



Hove Methodist Church

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Minister: Rev Andy Lowe

## **Sunday 12 February**

**10.30 Communion Service** with Rev Andy Lowe **down in the hall**

Stewards: Donald Reid and Jane Marsh

Musician: Andy, Hymntech, and Marshall

Reader: Sandy Pomfrey

AV: Ian Draper

Flowers today are given by Ken and Joan Hopkins

**10.30 Sunday service online** with Sue Jacobs

**6.30pm Thinking Aloud online** with Rev Andy Lowe

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



## **Prayer**

O God, to turn from you is to fall, to turn to you is to rise, and to stand in you is to abide for ever.

Grant us in all our perplexities your guidance, in all our dangers your protection, and in all our sorrows your peace.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

*Augustine of Hippo (354 - 430)*

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

## Week ahead: 13 - 19 February

<b>Mon 13</b>	<b>2.30 Monday Guild</b> in the Hall with Ken Smith
<b>Tues 14</b>	<b>CHOMP holiday session</b>
<b>Weds 15</b>	<b>2.30 Drop-in session at Georgies in George St</b>
<b>Thurs 16</b>	<b>10.30 Midweek Communion</b> with Rev Andy Lowe
<b>Friday 17</b>	<b>10.00 Chatty Café</b> in the Sanctuary <b>1.30 Polka Tots</b> in the Hall
<b>Sunday 19</b>	<b>10.30 Local Arrangement service</b> with Charlotte Gravestock and Stella Goddard

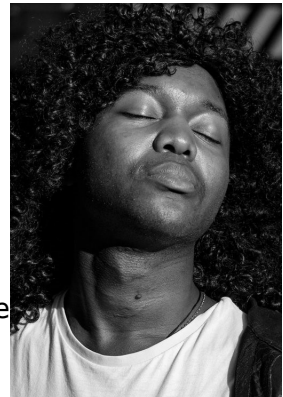


### Racial Justice Sunday 12 Feb

This Sunday we will reflect on the theme of racial justice. Andy and JJ welcome Marshall Mandiangu to join us for this one.

Marshall is a 2x award-nominated music artist, accomplished actor with two sold-out shows, a freestyle model and an astrologer. A 25-year-old born and bred in West London, now living in Brighton; his sense of life and art is based on the stars, community and living in the unapologetic truth of his existence. His latest compilation following the critically-acclaimed "Unapologetically Black" speaks about the black experience: joy, heartbreak, grief, mental health and topics of the taboo given the light of day. Here is 'Pray for Me' from his Unapologetically Black 2:

<https://marshallmandiangu.bandcamp.com/track/pray-for-me>



**But let justice roll down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream.'** Amos 5:24'

Structural racism is when things like government policies, the education system and working culture continue to create inequalities in society based on a person's ethnic background. This is still true in the UK whether you look at stop and search figures, housing statistics, exclusions from education, health outcomes, or prison statistics. From the parents of Chris Kaba, still waiting to find out why their son was shot dead while sitting unarmed in his car, to leading clinicians writing in the BMJ on health outcomes, to the Windrush generation, people know it's going on. Rev Conrad Hicks, husband of our previous President of Conference, Rev Sonia Hicks, had plenty of eye-opening stories to share in a recent seminar online..

Regrettably, many others are still in denial, or actively pushing the narrative that it's all sorted out now (see the infamous Sewell report published by the Government in March 2021).

**'Learn to do right; seek justice.**

**Defend the oppressed.'** Isaiah 1:17

Partly in response to the Sewell report, Forum for Racial Justice is launching on Weds 15 Feb. It seeks to speak

prophetically on behalf of Black and Brown Christians to the government on racial injustice challenges and reparations, and includes representatives from the Methodist Church among others.

**Andy, JJ, Elin**



### **Warm Space**

We have got till 6.30pm on 14 Feb to hit our crowdfunding target - we're hoping to raise the full £5,000 which will



enable us to share a warm and friendly space with an increasing number of people. We're up to £3,800, so just need another £600 to be matchfunded to meet our target! If you feel you can (with so much else going on), our giving page is here: [https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/hove-methodist-church---warm-spaces?](https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/hove-methodist-church---warm-spaces?fbclid=IwAR3i4vHqDnLtyKfa1ualdDBOvtoWFmAmnD6pMPFV0EmeNrQ0VQ3VTcJ1IrE)

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**Rachel Richards**

### **Interfaith meeting**

The next IFCG Friendship Hour will be held on Thursday 16 February 7 - 8pm at Brighton & Hove Progressive Synagogue, 6 Lansdowne Road, Hove, when Rabbi Gabriel Kanter-Webber will introduce the topic: "How can ancient religious traditions serve us in our world today?" HMC friends very welcome to attend.

Also, the Interfaith vigil for the Ukraine on Friday 24 February, marking a year of war will run from 7-8pm, not 6.30 as I said originally. Thanks and love, **Charlotte Gravestock**

### **Sunday teas and coffees**

Coffee and Tea rota for Sundays is now on the wall in the downstairs kitchen. If you would like to help brew, serve or wash up, please put your name on the list next to a date. Many thanks

**Barry Wilson and Pam Lupi**

### Home front:

- **Peter Bowles** has returned home after his lengthy stay in the rehabilitation unit in Newhaven. Having endured much physiotherapy and with a new stairlift in place, he is settling in well.
- **Chris Enright** - Chris has been unwell for a long while, and was in hospital this week to have a kidney removed. We pray for his speedy recovery and complete return to good health
- **Jacqui Edwards** and Tim have moved into her new flat near to her daughter by Hove seafront. Rachel and Caroline visited her on Monday.

### A Big Thank You

To everyone who has volunteered to come on the Sunday Worship rota; donated money, lent a hand with holiday CHOMP sessions, admin, teas, vegetable peeling, crafting, cooking, tip runs and warm café hosting. It's brilliant, and expands the community and mission for all of us.



### Easter Services and HMC events

**Ash Weds 22 Feb** 7.30pm Evening Service at Dorset Gardens  
with Rev Deborah Cornish

**Friday 24 Feb** 3.30 **Messy Church**

**Friday 24 Feb** 6.30pm **Vigil for the Ukraine**

**Saturday 18 March** 9.30 **Community Breakfast**

**Maundy Thurs 6 April** 7.30pm Evening Communion with Rev  
Andy Lowe

**Good Friday 7 April** 10.30am Morning Service with Sue Jacobs

**Easter Sunday 9 April** 06.00am **Sunrise Communion**  
on Hove Beach with Rev Andy Lowe

**Easter Sunday 9 April** 10.30am **Easter Communion** with  
Rev Kathleen Richardson

**Saturday 13 May** 2.30 **Coronation Celebration Tea Concert**

**Sunday 28 May** 08.00am **Pentecost Communion** at  
Ditchling Beacon