



Hove Methodist Church

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Minister: Rev Andy Lowe

## **Sunday 18 December**

**10.30 Carols and Communion** with Rev Andy Lowe

Flowers today are given by the Pessu family

Stewards: Maggie Symes and Heather Coldridge

Musician: Janet Bowles

AV desk: Jonathan Gravestock

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



### **Prayer**

Come, O Christ the Light, and lead us.  
Come, O Christ the Life, and revive us.  
Come, O Christ the Physician and heal us.  
Come, O Christ the Fire Divine,  
and kindle in our hearts the flame of your love.  
Amen.

Dimitril of Rostov (1651 - 1709)

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

## Week ahead: 19 -25 December

<b>Mon</b>	<b>2.30 Monday Guild -</b> Christmas Party and Geoff Harrington
<b>Tues</b>	<b>12.00 - 1.30pm CHOMP</b>
<b>Weds</b>	<b>2.30 Drop-in session at Georgies in George St</b>
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>10.30 Midweek Communion</b> with Rev Andy Lowe
<b>Friday</b>	<b>10.00 Chatty Café</b> in the Sanctuary
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>11.30pm</b> Online Christmas Eve Communion
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10.00 Christmas Day Celebration</b> <b>1pm Christmas Day lunch</b>



### 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**

### Worship stewards

Yes, we need a few more people to come and help prepare for service on Sunday mornings. It's fairly simple, moving chairs about, putting hymn numbers up on the board and welcoming people to the service. We are also planning to train people up on the AV desk in the New Year, so if you're interested, have a word with Andy or one of the Leadership Team.

### Christmas dates

<b>Sat 24 Dec</b>	10 - 12	Peeling veg and setting up Hall
<b>Sat 24th</b>	11.30pm	<b>Online Communion Service</b>
<b>Sunday 25 Dec</b>	10am	<b>Christmas Day Family service</b>
<b>Sunday 25 Dec</b>	1pm	<b>Christmas Day Lunch</b>

### Apres-Christmas

<b>Sat</b>	<b>28 Jan</b>	3pm	<b>'the cheer up mollys'</b> (see back page)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>5 Feb</b>	12.00	<b>Candlemas Lunch</b> after service

## Carols around the Tree

Come and join us on Saturday 17 December at 4pm as we sing Carols outside around the Christmas Tree. There will be Hot Dogs and Chestnuts roasting on an open BBQ and Tea and Coffee and some soft drinks. Unfortunately our Non-Alcoholic Mulled wine maker is unable to be there this year so if there is anyone who has a recipe and is willing to make and serve some please do let us know. We will be joined by people from all parts of our Community and look forward to a fun event. Please wrap up warm!!!!

## Christmas Day preparations - Help required

From 10 - 12 on Christmas Eve to prepare vegetables and set up the Upper Hall ready for our Christmas Day lunch. At the moment we have around 100 booked in for the meal.

## Events

We are getting ready for the Polka Tot party this afternoon. Thanks to all who are helping out and a big thanks to Lai for this amazing cake



And next Tuesday we have our CHOMP session for families who are struggling due to cost of living rises. Thanks to your amazing generosity at our gift service and the generosity of others who support our work, Rachel has been able to put together lovely gift packages for all the families we are expecting.

A massive thank you to Rachel for all she is doing over this period.



## Home front:

- Peter Bowles is hoping to be home soon after his stay in hospital. They just need to make sure he can manage the stairs.
- Elin is still struggling with the lurgy
- Rose has been spotted without a plastic bag on her foot and wearing crocs so some progress being made there.

The lunch clubs are now having their winter break. The Christmas parties were just what you'd expect, lovely food, lovely friendships and great fun. Thanks to all at Food and Friendship and all it's volunteers.

## A Winter Warmer afternoon

On Saturday 28 January 2023 **'the cheer up mollys'** 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 in aid of Flourish Mentors, a charity run by Jacqui's daughter, Deborah, to help young women to grow and thrive.

**Winter Warmer**  
**Saturday 28th January, 3pm**

Join us for a cosy afternoon of tea, cake, and feel-good folk, acoustic, and Americana music with local band **The Cheer Up Mollys**. Everyone welcome.

Suggested donation £5 – raising funds for **Flourish Mentors** – mentoring every young woman to grow and thrive

**the cheer up mollys**

"An infectious blend of wonderful melody, harmony, musicianship, humour and above all, great entertainment."  
*Bluebell Roots*

Doors open 2.30pm  
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## 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**

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