



Hove Methodist Church

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Minister: Rev Andy Lowe

Sunday 19 February

**10.30 Local Arrangement Service with Charlotte Gravestock
and Stella Goddard** down in the hall

Stewards: Maggie and Elin

Musician: Janet

Reader: JJ, David, Jonathan, Heather, Trevor and Elin

Flowers today are given by the Pessu family

10.30 Sunday service online streamed from Patcham Church

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



Prayer

Come, O Christ the Light, and illumine our darkness.

Come, O Christ the Life, and raise us from death.

Come, O Fire of Love, consume our sins and kindle within us the
flame of your love.

Amen.

Dmitri of Rostov (1651 - 1709)

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

Week ahead: 20 - 26 February

Mon 20	2.30 Monday Guild in the Hall with Clare
Tues 21	12.00 Lunch Club in the hall 2.30
Weds 15	2.30 Drop-in session at Georgies in George St
Thurs 16	10.30 Midweek Communion with Rev Andy Lowe 12.30 Lunch Club in the hall
Friday 17	10.00 Chatty Café in the Sanctuary 1.30 Polka Tots in the Hall
Sunday 19	10.30 Sunday Worship with Sue Jacobs



This Sunday we will have what the Methodist Church call a 'Local Arrangement, which means a service led by members of the congregation. This Sunday we have Charlotte and Stella with a cast of readers leading us in a reflective service of readings, music and some discussion.

Racial Justice Sunday Last week we were lucky enough to have JJ speaking on racial issues and sharing with us how he feels as the father of an eleven-year-old girl at the news of a racial attack on a black schoolgirl outside a school in Ashford, Surrey, Most of us were unaware it had even happened; the



images were shocking. And Marshall Mandiangu, who not only sang to us a song of his ancestors, as well as one of his own compositions, but very movingly blessed our church in prayer. He and JJ also emphasised the need to stand up to racism out in the world. Church is a place where we can share the love, and re-fuel, but we also need to get out there and speak up for justice, particularly as a largely white congregation.

Andy

Supporting Refugees in our Circuit of Sanctuary

Andy & everyone in the Circuit Project team are delighted to let you know all 5 churches in our Circuit have been successful in their applications to become Churches of Sanctuary. We have therefore become a Circuit of Sanctuary. Thank you to all congregations for your contributions and commitment to the project.



Circuit Service 12 March

We are holding a Circuit Together Service at Dorset Gardens on Sunday 12th March at 10.30. Rev Dr Inderjit Bhogal OBE will be presenting Sanctuary Awards to the five churches at this service, in the presence of the Mayor and local MPs. All are welcome. If you can join us for lunch afterwards, please advise Deeptima or Sue (see invitation sent out with this newsnotes for Deeptima/Sue's contact details). Alternatively, you can sign up for the lunch and/or lifts via a sign-up sheet which Ruth will bring to Hove this Sunday.

The Sanctuary awards are a confirmation that our work which has just begun is on track and we need to keep on keeping on! The panel were very impressed with the work being done and conveyed their thanks.

Sue Harrington and Ruth have signed up for a Sanctuary.org webinar on Feb 22nd about how can groups/organisations ensure people with lived experience of seeking sanctuary are at the heart of what we do. We will feedback from the webinar, or do let me know if you want more details.

Thank you **Ruth Samur**



Following last Sunday's collection, we were able to donate £200 to the disaster appeal. Then we added an additional contribution to the Earthquake fund from Chatty Café, taking it up to £80. Once gift aid is added, they will receive £350 in total.



As they say, every little helps. We got this message from DEC: 'Thank you for gift aiding your generous donation. We'll report back on how your donation was spent on our website after the first six months of the appeal. You can also keep updated on social media by following us on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram.'

Donald Reid

Home front:

- **Chris Enright** - Chris is recovering after his surgery and was able to join us for Thinking Allowed online last Sunday
- **JJ** had an operation to remove a cataract on Monday, and thanks everyone for their thoughts and prayers, he will be having the same op on the right eye shortly.
- **Bob and Fraser** - Bob is currently cycling to Paris with his grandson Fraser. We all wish them both a wonderful trip, if you would like to sponsor him (in aid of the Circuit Refugee Project) and haven't already, contact the office.



Many Happy Returns in February

to: Stewart Garson, Lily Baiden-Amisshah
Efro Draper, Mariko Beasley-Murray, Sue
Jacobs, Steve Preston, Kathleen
Richardson, Pam Honeywood & Pam Lupi

Wishing you all every happiness in 2023

A Massive Thank You



To Aneesa Chaudry, who raised £100 for the Church with a raffle at her very successful Valentines jazz cabaret last Saturday.

And to the flower angels, who every week go and buy flowers for the Sunday service, arrange them beautifully for us, then help to bunch them up and distribute them to church friends. Andy has just taken a bunch of these lilies over to JJ. Pat, Jenny and Lucy were at CHOMP today running a flower table - more about that mayhem next week. **Elin**

