



Hove Methodist Church

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Minister: Rev Andy Lowe

Sunday 28 April

10.30 Chatty Church with Revs Andy Lowe & Sue Jacobs

Steward: Maggie Symes
Readers: Lou McIntosh
Music: Paul, Nick & Debbie
AV: Ian Draper
Coffee: Lou & Jackie

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



Prayer

Wilderness God, your Son was a displaced person in Bethlehem, a refugee in Egypt, and had nowhere to lay his head in Galilee.

Bless all who have nowhere to lay their head today, who find themselves strangers on earth, pilgrims to they know not where, facing rejection, closed doors, suspicion, and fear.

Give them companions in their distress, hope in their wandering, and safe lodging at their journey's end.

And make us a people of grace, wisdom, and hospitality, who know that our true identity is to be lost, until we find our eternal home in you.

Through Christ our rejected yet risen Lord.

Amen

Rev. Dr. Sam Wells

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

Week: 29 Apr - 5 May 2024

Mon 29 2.00 **Monday Guild** with History of Christianity DVD

Tues 30 12.00 **Lunch Club** in the hall

Weds 1 10.30 **History of Christianity** in the Narthex
2.30 **Drop-in session** at Georgies

Thurs 2 10.30 **Midweek Communion**
12.30 **Lunch Club** in the hall

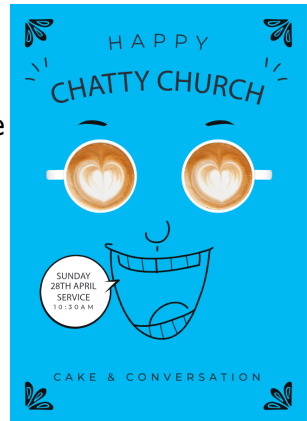
Fri 3 10 - 11.30 **Chatty Café**
1.30 **Polka Tots** parent and toddler drop-in

Sun 5 10.30 **Sunday Worship** with Rev Sue Jacobs



Sunday Worship

This Sunday 28 April it will be - **Chatty, Chatty, Chatty, Chatty Church; led by Revs Andy and Sue...** (to the tune of 'Happy Talk - South Pacific'). All are welcome to this unique and increasingly popular worship service filled with love, song, conversation, tea and cake! **HMC Office**



Windows into the New Testament

The Windows into the New Testament course is now in full swing; on selected Tuesdays at Stanford Avenue. Here are the dates for May:

May 7: Introduction to the gospels

May 21: The Gospels part 1

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

Rev Andy Lowe



Messy Church (April)

Our monthly unscripted family celebration of Gods love with craft, worship and dinner returns on Friday 26 April. We look forward to welcoming back our Messy families for the usual fun and frolics! **Rev Sue Jacobs**

Circuit Refugee Project

The Just Giving link for our Circuit's sponsored **Journey4Sanctuary** is now live! A leaflet with further information is available in church and attached to the Newsnotes email this week. Also look out for our **Journey4Sanctuary** article in the **Summer edition of Focus**, coming soon. <https://www.justgiving.com/page/brightonhovemethodistsjourney4sanctuary>

Ruth Samur

Ravi's dream, Aneesa's moment...

Last Saturday, our very own (adopted from Martlets Choir) Aneesa Chaudry made an appearance on our TV screens, leading a choir in a rendition of 'A Million Dreams' (originally from The Greatest Showman). But the star of the show and recipient of Alesha Dixon's coveted golden buzzer was the inspirational 8 yr. old Ravi Adelekan.

At six-years-old Ravi was diagnosed with a benign tumour in his brain stem. He endured 10 hours of surgery but the surgeons were not able to remove all of the tumour. Ravi had to learn how to walk and feed himself again and lives with the effects of the tumour every day. Ravi's Dad, Gbenga is also connected with Stay Up Late.

Ravi performed his previously released hit, with a choir launched in his name, called Ravi's Dream Team. It was made up of family, friends, teachers, medical professionals, and other children from the brain tumour community. Well done Ravi and Thank you Aneesa for all you do! Follow links below to watch the performance and for info on how to support Ravi's journey:

<https://youtu.be/ZNnZzWJFdq0?si=RWCHRvsKOOQIjNOEE>

<https://ravidream.com/my-supporters/> **J.J. Baiden-Amisah**

Journey4Sanctuary



Brighton & Hove Methodist Circuit
Refugee Project

Our Circuit Journey for Sanctuary

Sat 18th

May

2024



Complete
your journey by

17-23 June 2024

18 May - 23 June 2024

Join us in inclusive fundraising for 6 charities
who support & welcome asylum seekers &
refugees to Brighton & Hove:

- Care4Calais Brighton - Jollof Cafe (Sussex Refugee &
Migrant Self Support Group). - The Network of
International Women, Brighton & Hove - Sanctuary on
Sea - Thousand 4 £1000 (T4K) - Voices in Exile

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More information in Focus or through your church rep



Doorgate Update

Whose idea was it to book a boiler service, carpet clean, personal appointment and door fitting all in the same week? That would be me, attempting to dispel the myth about multi tasking!

Doors are in, and Mark has returned to do his business with the retiling and completion of the steps. In no time at all things will return to normal or better; and we will all be channelling our inner Larry Grayson to open and

'**Shut that Door**' with ease!

Whilst we're on the subject of doors..there have been some strange goings on at the front of the church! It would seem that someone has commissioned the creation and installation of a poster for our front entrance.



It reads...In Our Church We..

Are Not Perfect/Try To Do Better/Tell The Truth/Give/Listen/Are Grateful/Find Joy/ Take Responsibility/Have Faith/Share/ Trust/Use Kind Words/Respect Each Other/ Laugh Every Day/Celebrate Life.

We are Hove Methodist Church!

HMC Office

Local Arrangement Service

We had another lovely LA service on Sunday 21 April at HMC with nothing but positive feedback from the service itself. Pam Lupi thought the arrangement of the chairs meant that people had to keep turning round. This was done to make it easier for people to reach the candles, but we can try a different arrangement next time. Additional food for thought, provided by David Sharman, may be in how we reconcile the general positivity and inspiration we receive at HMC services with the misery or depression that exists too often in the world outside....the ideal v the real, if you like.

Thanks, in no particular order to...

Rachel, JJ, Jonathan, Heather & Trevor, Elin, Deb, Nick and Paul.

Charlotte Gravestock

