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Minister: Rev Andy Lowe

Sunday 28 May

10.30 Pentecost Service with Charlotte Gravestock and Stella
Goddard

Participating Trevor and Heather Coldridge, Paul Richards,
Jonathan Gravestock, Deborah Mantuano,
Nick Goddard, Elin Star

Flowers today are given by Stella and Nick Goddard

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



Prayer

God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in my eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at mine end, and at my departing.

Amen

Book of Hours (1514)

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

Week 29 May - 4 June 2023

- Mon 29** 2.30 **Monday Guild** meeting at Scotties café.
- Tues 30** 11.00 **CHOMP** lunch and activities
- Weds 31** 10.30 **History of Christianity** in the Narthex
2.30 **Drop-in session** at Georgies in George St
- Thurs 1** 10.30 **Midweek Communion** with Rev Andy Lowe
- Friday 2** 10.00 **Chatty Café**
2.00 **Jacqui Edwards memorial service**
- Saturday** 9.30 **Community breakfast**
- Sunday 4** 10.30 **Holy Communion service** with Rev Andy Lowe



Pentecost

The theme for our service today is 'Pentecost - Let the Spirit flow'. Initially, the shocking violence at the Al Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem when Ramadan, Passover and Easter all came together this year led us to look at the story of Mohammed's Night Journey. Then the Coronation made us think too; although it was an Anglican ceremony, other denominations were involved, and King Charles went out of his way to acknowledge and thank them and representatives of other faiths before he left Westminster Abbey. The Chief Rabbi said "Your Majesty, as neighbours in faith, we acknowledge the value of selfless service. We unite with people of all faiths and beliefs in thanksgiving, and in service with you for the common good." This Pentecost we conclude that the Holy Spirit is unstoppable. It transcends boundaries of time, place, culture and religion.



Local Arrangement team

Tanya Beck news

Tanya, who used to worship here with us has invited her old friends to Emmanuel Church on the Green in Eastbourne for Gabriel's confirmation service at 10.30 on Sunday 4 June, followed by lunch at a local restaurant. If you would like to go, please contact Rachel as Tanya needs to know numbers. **Rachel**

Circuit Refugee Project Update

Across the Circuit, we are busy planning more fundraising events and also our Refugee Sunday services on 25 June.

Ruth has new stock of the fundraising notecards for sale, (£1 each or 6 for £5 cash please on sale after Sunday service). The art work was designed by local international women (pictured), at the Network for International Women (NiW) Art Class. NiW is the local refugee charity Ruth liaises with most. She has witnessed the amazing work they do with sanctuary seeking people staying in local hotels, at the Sanctuary Afternoon at All Saints, the Art Class and also a Mindfulness Class out in open nature in Stanmer Park.



Ruth accepts donations of toiletries at any time and plans a special call for toiletry donations on Refugee Sunday (June 25th).

Local refugee charities use Emmaus, as well as other local initiatives, to help refugees set up home once their asylum has been granted. Emmaus Brighton & Hove have a great list on their website of items they DO want donating and a 'No Thanks' list of stuff they are not taking at the moment.

Local charities, both Voices in Exile and Conversation-across-Borders are appealing for volunteers. Go to their websites or ask Ruth if you would like more detail of the kind of voluntary work involved.

For example, Voices in Exile have specialist case workers for the complex case work, but they need volunteers for helping people with more straightforward forms such as applying to the council for furniture needed. Apparently a bed is not deemed an essential item and has to be applied for!

Ruth Samur

Immigration bill - second reading

This bill just passed its second reading in the House of Lords. The bill is not popular with refugee and church groups. The Methodist Church has stated "We are appalled by the proposals in the government's 'Illegal Migration Bill' to detain, punish and reject thousands of people seeking safety. They are completely incompatible with our Christian conviction that all human beings are made in the image of God, and are therefore inherently worthy of treatment which honours their dignity... If ever there was a contemporary example of ignoring our neighbour and walking by on the other side, this is it." And so we are a church of Sanctuary, doing what we can to support people affected by this punitive legislation.

News from the church

This is an open invitation to any who wish to join friends and



Please join us in
a celebration of
the life of
Jacqueline
Edwards

On Friday 2nd
June from 2.30pm
at
Hove Methodist
Church, Portland
Road,
Hove, BN3 5DR
(01273)324600

family of the wonderful Jacqui Edwards in a service of remembrance and celebration led by Rev Andy Lowe. Dress code is informal and no black please. There will be refreshments in the hall after the service.

No flowers please but donations to Jacqui's treasured Food and Friendship will be greatly appreciated which you may do by following this link: <https://www.givey.com/foodandfriendship>.

Barbara and family

Impromptu cleaning party

We also extend an invite to anyone who would like to come by at 10 next Thursday to help clean the dusty and flaky paint in the church for the service the following day. Bring duster, polish whatever to help xx.

Rachel Richards

New Councillor

Leslie Pumm, shown here with Maggie at our Coronation Celebration, is our new Labour and Co-operative Councillor for Westbourne & Poets' Corner Ward. He says "Congratulations again on your lovely coronation event. It was great that so many people took part and I enjoyed every minute. The Community Breakfast is already in my diary."

