



Hove Methodist Church

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Minister: Rev Andy Lowe

## Sunday 4 May 2025

### 10.30 Sunday Service with Ken Smith

Today's flowers are given by Janet Bowles

Steward: J.J. Baiden-Amisshah

Readers: Heather & Trevor Coldridge

Music: Janet Morgan

AV: Stella Goddard

Coffee: Heather Coldridge

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



## Prayers

*Be fruitful within us, O God and fill our words with your love, our lives with your glory, and our labour with your blessing. Amen*

**Ann Gilbert, Cornish Methodist preacher (c.1735 - c.1790)**

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

## **Week: 5 May - 11 May 2025**

- Mon 5** 2.00 **No Monday Guild** Bank Holiday
- Tues 6** 12.00 **Lunch Club** in the hall  
7.30 **Not Just A House Group** 47 Portland Avenue
- Wed 7** 10.30 **History of Christianity** in the Narthex  
2.00 **Drop-in session** at Mila's Café, 81 Portland Rd
- Thurs 8** 10.30 **Midweek Communion**  
12.30 **Lunch Club** in the hall
- Fri 9** 10 - 11.30 **Chatty Café**  
1.30 **Polka Tots** Parent and toddler drop-in
- Sun 11** 10.30 **Holy Communion Service** with Rev Cynthia Park



### **Sunday Worship**

We welcome Ken Smith once again to lead us in worship, this Sunday 4 May from 10.30am at HMC supported by the worship team of JJ, Heather, Trevor, Stella and Janet Morgan. **HMC Office**

### **Circuit Events & Notices**

Saturday 10th May **Hymn Sing 'This is my story; this is my song'** from 12.45 -2.00 at Dorset Gardens. Tickets will be £6 and covers the cost of tea, cake and a selection of sandwiches.

Thursday 15th May to Saturday 17th May. Barnstormer's production of **Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat** at Patcham MC. Last few tickets available.

Sunday 18th May 3.00pm **Easter Offering Service and Circuit Together** at Dorset Gardens. Each year, the Methodist Church holds an Easter Offering dedication service, a tradition that dates back to 1883 and money raised will go to the World Mission Fund of the Methodist Church in Great Britain for work in our Partner Churches around the world. This year the theme is 'Education for All, Hope for All' and offers us a moment to consider how education transforms lives and communities, opening God's promise of hope and fullness of life for all people.

Sunday 25th May **Service of Healing & Communion:** 6.30 pm at Dorset Gardens. Led by Revd Cynthia Park and Shirley Veater.

**Steve Preston**

### **Not Just A House Group (House Group)**

NJAHG - Tuesday 6 May, 7.30pm Please join us at Paul & Rachel's - 47 Portland Avenue on Tuesday 6 May 2025 from 7.30pm with an open mind and an appetite for engaging group led discussion.

**Paul Richards**

## Food, Fellowship & Fundraising

Many of you will know we have had to replace our boiler recently and now the boilers at the front of the church need replacing too.

On Sunday 11th May we invite you to join us for lunch and an opportunity to contribute towards these expenses, we have set ourselves a target of £25k and already have received 3k in donations.

To donate, use the QR code below or the donate button on the website, direct bank transfer or good old cash! If you are a tax payer we can claim gift aid on your giving which means we can reclaim an extra 25% in tax on every eligible donation.

HMC is a lively hub for the local community and we are so grateful and thankful for any donations large or small to help keep this building running. For more information please contact the office on 01273 324600. Thank you. **HMC Leadership Team**

**Debate Time! 'Is Christianity the air we breathe?' - Wed 7 May at 7pm** James Croft, lead chaplain at Sussex Uni, who is a humanist, will be debating this question with Glen Scrivener, who is a Christian. All welcome to join in the discussion at the University of Sussex Meeting House on Wed 7 May at 7pm.

## FOOD, FELLOWSHIP + FUNDRAISING



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**MONDAYS AT 2PM**  
**SEPT-MAY**  
**(NOT BANK HOLIDAYS)**

**FELLOWSHIP, A VARIETY OF TALKS ON TOPICAL SUBJECTS AND THE CHANCE TO CHAT (WITH REFRESHMENTS)**



## Charlotte Gravestock

### The Monday Guild - Mondays @ 2pm

Join us every Monday, from September to May but excluding bank holidays, for fellowship, a variety of talks on topical subjects and chat with refreshments.

### History of Christianity by Diarmaid Maccollach – Wed 10am in the

**Narthex** We are now reading some of the chapters of this easy to read history book again. Our favourite choice is from the beginning of the 'Reformation'. All are welcome to join our sessions every Wednesday morning.

**Rose Bateman**

## Home front Funeral Arrangements

**Peter Bowles - Friday 2 May** The funeral for our dear Peter Bowles will take place on Friday 2 May 2025. A private ceremony for family will be held at Downs Crematorium from 11.30am, followed by a funeral service open to all at Hove Methodist Church at 12.30pm. The wake will take place in the church's upper hall after the service.

**Ian**

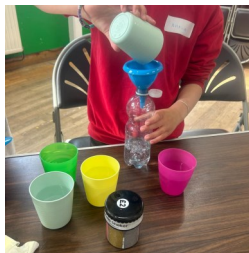
**Stone - Friday 16 May** Ian Stone's funeral will be held at the Downs Crematorium at noon on Friday 16th May. There will be a wake afterwards at Hove Club. Family flowers only, but donations to the Stroke Association.

**Jonathan Gravestock**

## Messy Church

We calmed the storm at Messy Church on Friday with a little help from Jesus. Some wonderfully messy craft activities included Storm in a bottle, float or sink, painting the chaos of the storm and the peace that followed, building boats and popping bubbles! The fish fingers went down a storm!

**Rachel Richards**



## **Revd Andy Lowe's Sabbatical (1 May - 4 August 2025).**

If you need assistance during his absence, please contact the following:

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