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## Sunday 20 August

**10.30 Sunday worship** with Sue Jacobs

Steward: JJ Baiden-Amissah  
Reader: Sue Noak  
Music: Janet Bowles  
AV: tbc  
Coffee: Vera Miles

Flowers today are given by the Pessu family

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



## Prayer

Grant to us, Lord, the gift of inward happiness and the serenity that comes from living close to you. Renew in us each day the gift of joy that, bearing a good courage, we may meet what comes with a gallant heart, giving thanks to you in all things; through Christ our Lord.

Amen

*Toc H (prayer (1915- 1918) Toc H was a warm and friendly clubhouse set up by Rev Philip Clayton for soldiers serving on the Belgian front.*

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

## Week: 21 - 27 August 2023

- Mon 20** Monday Guild returns on 11 Sept  
**Tues 21** Lunch Club returns on 12 Sept  
**1.00 Drop-in** at Milas Portland Rd  
**Weds 23** **2.30 Drop-in session** at Georgies  
**Thurs 24** **10.30 Midweek Communion** with Rev Andy Lowe  
Lunch Club returns on 14 Sept  
**Friday 25** **10.00 Chatty Café** self-service  
Polka Tots returns on Friday 8 September  
**Sunday 27** **10.30 Sunday Worship** with Rev Cynthia Park

## Week: 28 August - 3 September 2023

- Mon 28** Monday Guild returns on 11 Sept  
**Tues 29** Lunch Club returns on 12 Sept  
**1.00 Drop-in** at Milas Portland Rd  
**Weds 30** **2.30 Drop-in session** at Georgies  
**Thurs 1** **10.30 Midweek Communion** with Rev Andy Lowe  
Lunch Club returns on 14 Sept  
**Friday 2** **10.00 Chatty Café** self-service  
Polka Tots returns on Friday 8 September  
**Sunday 3** **10.30 Holy Communion Service** with Rev Andy Lowe



### Aug - Sept dates

- **Thursday 28 August Macmillan Coffee Afternoon 2-4pm**
- **Saturday 9 September Breakfast here 9.30 - 11am**
- **Saturday 9 September BIG SING** at Dorset Gardens from 2.30-4pm. Doors open at 2pm for a cuppa. Theme is praise and thanksgiving. Pianist Ken Smith. Send nominations for hymns to Deeptima by 25th August.
- **Sunday 10 September Pilgrimage for Climate Justice and Peace** starting from St Luke's Prestonville, 64 Old Shoreham road at 1pm. For more details see the Brighton Christian Climate Alliance facebook page, or Focus.

- **Monday 18 September Circuit Meeting**, 7.30pm at Dorset Gardens
- **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.
- **Saturday 30 September Earth Church assisting** the volunteer gardeners in Withdean Park. Meet at 2pm at 28 Peacock Lane, BN1 6WA. Contact Rev Cynthia Park for details.

### Anthem from Andy's service on diversity 6 Aug

When our views are varied  
And emotions strong  
When belief feels threatened  
Claiming others wrong;  
Show us how to listen  
And not to accuse  
Open and respectful  
To each other's views.

If we let division  
Distract us from Christ's reign,  
We neglect our calling  
To aid those in pain;  
Justice must speak louder  
Than our claims of right  
Love must be our essence,  
Living in the light.

God, forgive your people  
In our broken state;  
We your church have fostered  
Prejudice and hate.  
Let us embrace difference  
In our unity;  
For the church is richer  
With diversity.

Through a dim-lit mirror,  
Partial truth we know  
And as we discover,  
Grace and love must grow.  
Let God's truth shine brighter  
Into every place  
Till we know completely  
And see face to face.

Gary Hopkins 2012

Printed here by popular request. Seems like Andy preached a powerful message last Sunday. This hymn to me reads like a manifesto for what we try to practise here at HMC. The tricky bit is acceptance of people we don't agree with, always easier in theory than real life. But we believe very strongly that without diversity of opinion, you run the danger of merely creating an echo chamber. And we don't want that. We want to love people the way they are, while retaining the right to challenge, probe and discuss matters. **Elin**