



Hove Methodist Church
Sunday 26 April 2026

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10.30 Chatty Church with Revd Andy Lowe

Today's flowers are given by Heather & Trevor Coldridge

Steward: Donald Reid
Reader: J.J. Baiden-Amissah
Music: The Band
AV: Louise McIntosh
Coffee: Heather & Trevor

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



Prayers

God of love, awaken our souls. God of power, protect us in temptation. God of forgiveness, cleanse us by the blood of Christ. God of saints, let us share in their inheritance. God of rest, let us be yours for ever. Amen.
Mary, daughter of Nathaniel & Elizabeth Gilbert (died 1768, aged 16)

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

Week: 27 April — 3 May 2026

- Mon 27** 2.00 **Monday Guild** Coffee/Chat/Music
Tues 28 12.00 **Lunch Club** in the hall
Wed 29 2.00 **Drop-in session** at Sofi's Coffee House
Thurs 30 10.30 **Midweek Communion**
12.30 **Lunch Club** in the hall
Fri 1 10 - 11.30 **Chatty Café**
1.30 **Polka Tots** Parent and toddler drop-in
Sun 3 10.30 **Sunday Service** with Revd Cynthia Park



Sunday Worship

This Sunday 26 April see's the return of Chatty Church from 10.30am, led by Rev Andy Lowe. All are welcome to this unique and increasingly popular worship service filled with love, song, conversation, tea and cake!

HMC Office

Circuit Events & Notices

Saturday 25th April Coffee morning/Tabletop sale 10 am to 2 pm at Dorset Gardens. Tombola, bric-a-brac, books, cakes, games, cards, Indian ready meals, refreshments & more! During the sale Tearaway Tots will be open! Free hands-on cooking demos by Bald Chef Nick. Free bags of groceries to take home (supported by Morrisons).

News of one further event on Saturday 25th April. After folk have attended the coffee morning at Dorset Gardens and before the concert at Hove, there is the opportunity to play games and have a cream tea at Stanford Avenue Church. Moments for MacMillan doors open from 5pm at Hove Methodist Church, come and join us for an evening of dancing, singing, acting and pure joy to raise money for the wonderful MacMillan cancer support. We are hosting a showcase of Brighton's talented people to raise as much as we can for this fantastic charity, which helps so many people affected by cancer. There will be some food and a raffle!

Sunday 26th April

Circuit Healing Service, 6.30pm at Dorset Gardens

Saturday 6th June Jazz at Woodingdean Methodist Church at 3pm with Imogen Ryall singing and Roderick Hart on the piano. Suggested donation £6. Tickets at 01273 887618 or 01273 304812. Proceeds to the church.

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Circuit Events & Notices (contd)

Saturday 16th May Circuit Inspiration Day 8.30am - 1.00pm, at The Clubhouse (Waterhall), Saddlescombe Rd, Brighton BN1 8AX. (Tea and coffee will be available from 8.30am for a 9.00am start). You may be aware that as a Circuit we are having a Circuit Inspiration morning based around hearing other people's stories and telling our story. We see this as a useful topic for people who may find themselves in situations, through work or volunteering, where sharing stories may be useful.

If you are free and interested to join please email steve.preston@brightonhovemethodistcircuit.org.uk to book your place. To manage numbers, we need a reply by 1st May 2026.

Sunday 17th May Come As You Are a new evening service at Hove, 6.30pm Sunday 17th May. We're starting a new kind of evening service. Simple. Relaxed. No pressure. There'll be a short Bible reading, some music, space for quiet, and a chance to reflect, chat, or ask questions if you want to. You can join in or just sit and be - whatever feels right for you. This is a space for everyone - whether you've been part of church for years or are just curious. No expectations, no "right way" to do it. We're keeping things open as it begins, and we'll see where it grows. Come as you are. (And stay for tea and biscuits afterwards). Led by Rev Andy and Paul Richards.

Steve Preston

Sacred Space, Sacred Earth

There is an interfaith art exhibition at the Church of the Annunciation, Washington Street in the Hanover area of Brighton (where there is also a beautiful Burne-Jones window) on the first 4 weekends in May. The artists are all members of local faith communities. More detailed information about art workshops and concerts which accompany the art exhibition can be found on the notice boards at the back of the church.

Charlotte Gravestock

Stay Strong, Steady and Independent 27 April—2 May

Improve your strength and balance during a week of activities provided by Ageing Well and Brighton and Hove City Council. Taking place 27th April - 2nd May 2026. The campaign aims to promote key messages around staying active in later life and highlights local strength and balance exercise classes that support older adults to remain independent and reduce risks of fall. More information can be found on the notice boards at the back of the church.

Ageing Well

SACRED SPACE INTERFAITH CELEBRATION **SACRED EARTH**

Burne-Jones Annunciation Window
Ecological Stations of the Cross

CONCERTS:
SAT 7PM
9th **REN SAUNDERS**
lo-fi piano & guitar
16th **ROCK CHOIR**
Brighton Festival Tickets

PLANT SALE - TALKS - CAFE
JESS WOOD ICONS
PAINTING WORKSHOP
9th & 23rd
JANE RODERIC-EVANS
SCULPTURE
MIKE BAYLEY
CERAMICS
RUTH URBANOWICZ
PAINTING TALK 10th MAY

FIRST 4 WEEKENDS IN MAY
SATS 10.30-16.30 SUNS & MONS 12.30-16.30

The Church of the Annunciation
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SUNDAY SERVICES TEAM - CONTACT 07581 119914 - ruthurbanowicz@tme.co.uk

Home Front

Messy Church—Friday 24 April, 3.30pm

Messy Church is happening on Friday 24 April from 3.30pm, and everyone is warmly invited to come along. It will be a relaxed, family-friendly time with food, crafts, music, digital fun, faith sharing, and plenty of activities to enjoy together. Messy Church is for children, parents, grandparents, friends and anyone curious. Do come and join us — it's church, just a bit messier!

Rachel Richards

Lai's Chatty Birthday!

If you know Lai, you'll know her infectious laugh (especially when reminded Andy was once a PE teacher!), her amazing baking, knitting, and artistic talents, and her endless willingness to help others. From Polka Tots to Sunday stewarding and big celebrations (especially Chinese New Year!), Lai brings energy, kindness and yes, plenty of chat to everything she does. Lai, we love you for being you. You bring so much warmth and joy to the HMC community. Happy Birthday!



Rachel Richards



Don of the Century!

We had a really lovely party today at lunch club to celebrate our dear Don's 100th Birthday. There was a menu chosen by Don of his favourite dinner, Roast chicken and all the trimmings followed by Trifle. There were lots of presents and cards, balloons, streamers, candle sparklers and even special Don bunting! There was fantastic music from a range of decades sung by the amazing TJ - huge thanks to her. There was a fabulous cake made by Mel with help from Lola and Jago, and also cake made by Yvonne to share with all guests. Grateful to each and every volunteer for all the extra effort they made today to make it such a special occasion for everyone. It was worth it all to see the lovely smile on Don's face.

Caroline Henderson

