



Hove Methodist Church

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## **Sunday 23 February 2025**

### **10.30 Sunday Service with Rev David Hinchliffe**

Today's flowers are given by Efro Draper

Steward: Charlotte Gravestock

Readers: Sandy, Heather & Crystal

Music: Janet Bowles

AV: Ian Draper

Coffee: Barry Wilson

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



### **Prayers**

*"Generous God, giver of all that is good, we are surrounded by your blessings. We gather to worship you with body mind and spirit."*

### **Excerpt from Prayers (Order of Service)**

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

## **Week: 24 Feb - 2 Feb 2025**

- Mon 24** 2.00 **Monday Guild** with Rose
- Tues 25** 10.00 **Lunch Club** in the hall
- Weds 26** 10.30 **History of Christianity** in the Narthex  
2.00 **Drop-in session** at Milo's
- Thurs 27** 10.30 **Midweek Communion**  
12.30 **Lunch Club** in the hall
- Fri 28** 10 - 11.30 **Chatty Café**  
1.30 **Polka Tots** Parent and toddler drop-in  
3.30 **Messy Church**
- Sun 2** 10.30 **Sunday Service** with Paul Richards



### **Sunday Worship**

On Sunday 23 February from 10.30am, we welcome Rev David Hinchliffe (District Chair - South East District) to HMC. We have assembled an all-star cast of Charlotte, Janet, Ian and the reading trinity of Sandy, Heather & Crystal to offer support on the day.

**HMC Office**

### **Messy Church - Friday 28 February**

We're excited to welcome our 'Messy' families back on Friday, 28th February from 3:30pm for an afternoon filled with food, crafts, faith sharing, and fun activities. We can't wait to see more smiling faces through our doors.

**Rachel Richards**

### **Sikhs of Sussex at HMC - Wed 12 March, 7pm**

Here at HMC on Wed 12 March at 7pm the IFCG is inviting some of the Sikhs of Sussex to come and tell us about their faith and practice. You may know that every year a memorial service takes place at the Chattri on the Downs to honour the Indian dead of the First World War. Here is an opportunity to find out more about one of the main faiths in India today.

**Charlotte Gravestock**



The IFCG invites you to  
discover the spiritual practice  
of the *Sikhs of Sussex*

(and beyond)

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Wednesday 12 March

7 - 8.30pm

All are welcome



## Winter Warmer

Join us on Saturday, 22 February 2025, for a cosy afternoon of tea, cake, and uplifting music with 'The Cheer Up Mollys', at HMC. Come and enjoy an infectious blend of folk, acoustic, and Americana tunes. Doors open at 2:30 PM, and the music begins at 3:00 PM. A suggested donation of £10 (cash only) will support Nam Yang Brighton. Everyone is welcome to join this heartwarming event—don't miss it!

**Rachel Richards**

## Donation Appeals for our Circuit Refugee Project

After our successful appeal last Autumn, if more of you have **donations of fabric or sewing supplies for the Sewing Collective, Network of International Women Brighton & Hove**, please give them to Ruth. See attached for details. **Sorry, NO** duvet covers or clothes. Ruth will drop off donations to the Sewing Collective's studio in Brighton in early March. To purchase their beautiful goods made from recycled fabrics, visit the NiW

Sewing Collective's table at Stanford Avenue's Spring Craft Fair on Saturday March 29th, 10.30 am - 2pm.  
**Ruth Samur**

## The Tone Rangers Choir

Join The Tone Rangers Choir for "An Afternoon with The Tone Rangers Choir" at 3pm on Saturday, March 22nd at 3pm at HMC. Enjoy classic pop and folk songs performed by our Portslade Singers, with support from talented choir members. Tickets are £7 in advance, with a concession rate of £5. A lovely tea and sweet treats will be included! Get your tickets now at <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/the-tone-rangers-choir/t-gakgrom>

**Sharon**

## Home front Happy 90th Birthday Afro Draper!

We all recognised Afro's nine decades last Sunday with lovely applause and I'd like to add to that with a poem I found on 'tinternet!

### ON MY 90TH BIRTHDAY by Grandma Bea

*The years flew by so quickly, I never heard them fly  
Yet a glance in my mirror, Tells a tale I can't deny  
A little more grey, Crept in my hair, I guess it's time to change it  
Should I do it ...do I dare?  
A little more forgetful (Where did I put my keys?)  
I try to be more careful, Of falling on my knees  
The saddest part of Aging, Is the loss of many friends  
Whom we loved and cherished, Right to the very end!*



*But life is for the living, To savor and enjoy  
"Life is what you make it", Is the attitude to employ  
No need to be depressed, If wrinkles should appear  
They're signs that you invest yourself, And really are sincere!  
Old Age is a blessing, A gift from God above  
A chance to make amends, To the people that you love  
Old Age is indeed a blessing, It comes to very few  
Be careful how you live it, For God has chosen you!  
Beatrice Boyle (c. 2018)*

**J.J. Baiden-Amissah**

### **BHESCO at Chatty Café and Polka Tots - Friday, 28 February**

We're delighted that Nici from BHESCO will be joining us at Chatty Café and Polka Tots on Friday, 28th February!

BHESCO does fantastic work helping people stay warm—whether by making homes more energy-efficient or providing personal warmth solutions. They specialize in reducing energy bills by working directly with suppliers, especially for those in debt. If you're struggling with mould or damp issues, they may be able to help, and they even offer home visits to assess how best to support you. This service is completely free and available to everyone, regardless of income. Why not stop by Chatty Café/Polka Tots and have a chat with Nici?

**Rachel Richards**