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Minister: Rev Andy Lowe

Easter Sunday 9 April

6.00 Easter Dawn Service on the beach Rev Andy Lowe

10.30 Easter Sunday Service with Rev Kathleen Richardson

Steward: Maggie Symes
Readers: Ken Hopkins, Elin Star
Music: Janet Bowles, Paul Richards
AV: MarkGregory
Communion: Sandy Pomfrey

Flowers today are given by the Pessu Family

6.30pm Thinking Aloud online discussion



Prayer

Yesterday we were crucified with Christ; today we are glorified with him.

Yesterday we were dead with Christ; today we are sharing in his resurrection.

Yesterday we were buried with him; today we are waking with him from the sleep of death.

Amen.

Gregory of Nazianzus (329-389)

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

Week 10 - 16 April 2023

Mon 10 Easter Bank Holiday

Tues 11 9.00 **First Aid training** in the hall

Thurs 12 10.30 **Midweek Communion** with Rev Andy Lowe

Friday 13 10.00 **informal make-you-own café session**

Sunday 16 10.30 **Sunday Worship** with Cynthia Tudor

3.00 **Easter Offering Service** at Patcham with Rev
Deborah Cornish



Easter Sunday

We start celebrating Easter at sunrise (6am) with Rev Andy Lowe on the beach by the King Alfred centre. Then with Rev Kathleen Richardson in the church at 10.30. As the sun moves round the globe, we are part of the wave of Christians worldwide celebrating our Risen Lord.

The theme for Thinking Aloud, our online discussion group at 6.30pm will be Resurrection.

Andy

Easter Offering Service

Next Sunday at 3pm Deborah Cornish will be leading a Circuit Offering service at Patcham church. The service will include the dedication of the Easter Offering, all of which goes to the World Mission Fund of the Methodist Church in Britain, supporting and working with over 100 Partner Churches and organisations around the world.

Steve Preston



Dorset Gardens Big Sing

If you love singing our traditional hymns, this event is for you. Deeptima and Kushmar are once again holding a Big Sing session at Dorset Gardens Church on Saturday 15 April. Ken will be playing, and everyone is invited to submit a favourite hymn to Deeptima to add to the playlist. Everyone is very welcome to join us, and nominate a favourite hymn.

Deeptima Massey

OneBodyOneFaith, a grassroots support group for LGBTQ+ will be hosting a Memorial Service 2.30pm on Sunday 23rd April, at Hinde Street Methodist Church, London, to commemorate and remember members of the LGBT+ community who have lost their lives to suicide and experienced harm, following exclusion from Christian communities. Please let us know if you can come by registering on Eventbrite here: <https://tinyurl.com/obof-service>.

Deborah Cornish

Polka Tots is 30 Years Old!

Michael Hill

It is hard to believe it is ten years ago since former leaders, Muriel and Pam cut the cake as they joined in our 20th anniversary celebration.

The first meeting of the parents and toddlers group took place on Friday 5 March 1993. Fifty-eight attended that inaugural event. Polka Tots was born through an initiative by Liz Machan one of the church young mums. The Church Council agreed to support the project and they sought funding from various sources.

It was like the launch of a company. The first subscribers were:

Rev Colin A Smith	£30
Hove Methodist Church	£50
Alliance & Leicester Building Society	£50
American Express	£50
The Body Shop	£200
Patcham Methodist Church	£15

The group has gone from strength to strength over the years. Along with the "Company" analogy huge dividends would have been paid and those original subscribers would now be rich beyond compare! Many of our own church families have enjoyed Polka Tots until the children reached school age. We endeavor to maintain contact with all families at this stage of their lives.

The group has been run by dedicated teams. The teams have changed over the years and have included Muriel Miller, Pam Lupi, Rose Bateman, Douglas Williams, Barry Wilson, Elizabeth Wilson, Vera Miles and many others. **Polka Tots** is now run by Rachel with another team of volunteers. We mix and make friends with

our visitors and lasting friendships have been made. A listening ear is always ready in this important work. We always look forward to the time when some of our previous participants will bring their own children to join Polka Tots. It is a valuable outreach and community service, and we pray that it may continue for many years to come.



Home front:

- Lou's father has just been diagnosed with a stomach tumour, while she is still recovering from being completely run down.
- Jacqui on Monday went into a neurological ward - she has a bleed on the brain which needs an operation to clear.
- Pam Honeywood is currently in the Craven Vale resource centre up the road from the Royal Sussex. She is still having falls, and if she comes home will not be able to keep Buster, her dog.
- Clare is worried about Pam, but also has Paul in ill-health, and hospital appointments of her own coming up.

Stanford Avenue Beetle Drive

I have always wondered what a Beetle Drive is, having encountered the term in 30s detective fiction. It's basically an afternoon of gaming and swopping tables, it sounds great fun. To book your place at a Beetle table on Saturday 15 April 2-4pm, call Liz on 01273 430506.

Ghana LGBTQ+ fundraiser

Team Queen cakes were duly shared after Sunday service and just over £30 in donations passed back to Christina. **Elin**

More photos:

