



Hove Methodist Church

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Minister: Rev Andy Lowe

Sunday 29 January

10.30 Circuit Together Service at Woodingdean Methodist Church
Led by Rev Andy Lowe, Rev Deborah Cornish, and Rev Dan Woodhouse

No service at Hove church this Sunday

Previous services are available on Youtube at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCm05631kHuZgUbYm2xVwUQ>



Prayers

Be a bright flame before us, O God,
a guiding star above us, a smooth
path below us and a loving shepherd
behind us, each day and each night,
now and for ever.

Amen.

Columba of Iona (521 - 597)



Be to us, O God, the goal of all our loving, the aim of all our hoping
and the end of all our striving.

Let our thinking and speaking flow from you.

May our daily life be centred in you and every breath we take be at
one with you; all for Jesu's sake. Amen.

John Cassian (c.360-435)

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

Week ahead: 30 Jan - 5 Feb

Mon 30	2.30 Monday Guild in the Hall with Wynn Funnell
Tues 31	Lunch Club in the Hall
Weds 1	2.30 Drop-in session at Georgies in George St
Thurs 2	10.30 Midweek Communion with Rev Andy Lowe 12.30 Lunch Club in the Hall
Friday 3	10.00 Chatty Café in the Sanctuary 1.30 Polka Tots in the Hall
Saturday 4	3.00 Winter Warmer Concert tea in the Church
Sunday 5	10.30 Sunday Service with Rev Andy Lowe 12.00 Candlemas Lunch in the hall



Candlemas Lunch 5 Feb

Candlemas, also known as the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus Christ. It's a holiday commemorating the presentation of Jesus at the Temple, referring to him as the light of the people of Israel. In common with other Christian holidays in the British Isles, it was preceded by a pagan celebration marking the point between the winter solstice and the spring equinox, as the day of St Brigid, and the very beginning of Spring. We'll be celebrating with lunch in the hall on Sunday 5 Feb. Everyone is welcome, both at the lunch and at our worship service beforehand which will be upstairs in the church sanctuary. Offers of assistance in kitchen on Saturday afternoon or to help set up and serve on Sunday very welcome.



Elin

Happy New Year

Happy New Year to all, especially our Chinese members and friends! Rabbit is fourth in the 12-year cycle of the Chinese zodiac signs. This year is the year of Rabbit, **predicted to be the year of hope and good luck** – starting from January 22, 2023 and ending on February 9, 2024. In Chinese culture, rabbit is the symbol of longevity, peace and prosperity.



HMC Office

HMC Warm Space crowdfunder

Hove Methodist Church is a place where all are welcome and we work with our community to make this happen. We host groups for low income families, older people, LGBTQ+ people, addiction problems and provide affordable space for other groups and charities seeking to improve the lives of people in our community.



Our warm spaces project is for anyone from our local community. Especially people who are struggling with the cost of living crisis or are also lonely and want a friendly face to chat with over a cup of tea. We're crowdfunding because our heating bill has increased by four times as much as we were paying last year. We know so many people also facing difficult decisions about how to prioritise their spending. We want to create a warm and friendly place for everyone.

The money we will raise will be used to open more of our building as a warm space to more people on more days of the week. This will support our work with lunch clubs, our Chomp Club for low income families, our Chatty Cafe, providing hot food, tea and coffee for the local community and of course a warm place to be.

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/hove-methodist-church---warm-spaces?fbclid=IwAR3i4vHqDnLtyKfa1ualdDBOvtoWFmAmnD6pMPFV0EmeNrQ0VQ3VTcJ1lrE>

Paul Richards

DG Table top sale 4 Feb

Our sister church at Dorset Gardens (off St James St) is having a table top sale and coffee morning to raise funds for the Circuit Refugee project. If you would like a table (£5) to sell at the event, contact Sue or Deeptima. **HMC Office**

Warm clothing

Thanks to you all we have a fine collection of warm clothing to suit all sizes stashed up in the church gallery. Rachel has just sorted them out and says we don't need any more donations at present. Last week she was able to take a street guy up there to pick out some warm gear – he turned up again on Friday for Chatty Café looking really smart. In fact he just came by today (Tuesday) on his way to a job interview. He has been allocated a studio flat and members of our Thursday Communion group have been helping him with bedding, a heater, a microwave and other bits and bobs. Warm outerwear has also been popular with families in need from the CHOMP and Polka Tots, and on Rachel's list. Many thanks to everyone for sharing, for reaching out and being a channel of God's love.

Andy

Home front:

- **Peter Bowles** - during his stay in a physio rehabilitation unit in Newhaven, Peter is finding time hanging rather heavy despite Janet visiting every day. He would welcome phone calls from old friends and new on his mobile: 07802 612007
- **Michael Hill** (our poster boy for Warm Space) is managing to get out and about, though the myasthenia gravis is very tiring, He and Pat were at lunchclub this Tuesday.

HMC events

Forthcoming dates for your diary:

Friday 24 Feb 3.30 Messy Church

Friday 24 Feb 6.30pm Vigil for the Ukraine

Saturday 18 March 9.30 - 11.00 Community Breakfast

Saturday 1 July Street Party - all hands on deck!

Saturday 13 May 2.30 Coronation Celebration w Martlets choir

Also Aneesa, who leads the Martlets Choir and has sung at many events here, including the Carols round the tree, will be here with her own band for a Valentine's jazz cabaret and tea from 5- 7pm on Sat 11 Feb, see poster below. There are a number of concessionary tickets at £10 available from the church office. **Elin**



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Candlemas Lunch Sunday 5 Feb

Celebrating the beginning of
Spring

Doors open at 12.00, or join us
for Sunday worship at 10.30

Rev Andy is leading worship,
Bob and Elin are cooking,
all are welcome

**VALENTINE'S
CABARET WITH
ANEESA CHAUDHRY**

SAT 11 FEB, 5-7PM

SONGS OF LOVE AND
LAUGHTER - JAZZ, BIG BAND,
POP, CLASSICAL & MUSICALS

£15

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