



Hove Methodist Church  
**Sunday 3 May 2026**

## **Hove Methodist Church**

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Minister: Rev Andy Lowe

### **10.30 Holy Communion Service with Revd Cynthia Park**

Today's flowers are given by Mary Quainoo

Steward: Maggie Symes

Reader: Sandy Pomfrey

Music: Janet Bowles

AV: Stella Goddard

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



### **Prayers**

*O Christ, the Bright and Morning Star, when the night of this world is past  
bring us with your saints to your promised light and to that life which  
opens into everlasting day. Amen.*

**The Venerable Bede (c. 673—735)**

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

## **Week: 4 — 10 May 2026**

- Mon 4** 2.00 **No Monday Guild** Bank Holiday
- Tues 5** 12.00 **Lunch Club** in the hall
- Wed 6** 2.00 **Drop-in session** at Sofi's Coffee House
- Thurs 7** 10.30 **Midweek Communion**  
12.30 **Lunch Club** in the hall
- Fri 8** 10 - 11.30 **Chatty Café**  
1.30 **Polka Tots** Parent and toddler drop-in
- Sun 10** 10.30 **Local Arrangement** with Charlotte & Friends



### **Sunday Worship**

This Sunday 3 May, Revd Cynthia Park leads a Holy Communion Service from 10.30am. We are grateful for the support of our worship team - Maggie, Sandy, Janet and Stella. Later that evening at 6.30pm, Revd Andy Lowe will lead Thinking Aloud online; a space to continue reflecting and sharing together.

**HMC Office**

### **Circuit Events & Notices**

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](mailto: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.

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.

**Steve Preston**

## Monday Guild—27 April

Last Monday, our member Bill Pickup gave a talk entitled “Trains and Boats and Planes” to the group, reflecting on how various forms of transport have influenced his life from his earliest days to the present.

Bill’s interest in trains began very early in life. At around two years old, he famously went missing from home and was later found at the level crossing in Portslade, happily watching the trains go by. His fascination with trains was later interrupted when he became old enough to drive, developing a keen interest in cars and motor racing. He attended races at circuits such as Brands Hatch and Silverstone, including the British Grand Prix, and even travelled to Le Mans for the 24-hour endurance race two years running.

Boats also played a part in his story, from vehicle liners and canal boats to coastal shipping at Shoreham Harbour. Notably, he was involved in events marking the Queen’s Jubilee in 1977.

Alongside this, Bill maintained an interest in aviation; from flying boats at Cowes to the Comet 4 at Heathrow, and later Concorde. COVID and the subsequent lockdown brought an end to many of these activities, but his enthusiasm for all things transport still remain. He is a keen bus pass user.

**Rose Bateman**

## Moments for MacMillan

Our Moments for MacMillan fundraising show was a massive success, bringing people together for an evening of entertainment. Thanks to the incredible efforts of everyone involved and most importantly the support of our audience. We raised an amazing £1,500 for MacMillan Cancer Support, a cause close to our hearts. The energy, talent, and community spirit on display made the event unforgettable, and we’re so proud of what we achieved together. Thank you to everyone who came along and supported us. It means more than you can imagine. We couldn’t have done it without you!

We also can’t thank everyone at HMC enough for your support and for providing such a beautiful venue. It was an amazing event, and we would love to do it again.

**MFM Team**



## **Home Front Chatty, Messy Weekend at HMC!**

Another weekend full of love and joy in the HMC community. The Messy church families looked at God as our shepherd — how He leads us, brings peace, and provides for us. The concert on Saturday in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support put together by the students from the Performers college was a huge success (see separate article). Andy led us in worship on Sunday, chatty cafe style. It was a joy to welcome old and new friends. Moving conversations about why we go to church. Check out our website if you would like to know more about us... all are welcome at HMC.

**Rachel Richards**



## **Not Just A House Group— 5 May, 7.30pm**

A warm and friendly welcome awaits you at the next church house group meeting will on Tuesday 5 May, 7.30pm at the home of Rachel & Paul Richards, 47 Portland Avenue, Hove. All are welcome to come along, just rock up!

**Rachel Richards**

## **Notice of Bereavement—Bob Smart**

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Bob Smart, who died suddenly following a heart attack on Tuesday 28 April at 1.34pm. I saw him and Mary and daughter Lucy the day before, and doctors were beginning to mention in a roundabout way the thought of palliative care. Although he had recently been receiving treatment for pneumonia, I don't think they were thinking this quick or from a heart attack. It has been such a hard last month for them all and a sad ending. Bob was a devoted and longstanding member of our church. He will be deeply missed within our church community and beyond. We remember especially Mary, Lucy, and all the family at this time of loss, holding them in our thoughts and prayers. Funeral arrangements will be shared in due course.



**Revd Andy Lowe**