

# **Hove Methodist Church**

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# **Sunday 30 Nov 2025**

## 10.30 Sunday Service with Revd Heather Leake Date

Today's flowers are given by Alan Saunders

Steward: Charlotte Gravestock

Reader: Heather & Trevor Coldridge

Music: Janet Bowles

AV: Jonathan Gravestock

Coffee: Heather & Trevor Coldridge

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# **Prayers**

Lord Jesus Christ, in times of loneliness may we be comforted by your presence. In days of affliction may we be fortified with your strength. In hours of despair may we be raised up through your love. Amen

Marie Bernarde Soubirous (1844-1879)

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

**Week: 1 - 7 December 2025** 

Mon 1 2.00 Monday Guild with Revd Cynthia Park

Tues 2 12.00 Lunch Club in the hall

**Wed 3 10.30** History of Christianity in the Narthex

2.00 Drop-in session at Sofi's Coffee House

Thurs 4 10.30 Midweek Communion

12.30 Lunch Club in the hall

Fri 5 10 - 11.30 Chatty Café Christmas Gift Wrapping

**1.30 Polka Tots** Parent and toddler drop-in

**Sun 7 10.30 Sunday Service** with Paul Richards

# Sunday Worship

Join us this Sunday, 30 November for worship led by Revd Heather Leake Date. The worship team will be Charlotte, Heather, Trevor, Janet and Jonathan.

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# Circuit Events & Notices

Saturday 29th November

Christmas Fair at Patcham Methodist Church. Brighton Male Voice Choir in Concert 3.00pm at

Woodingdean Methodist Church

Concert

Brighton Male

Voice Choir

Sat. November 20th

Sold Stock tickets on 01273
304812 or 01273 887618

Woodingdean MC.
Sunday 30th November
World Aids Day Service
6pm with Revd Heather
Leake Date & Revd
Michael Hydes at Ledward
Centre, 14A Jubilee St,
Brighton BN1 1GE.
Sunday 7th December
Christmas Concert by the
Salvation Army Band &
Songsters at Stanford
Avenue Methodist Church
at 4.30pm, tea and
biscuits after, all are

welcome.

Sunday 13th December

Christmas Concert by Women of Note at Patcham Methodist Church at 3pm. Admission is free but invite donations for the Trussell Trust Food Bank and Patcham Church. Refreshments will be served afterwards, and this event is hosted by the Monday Circle Club.

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#### Winter Celebration Concert - Saturday 29th November



Join us for a joyful afternoon of music and community at our Winter Celebration Concert on Saturday 29th November, here at HMC with The Martlets Good Vibrations Choir.

Doors open at 1.50pm, with music from 2.30 to 4.30pm. A suggested donation of £10 will go towards Martlets Hospice. Everyone is warmly welcome — come. There'll be tea, cake, and a prize raffle.

# **Martlets Hospice**

# Music through the decades (Martlets concert - 19 November)

In spite of a last-minute move to the Upper Hall instead of the church (much warmer!), we had a wonderful time of songs and dancing, with Ann and the Martlets providing refreshments. About 40

people sang along to many favourites and shared memories of their favourite songs or eras. We finished (of course) with Neil Diamond's Sweet Caroline.

Thanks to Joe and to everyone who braved the very cold weather and got up and danced! Now we're looking forward to the next Martlets concert on 29 November!

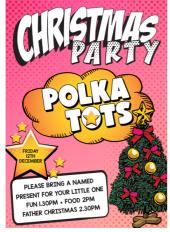
Barry Wilson

#### **House Group Christmas Gathering!**

You're warmly invited to our Christmas-themed House Group on Tuesday 2nd December at 7:30pm, hosted by Rachel & Paul at 47 Portland Avenue.

Whether you're a regular or have never been before, we'd love you to join us for an evening of festive fellowship, mince pies, and mulled wine. Come and share in the joy of the season together!

Rachel Richards



### Polka Tots Christmas Party – Friday 12 December (1.30pm)

Our Polka Tots Christmas Party remains one of the most anticipated events of the season for babies, toddlers, and their parents!

This year's celebration promises plenty of fun and festive cheer. Activities begin at 1.30pm, followed by food at 2pm. Parents are invited to bring a *named present* for their little one(s). We'll also enjoy a special appearance by Father Christmas at 2.30pm.

Rachel Richards

#### **Home Front**

### Friday Chair Massage

Every Friday at Hove Methodist Church, you can enjoy a relaxing chair massage. These quick 10–20-minute sessions focus on your back, neck, and shoulders — perfect for easing tension and finding a moment of calm. Massages are just £1 per minute, with concessions available, and can be easily booked online at: <a href="mailto:book.squareup.com/appointments/jdoc529myx6o6v/location/LKDVHZR6WQ140/services">book.squareup.com/appointments/jdoc529myx6o6v/location/LKDVHZR6WQ140/services</a> Your support helps @CityYogiUK deliver free community clinics. **City Yogi** 



Community Carol Singing – Saturday 20 December

Join us outside on St Patrick's Road for an afternoon of festive community spirit as we gather for our annual carol singing. Bring your friends, neighbours, and plenty of warm layers as we celebrate together.

There will be hot dogs and hot drinks to keep us warm as we sing many much-loved carols.

We'll be singing from 4pm to 5pm, and all proceeds will go to Action for Children.

A wonderful way to begin the final countdown to Christmas—hope to see you there! **Rachel Richards** 

SAT 20th DEC 4PM - 5.00PM IN AID OF Action for Children

## Monday Guild

Those of us who were at last week's Monday Guild had the pleasure of hearing Bob Winton tell us about Sarah Wesley, mother of John and Charles. We also enjoyed lots of illustrations of Sarah on the screen. Thank you, Bob.

Next Monday we have the pleasure of welcoming Revd Cynthia Park. All are welcome to join us at 2 pm in the Upper Hall. There will also be a Christmas Bring and Buy table, so please come and support us as we raise funds for Gift Day.

**Rose Bateman**