

Hove Methodist Church Portland Road Hove BN3 5DR Tel: 01273 324600 office@hovemethodistchurch.co.uk www.hovemethodist.co.uk Minister: Rev Andy Lowe

Sunday 30 July

10.30 Sunday Worship with Sue Jacobs

Steward: Donald Reid

Reader Ruth Samur

Music: Paul Richards

Coffee: Pam Lupi

Flowers today are given by Sue Jacobs

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



Prayer

Let our hearts adore you for ever, O Lord, That waking or sleeping, we may never cease to worship you. May your angels keep watch over us day and night, And may the praise from our lips mingle with the songs of Heaven.

Amen

Gregory of Nazanius (329-389)

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

Week: 31 July - 6 August 2023

- Mon 312.30 Ann Straker Service of Thanksgiving in the church
with Jonathan Gravestock and Rev Andy Lowe
- **Tues 1**Lunch Club returns on 12 Sept
- Weds 211.00 Martlets Songs from the Rat Pack in the Church2.30 Drop-in session at Georgies
- Thurs 3 10.30 Midweek Communion with Rev Andy Lowe Lunch Club returns on 14 Sept

Friday 28 10.00 Chatty Café

Polka Tots returns on Friday 8 September

Sunday 30 10.30 Holy Communion service with Rev Andy Lowe 6.30 Thinking Allowed online discussion with Andy

Sunday

This Sunday we have Sue, our Trainee Minister leading worship here at the church. Good news: following an extraordinary church council meeting after last Sunday's service, Sue has agreed to take on a paid part-time role here over the next year. She has stepped down from her teaching role, and will be in the final year of her training at Queen's College before being stationed as a Minister in September 2024. Andy will be increasingly stretched over the next year, Revd Deborah Cornish is leaving the Circuit shortly for her next post as a Minister in Wimbourne a few weeks.

Ann Straker

We are sad to announce the death of Ann Straker on 20th July, after a long period of gradual decline. She overcame many health challenges amazingly over the past few years and, in the end, passed away peacefully at home with her family.

She was a long-standing and faithful church member, known to many of us. She and her husband Roger were lifelong church members, and her memorial service will be held here in the Church at 2.30 on Monday 31 July. Please wear bright clothes to reflect Ann's love of flower colours. **Jonathan Gravestock**

Circuit Together Service 13 Aug

At the Circuit Together Service on Sunday 13th August we will be saying our formal farewell to Revd Deborah Cornish and Cynthia Tudor will be back to say her goodbyes after her move to London at the end of May. We'll be meeting at Stanford Avenue Methodist Church for the service which will be followed by a light buffet lunch. **Steve Preston**

Summer holidays

The holidays have arrived for many of our groups including the two Food & Friendship lunch clubs and Polka Tots. Chatty Café on Fridays will continue through August **except for 28 July** and **11th of August.** Rachel and Elin are both taking some leave in August (the office will be closed for two weeks starting 14 August), but Andy **will** be here (correcting last weeks notice).

Dates for diaries

Next Wednesday, 2 August, at 11am the Martlets will be hosting



another 'Songs through the Decades' song and dance session in the church sanctuary. This time the decades are the 1950s and 60s. They have invited local singer Joe Dellow who will be singing Songs from the Rat Pack. He'll cover songs from Frank Sinatra; Sammy Davis Jr; Dean Martin and other pop classics from 1950s and 1960s.

Everyone is welcome to come along. The suggested donation is £2 to cover refreshments.

After this, there will be a bit of a Lull in August while everyone takes a breather. Sunday Services, Midweek Communions and the Wednesday History group

will continue along with Chatty Café on Fridays. Then we're back with a bang in September:

Saturday 9 September Community Breakfast

We'll be serving breakfast from 9.30 here in the hall downstairs, come and join us for a catch up and re-group after the holidays. **Saturday 23 September Cheer Up Mollys concert**

Come and enjoy afternoon tea and soak up the glorious sounds of the Cheer Up Mollys folk band. They played here in January for the church's Winter Warmer and pretty much knocked everyone's socks off. Wonderful music, atmosphere and entertainment. This will be a ticketed concert, details to be announced. **Elin**

Home front

- **Jason** attended his mother's funeral last week, although obviously a sad occasion, he says it went well.
- **Ken** is not in good health at the moment; Andy dropped in on him and Joan after Sunday service, and we are holding them in our prayers.
- **Donald** has been entertaining guests; Mary, June and Jo were over from Malaysia and Australia for a visit to remember our beloved Joy who died in January 2020, and lay her ashes to rest in a quiet ceremony.



Dorset Gardens Big Sing 9 September

Deeptima is organising another Big Sing on Saturday 9th September from 2.30-4pm at Dorset Gardens. Doors open at 2pm for a cuppa. Theme is praise and thanksgiving. Pianist Ken Smith. Send nominations for your favourite hymns to be included on the song list to Deeptima by 25th August. **HMC Office**

Patcham job opportunity

Patcham Methodist Church are looking to employ a part-time Children and Families worker. Initial appointment is for 35 hours per month. 8.5 hours per week. Working days are Tuesday and Sunday. This is a key role to build on existing Children and Family work and, where appropriate and with consultation, develop new initiatives. Anyone interested should contact John Chinchen at johnchinchen55@gmail.com. Deadline is 1st September.