



Hove Methodist Church

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Minister: Rev Andy Lowe

## **Sunday 11 December**

### **4pm Carol Service** with Rev Andy Lowe

Flowers today are given by Wendy and Andy Crowhurst

Stewards: Elin Star and Ruth Samur

Musician: Paul Richards and Nick Goddard

AV desk: Ian Draper

### **6.30 Online service Thinking Aloud** with Rev Andy Lowe

Previous services are available on Youtube at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCm05631kHuZqUbYm2xVwUQ>



## **Prayer**

God of all grace,  
good beyond all that is good,  
fair beyond all that is fair  
and loving beyond all that is loving;  
grant us to be  
of one mind in our faith,  
of one hope in our calling,  
and of one heart in our loving;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen

Dionysius of Alexandria (c.200 - c265)

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

# Week ahead: 12 - 18 December

- Mon** 2.30 **Monday Guild** - Poetry with Mavis
- Tues** 12.00 **Lunch Club** buffet in the church
- Weds** 2.30 **Drop-in session at Georgies in George St**  
4.30 **Twilight Cookery Club** with Caroline
- Thurs** 10.30 **Midweek Communion** with Rev Andy Lowe  
12.30 **Lunch Club** in the hall
- Friday** 10.00 **Chatty Café** in the Sanctuary  
1.30pm **Polka Tots** Christmas Party
- Sunday** 10.30 **Carols and Communion** with Rev Andy Lowe



## Gift Service

Thank you for your continued generosity and giving. We received lots of presents and will be sorting through them and distributing them over the next couple of weeks. **Andy**



## Church Flowers

Thank you to everyone who has given flowers during the past year. The beautiful flowers are very much appreciated in church on Sunday mornings. They are very cheering as they are delivered to members who are not well. If you would like to contribute this year, the calendar for 2023 is available on the notice board in the church. Thank you to my colleagues Lucy and Jenny who have arranged the beautiful flowers.

If you would like more information, please speak to Pat Hill or email [pathill36@sky.com](mailto:pathill36@sky.com). **Pat Hill**

## New HMC Website

Get out the fizzy beverages - our new website is now live! It's at the same address as the old one: [hovemethodistchurch.co.uk](http://hovemethodistchurch.co.uk) Thanks to Louise, Jackie (and of course Impy) for gifting us with this work. Check it out! Constructive feedback welcome. **Andy**



## A Christmas Poem with the title - A Christmas Dream

Hassle, bustle,  
Parcel-tussle,  
Whopping shopping,  
Present swapping,  
Baking, caking,  
Mince-pie making,  
Posting, hosting,  
Turkey roasting,  
Greeting, treating,  
Over eating,  
Lunching, munching,  
Telly hunching,  
Drowsing, dozing,  
Eyelids closing...

Now the dreaming:  
Stars all gleaming,  
Angels singing,  
Gospel bringing,  
Baby crying,  
Manger lying,  
God descending,  
All befriending,  
Intervening –  
That's the meaning –  
Shepherds quaking,  
Sheep forsaking –  
For us, like them,  
The time for waking.

I was reminded of this poem by a Local Preacher from Yorkshire called Dr Arnold Kellet when at Chatty Café there was the hustle and bustle of wrapping presents which are to be given out on Christmas Day to those who come to our Christmas Day lunch. Many thanks to all those who helped us in this way. **Andy**



### **Christmas dates**

Sunday 11 Dec 4pm  
Friday 16 Dec 1.30  
Sat 17 Dec 4pm Carol  
Sunday 18 Dec 10.30  
Sat 24 Dec 11.30pm  
Sunday 25 Dec 10am  
Sunday 25 Dec 1pm

### **Apres-Christmas**

Sunday 5 Feb 12.00

### **Carol Service**

### **Polka Tots Christmas Party**

### **Singing round the tree**

### **Carols and Communion**

### **Online Communion Service**

### **Christmas Day Family service**

### **Christmas Day Lunch**

**Candlemas Lunch** after service

### **A Winter Warmer afternoon**

On Saturday 28 January 2023 'the cheer up molls' will be bringing their unique style to entertain us. Come and join us for warmth, fun, great music and refreshments and possibly a Mince Pie... Doors open at 2.30pm and the music begins at 3pm Suggested donation of £5 per person.

## Home front:

- **Janet** having got over her Covid has had a very bad fall which has required stiches on the bridge of her nose and then Peter legs gave way which has resulted in him being in hospital this week. With his usual humour he asked Janet if she was enjoying her holiday without him! We wish them both a speedy recovery.
- **Rose** has now been out and about and has appeared at Lunch Club, Midweek Communion and Chatty Café. She is still needing to take it easy as the wound has not healed fully yet but it is good to see her.
- **Jacqui** who is also greatly missed in her many roles here was in at lunch club this Tuesday with her sister-in-law Barbara and also appeared at Chatty Café this week. It is nice to see her when she feels up to it.
- Unfortunately **Elin** has been unwell this week but is beginning to feel as if she has got through the worst of it.
- **Simon** had a birthday last week and had a lot of cake not least one made by Sam of Nam Yang which was eaten at his party enjoyed by friends from our community with DJ Chris Love supplying the music for dancing.

