The Spirit beholds a new world every moment.'

Amen.

(Rumi)

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

Week: 26 Feb - 3 Mar 2024

Mon 26 2.00 Monday Guild with Kathleen Richardson

Tues 27 12.00 Lunch Club in the hall

Weds 28 10.30 History of Christianity in the Narthex
2.30 Drop-in session at Georgies

Thurs 29 10.30 Midweek Communion
12.30 Lunch Club in the hall

Fri 1 10 - 11.30 Chatty Café
10.30 World Day of Prayer at Central URC
1.30 Polka Tots parent and toddler drop-in

Sun 3 10.30 Holy Communion Service with Rev Andy Lowe
5.00 Junction Service at Central URC



Sunday Worship

On Sunday 25 February, our local arrangement service will be looked after by Charlotte and an all star cast of Elin, Jonathan, David and J.J. Music will be provided by Hymn Tech, complimented with some recorded music.

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Windows into the First Holy Week and Easter

Starting 26th February at Dorset Gardens on Monday evenings, from 7.30-9.30pm in the DG Small Hall:

26th February: *Palm Sunday*

4th March: *Maundy Thursday*

11th March: *Good Friday – Betrayal, denial and crucifixion*

18th March: No Meeting

25th March: *What does the cross mean for us?*

And 2 meetings after Easter:

8th April: *Easter*

15th April: *What does the resurrection mean for us?*

Easter Dates

A first look at our calendar for Easter:

22nd March: 3.30pm Easter Messy Church

24th March: 10.30am Palm Sunday Service

28th March: 10.30am Morning Communion

7.30pm Maundy Thursday Communion

29th March: 10.30am Good Friday Service

31st March: 6.00am Service on the beach

10.00am Breakfast before service

11.00am Easter Sunday Service

World Day of Prayer - URC, Friday 1 March, 10.30am

Friday 1 March 2024 is World Day of Prayer. All are invited to the Central United Reformed Church on Blatchington Road from 10.30am, to partake in our service.

The theme of our service this year is from **Ephesians 4: 1 – 6. "I beg you, bear with one another in love."** The service was written by a group of Palestinian Christian women before the current conflict and deals with their own personal experiences. Their hope was to encourage and inspire other women around the world to bear with one another in troubled times.



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BLATCHINGTON ROAD
10.30 a.m.

WDP



Circuit Refugee Project Re-Launch at our Community Breakfast in the Upper Hall this Saturday 24th Feb 09.30 - 11 am

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST
 SATURDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2024
 FROM 9:30AM - 11:00AM
 IN THE HALL, HOVE METHODIST CHURCH
ALL ARE WELCOME
 • Celebration of our Sanctuary Journey
 • Re-launch of our Circuit Refugee Project for 2024 to 2028!
 Any donations for your breakfast go to the project

As well as a delicious breakfast and cuppa from Rachel and the crew, we will announce details about our Circuit wide Sponsored Journey. Also, Peter from the Refugee-run Jollof Cafe is joining us to say a few words and take questions. Last Friday night, The Jollof Cafe Dinner at Dorset Gardens was sold out and the hall was full. It's a truly international event each time, with students,



Ruth Samur

sanctuary seekers and just lots of people from all different ages and backgrounds, local & from all over the world, enjoying each other's company and the good food.

Winter Warmer
 Saturday 24th February, 3pm
 Join us for a cosy afternoon of tea, cake, and feel-good folk, acoustic, and Americana music with local band **The Cheer Up Mollies**. Everyone welcome.
 Suggested donation: £5 - raising funds for Food and Friendship providing shared meals for older people and adults with learning disabilities.
the cheer up mollies
 An informal band of talented, friendly, multi-instrumental, former and aspiring folk and Americana players.
 Doors open 3.00pm
 Music starts 3.00pm
 Hove Methodist Church
 Portland Road, Hove BN3 3PF

Winter Warmer

This 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 Mollies**. 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

Home front Happy 1st Birthday Messy Church!

Can you believe it's been one whole year since we started Messy Church at HMC? It has been a joy to get to know the beautiful families that join us each month and our thanks go to the committed volunteers who work really hard to make each session such a success. Please continue to hold Messy Church in your prayers as we celebrate our birthday on Friday 23rd February.

Rev Sue Jacobs

A Big Thank You from Care4Calais



Wow! Aaron from Care4Calais was very grateful for the two tables' worth of donations from you lovely people at Hove Methodist Church, especially at such short notice! I arrived a bit early, so Care4Calais were delighted to have such a great response to start off their afternoon.

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Our Pot of Gold (at the end of the Rainbow)

For all who bore witness to the indescribable and overwhelming beauty of service last Sunday; your presence was indeed a blessing in itself! It was a joy to gather together to soak up Gods love and glory as evidenced in the photos below! **#rainbowgang**
Rev Sue Jacobs



Showtime at HMC

Sue's recent Sunday sermon on Noah's Ark got some of us reminiscing about the wonderful musicals, shows, Mystery Plays and pantomimes performed here over the years. Captain Noah and his Floating Zoo in the 1970's, The Mystery Plays, Godspell, Oliver, Cavalcade... Can you recall any more? If you have photos or memories to share, I plan to write a piece for Focus magazine. No hurry, as the deadline is not for a while.

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It's our Messy Church Birthday
Crafts - Worship - Dinner
Friday 23rd February 2024
From 3:30pm - 5:30pm (ish)
In the hall.
Hove Methodist Church
All are welcome here!



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