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Minister: Rev Andy Lowe

Palm Sunday 2 April

10.30 Palm Sunday Service led by Rev Andy Lowe

Steward: Charlotte Gravestock

Readers: Sue Noak

Music: Paul Richards

AV: Jonathan Gravestock

Flowers today are given by Rose Bateman

10.30 Sunday Service Online with Rev Dan Woodhouse

Previous services are available on Youtube at:[https://
www.youtube.com/channel/UCCm05631kHuZqUbYm2xVwUQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCm05631kHuZqUbYm2xVwUQ)



Prayer

Blessed be your name, O God, for the glory of this hour and the holiness of this day.

Today may we drink from the cup of your salvation, rejoice in the company of your saints and offer you the sacrifice of eternal praise

Amen

Polycarp of Smyrna (c. 156)

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

Holy Week 2 - 9 April 2023

Mon 3	2.30 Monday Guild : Music with Mary & Andrew
Thurs 6	10.30 Midweek Communion with Rev Andy Lowe 7.30 Maundy Thursday service with Rev Andy Lowe
Friday 7	10.0 Good Friday Service with Sue Jacobs
Sunday	10.30 Easter Sunday Service with Rev Kathleen Richardson

Holy Week

Our Palm Sunday service, remembering Jesus's triumphal entry into Jerusalem, is the beginning of Holy Week, experienced by Christians around the world. Andy Lowe will be leading us in worship and celebration.

On 6 April there will be a Maundy Thursday Tenebrae service here at 7.30pm. This service marks the Last supper and Jesus' suffering in the Garden of Gethsemane as we move toward the ordeal of the Crucifixion.

At the Good Friday service here at 10.30 on Friday 7 April we will reflect on the trial and crucifixion of Jesus, and the apparent extinction of his message and spirit along with his life; the other side of the Christmas story.

After the service, the traditional church Ramble will set off - details from Rachel or Paul. **Andy**

Ghana LGBTQ+ fundraiser

Christina and Team Queen are holding a fundraiser here on Saturday to support the **LGBTQ+ Ghana Safe Space Community Center**. In 2021, as part of the growing clampdown on gay rights, LGBTQ+ Rights Ghana's safe space centre was raided and shut down. The group are raising money to build their own community centre, and fund support networks. More details on the funding page here:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/lgbt-rights-ghana-community-support-fund>.

We'll be sharing cakes from Team Queen after Sunday service and adding our donations to this cause.



COMMUNITY CULTURE AND IDENTITY



Discover how faith and spiritual communities in our City support migrants and refugees – and join us for a multi-faith discussion with inspired members of our faith communities.

Enjoy a delicious tea prepared by visitors to our City and the Interfaith Contact Group team at **The Friends' Meeting House**. You are warmly welcome to this friendly meeting, which includes our AGM.

Sunday April 16th 2023, 2.30 to 5pm

Interfaith Group 16 April

'Community, Culture and Identity' is the theme of the Interfaith Contact Group's AGM and teaparty on Sunday 16 April from 2.30pm at the Friends' Meeting House in Ship Street, central Brighton. You don't have to be a member of the IFCG to attend, all are very welcome. In planning this year's AGM the IFCG wanted to give space for faith and spiritual communities to share 'why' and 'how' they support migrants and refugees. This will give those of us who live in our City an opportunity to hear and learn about the support that

various faith communities are providing, and build up a larger understanding, and appreciation for the community we are all a part of. Ruth and Charlotte will be on the panel and will do their best to answer questions about the Methodist response to sanctuary seekers accurately and briefly. Come along and see if they manage it!

Charlotte Gravestock

Coronation Celebration 13May

We recently got a letter from the Martlets Fundraising team thanking the church for supporting them with a donation from the Christmas. We will be having another joint tea party— this time to celebrate the coronation of King Charles. It's the Saturday 13 May, so put the date in your diaries to finish up your coronation week's activities. Lots of old favourites from the Martlets choir, and a cream tea from Rachel and the gang. **Rachel Richards**

Community breakfast

The Community breakfast was very well attended, to the point where we may need a few more volunteers to help out Rachel, Maggie and the crew at the next one. Thanks to everyone who made it such a success.

Good Friday Prayer Day

Stanford Avenue are holding a Day of Prayer at the church from 10.30 - 4pm. Everyone is welcome to drop in and join them at prayer. Andy will be leading a service there from 10.30 - 11.15.

Andy Lowe

Home front:

- Lou is under doctor's orders to rest up having overdone things and ended up with tonsillitis, chest infection and conjunctivitis. We are thinking of her and Jackie, also recently convalescent.
- Pam Honeywood was taken into hospital after Clare phoned paramedics at the weekend. They suspect an underlying infection and are moving her to a convalescent unit for a while. Holding her in prayer.
- We also think of Jacqui, ever cheerful but growing weaker and about to get the results of another MRI scan, surrounded by the love of friends, community and family and still a pillar of Lunch Club on a Tuesday. She says it keeps her going. As well she might:



From top right: Jacqui; spuds prep; Vera, Zoe & Sam posing; Steve bringing treats from Argentina; clean-up crew dancing.

