



Hove Methodist Church

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Minister: Rev Andy Lowe

Sunday 19 March

10.30 Mothering Sunday service led by Sue Jacobs

Steward: Donald Reid

Readers: Trevor & Heather Coldridge

Music: Paul Richards

AV: Mark Gregory

Flowers today are given by the Pessu Family

10.30 Online - service with Rev Dan Woodhouse streamed from Patcham church

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



Prayer

You alone, O God, are infinite in love.
You alone can speak to our condition.
You alone can search the mind and purify the heart.
You alone can flow over our darkness with the
ocean of eternal light.

George Fox. (1624-1691)

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

Week ahead: 20 - 26 March 2023

- Mon** 2.30 **Monday Guild** with Rose Bateman
- Tues** 12.00 **Lunch Club**
- Weds** 2.30 **Drop-in session at Georgies in George St**
- Thurs** 10.30 **Lent Group and Midweek Communion** with Rev
Andy Lowe
- 12.30 **Lunch club**
- Friday** 10.00 **Chatty Café** drop in café
- Sunday** 10.30 **Sunday Service** with Beulah Fletcher



Mothering Sunday

Mothering Sunday is a day to honor both your mother church and your own mother. In the past, young people working away from home visited their mothers and the churches where they were baptized on Mothering Sunday. Sue will be leading worship, with son Woody taking the helm of our AV white-knuckle ride/desk.

Circuit of Sanctuary

Recently there have been protests about the incendiary language used by our government about refugees and migrants. The new 'Stop the Boats' bill is the latest initiative to push back against people crossing the channel to get here for asylum or economic security.

Analysts using Home Office data in 2021 showed a majority of applications for asylum made by people who arrived in the UK by boat were granted, but this new bill would deny them the right to have their cases even considered. Church leaders including our President of Conference have condemned it as un-Christian, and the UN refugee agency UNHCR said that if passed, it will amount to an



"asylum ban", making it a "clear breach of the Refugee Convention." Gary Lineker got suspended for tweeting about it. Meanwhile, far-right groups are weaponizing government language with misinformation to incite intimidation and violent protest against migrants already in the UK, as we saw a few weeks ago outside a hotel housing refugees in Knowsley, Merseyside.

Last Sunday we celebrated our new status as a Circuit of Sanctuary with a service of all five B&H Methodist churches. Rev Inderjit Bhogal, founder of the original 'City of Sanctuary' movement, came to award the certificates; loads of people came including the Mayor:



Clockwise: Ruth accepts the certificate for HMC; Rev Inderjit Bhogal; Sue and Deeptima from DG, organisers; Gary Lineker message; Mayor Lizzie Dean; Rachel & Ruth at the stall modelling love scarves (only£5!)



Home front:

- Joy Hole last week had to go in to Haywards Heath for an op following a routine mammogram. Her son accompanied her, and she is at home convalescing with her daughter Nicky. We have her in our prayers.



Dates for your diary: Polka Tots 30 years party on Fri 31 March; Favourite hymns at Dorset Gardens on Saturday 15 April. Details in next week's Newsnotes.

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Mariners fans

Brighton are playing Grimsby this Saturday, and Michael and Rachel are channelling their Grimsby roots. The Grimsby Telegraph printed this photo of



Michael Hill, 87, has been supporting the Mariners since the 1940s and now lives in Brighton. (image: Grimsby Telegraph)



Michael and an interview with this longtime Mariners fan living in Brighton. Apparently inflatable fish are essential kit for Mariners' fans. Others of the Hill clan support Brighton, so there'll be celebrations whichever side wins.

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