



Hove Methodist Church

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Minister: Rev Andy Lowe

Sunday 21 April

10.30 Local Arrangement Service with Charlotte & Jonathan, Elin, Jason, Debbie, Paul, Nick, Heather and Trevor

Steward: J.J. Baiden-Amisshah

Readers: Heather & Trevor Coldridge

Music: Paul, Nick & Debbie

AV: Jonathan Gravestock

Coffee: Charlotte Gravestock

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



Prayer

Dear name - the rock on which I build, my shield and hiding place, my never-failing treasury, filled with boundless stores of grace.

Amen.

Hymn 322(STF)

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

Week: 22 - 28 Apr 2024

- Mon 22** 2.00 **Monday Guild** with Stewart Garston
Tues 23 12.00 **Lunch Club** in the hall
Weds 24 10.30 **History of Christianity** in the Narthex
2.30 **Drop-in session** at Georgies
Thurs 25 10.30 **Midweek Communion**
12.30 **Lunch Club** in the hall
Fri 26 10 - 11.30 **Chatty Café**
1.30 **Polka Tots** parent and toddler drop-in
3.30 **Messy Church** All age craft, worship and dinner

Sun 28 10.30 **Chatty Church** with Revs Andy Lowe & Sue Jacobs



Sunday Worship

The Local Arrangement returns to HMC this Sunday 21 April, spearheaded by Charlotte with thoughtful contributions from others. Our thanks go out to the team - Jonathan, Jason, Elin, Debbie, Paul, Nick, J.J., Heather and Trevor.

Later that afternoon at 3pm there is an Easter Offering Service at Woodingdean Methodist Church. Methodist Women in Britain, as a justice-seeking charity, has chosen the theme '**Let Justice Roll**' for this year's Easter Offering Service.

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Windows into the New Testament

This is new course for Tuesdays at Stanford Avenue. Having completed the Windows into the First Holy Week course just before Easter we are shortly embarking on a new course which is going to look at the New Testament. Having done the Windows into the Old Testament before Christmas this will be a good opportunity to look more closely at New Testament writings. This will run over 7 sessions as it will also incorporate a shortened version of a course specifically looking at the Gospels. So here are the dates and subjects:

- April 16: The NT in its historical setting
- May 7: Introduction to the gospels
- May 21: The Gospels part 1
- June 4: The Gospels part 2
- June 18: The Letters
- July 2: Acts and Revelation
- July 16: Reading the NT responsibly

All are welcome to the meetings scheduled from 2.15 – 4.15pm.

Rev Andy Lowe

Chatty Church - Sunday 28 April

It's Chatty Church Sunday at HMC on the 28th of April and we welcome all to this unique worship service filled with love, grace, tea, cake and conversation.

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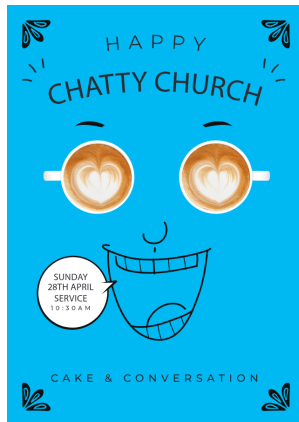
Circuit Refugee Project

Aaron at Care4Calais said thank you for all the generous donations for asylum seekers living in a local hotel. I told Aaron 'You don't have to be in the photo again, if you like' but he was very keen to give you all the thumbs up! Last Tuesday, Ruth attended a Zoom run by The Methodist Church Connexional

Team. There were 15 participants from

Methodist Circuits around the UK, all working with refugees and asylum seekers. We shared what we're each doing and explored what support people in local churches might want or be able to share. There's a plan to meet again to continue the conversation and decide next steps.

Ruth Samur



Songs from the Rat Pack

Many thanks to Joe Dellow and his 'Songs from the Rat Pack' which took place on 10 April. This was organised and catered for by Ann & the Martlets volunteers. Joe sang a large variety of songs, also talking to the audience about their favourite performers, bands and any experiences they had with performers. I would estimate at least 60 in the audience, with up to 20 people at one time dancing in the aisles! It was a great success and Joe will be returning in August. Perhaps singing is the best therapy?

Barry Wilson

Big Spring Sing

On Saturday 18 May, The Martlets Choir invite all to join in a 'Big Spring Sing' at Hove Methodist Church from 2.30-4.30pm. Suggested donations from £5 to help raise funds for the Martlets Hospice.

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Doorgate 2024

Late last week, I relayed the news of the impending works to replace the double doors to improve church access via St Patricks Road. Many, including Paul Richards, considered this to be an 'open and shut' matter. I mean, how disruptive could this be, especially with the multiple access points this church provides - 'When one door closes, another opens!'



Day 1 - Works began in earnest on the Monday with Mark Jacobs removing existing tiles and the ramp to rebuild the steps. Bar a couple of hours of drilling, which prompted the relocation of Helen's Pilates classes to the Sanctuary, everything went according to plan.

Day 2 - Mark returned to 'pave' the way forward with his one-step solution. Amidst the beautiful chaos of lunch club, entry diversions, missing key cards and sticky doors, folks still managed to 'get one foot in a door' to gain access.

Days Ahead - By Gods grace, the door fitters should be in on the 24th with a brand spanking new means of access for St Patricks Road. Mark will return on Thursday 25 April to complete the steps and tiling. We should expect limited/restricted access from 24 - 26 April. When all is said and done we remain confident that people will be 'Knock, Knock, Knocking on HMC's brand new door' very soon!

J.J. Baiden-Amissah

CHOMP Easter Hols

We had the most fabulous Chomp session on Tuesday feeding 80 plus folk and lots of activities. Thanks to all our wonderful volunteers who work so hard, we enjoyed a wonderful Veggie shepherds pie a la Gaby and Caroline. The kids made lovely flower arrangements, chocolate easter cakes and lots of art work too. We also celebrated Remy's 3rd Birthday. The next chomp session will be on Tuesday 28th May.

Rachel Richards

