



Hove Methodist Church

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Minister: Rev Andy Lowe

Sunday 26 November

10.30 'Women against Violence' Service with Rev Colin Smith

Today's flowers are given by Joan Hopkins

Steward: Maggie Symes

Readers: Sue Noak

Music: Janet Bowles

AV: Stella Goddard

Coffee: Christopher

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

HMC Photo Album (Updated weekly): <https://albumizr.com/a/VcW4>



Prayer

Loving God, we lift all victims of abuse to you. We ask you to give them your love and protection.

We ask for your courage and strength, so we can speak up against the violence inflicted upon your precious people. Help us to see situations where violence is taking place and give us wisdom to know how to act.

Heavenly Father, we lift every girl and young woman to you who has suffered or witnessed violence. We pray for justice in each of these situations and provision for a safe place where they can find healing. We ask this all in Jesus' name.

Compassion UK (Prayer for Women at Risk of violence)

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

Week: 27 Nov - 3 Dec 2023

- Mon 27** 2.00 **Monday Guild** with Peter Farley
- Tues 28** 12.00 **Lunch Club** in the hall
- Weds 29** 10.30 **History of Christianity** in the Narthex
2.30 **Drop-in session** at Georgies
- Thurs 30** 12.00 **Midweek Communion**
12.30 **Lunch Club** in the hall
- Fri 1** 10 - 11.30 **Chatty Café**
1.30 **Polka Tots** parent and toddler drop-in
2.00 **Celebration of Life** Sylvie Ransom
- Sun 3** 10.30 **First Sunday of Advent** with Sue Jacobs
Gift Service & All Age Worship



Sunday Worship

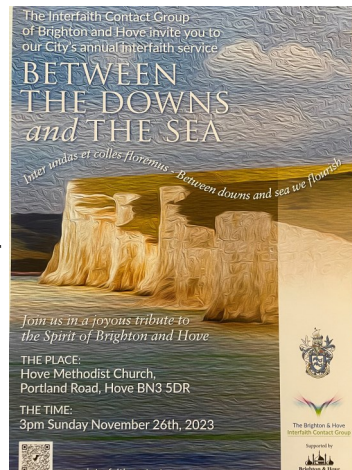
This Sunday 26 November, we welcome Rev Colin Smith to lead us in a 'Women against Violence' Service. Later on in the day the sanctuary will host the annual Brighton and Hove Interfaith Service. Come join in a joyous tribute to the spirit of Brighton and Hove. The service starts officially at 3pm but Vocal Explosion choir will be singing from 2.40pm so do come then to hear them. There will be tea and refreshments served.

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All Age & Gift Service (Appeal), Sunday 3 December

This year, Rachel is organising chocolate selection boxes for our CHOMP children's Christmas gifts. So for our Gift Service on 3 December, we are asking for seasonal gift donations for children living in the hotel in Hove for families seeking asylum. Ruth will take the gifts to an All Saints Sanctuary afternoon for the Network for International Women, (NiW) Brighton & Hove to distribute. Fiona from NiW says 'Thank you so much for offering to do this, it would be wonderful.' The families live in hotel rooms, so cheerful warm clothing or toys that are not too large in size are perfect. Toiletry gift sets will be welcomed by teenage children. Your gifts can be wrapped or unwrapped, please label with age & gender if you wrap your gift. Thank you so much!

Ruth Samur



Women of Note Christmas Concert, 2 December

On the 2nd of December, we welcome the Women of Note to HMC for a charity concert like no other! Entry is free and refreshments of tea and home-made cakes will follow at the end of an hours performance. There will also be a retiring collection, request for donations to support the Trussell Trust. **HMC Office**

Martlets Winter Celebration Concert

Last Saturday our church was bursting at the seams with people, laughter and love. The Martlets choir were fantastic and had us dancing in the isles. We raised a fantastic total £895.76 for a fantastic cause and all whilst having fun! Thanks to everyone who helped make the afternoon such a success. **Sue Jacobs**



One of the Good 'Guy's

Bumping into Stars at lunch club has become quite normal, with recent visits from Elvis (Uh-Huh) and Morris dancers to name a few. However news of sightings of a young Burt Reynolds or Tom Selleck (Magnum P.I.) seemed to cause quite a stir, so I had to investigate. Come to find out it was our ever-smiling volunteer raising funds to help out with lunch club. What a Guy! You can support him in his quest by donating in person.

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Calling all Facebook users!

You may or may not be aware that our church has its own Facebook page. From next Friday 1st December we will be sharing a song each morning like a daily advent calendar. Be sure to like and share our page so that more people can see what goes on here in our fabulous church. **Sue Jacobs**

Funeral arrangements for Sylvie Ransom, 1 December

The funeral for our beloved Sylvie Ransom will be held on 1 December 2023 from 11am at The Downs Crematorium followed by a Celebration of life from 2pm at HMC. **HMC Office**

Home front

A letter from Uganda - I've just bought my first Rolex!



It's the end of my second week here, and I have been sampling some local street food. Ugandans are rightly proud of their 'Rolexes' a chappati, topped with fried eggs and salad rolled up to make a delicious roadside treat costing 43p. It's been another lovely week getting to know the children. I decided to take my guitar, and I'm so glad I did, as I discovered we

all know quite a few of the same worship songs. Today we arched round the mango tree singing 'We Are Marching in the Light of God.'

It's joyful to share time with them, putting many of our first-world problems into perspective. One day, after school, we took them for an hour's walk to go for a dip in Lake Victoria

(don't worry, Woody, they knew the way so we didn't get lost!) Reading Fr Richard Rohr's meditations this week, he said, "Don't have what you love. Love what you have." They certainly love what they have: each other, family, guardians and their teachers. I hope to say I've found the local monkeys in next week's update. The kids have promised to help me find them after school.



Paul Richards

Holy Land by Peter Farley

An interesting and thought provoking piece centred around all the atrocity, inhumanity and unbelievable brutality witnessed in Gaza and the Middle East Region. Unfortunately, space restrictions have not made it possible to share the complete article. Here's an excerpt where Peter touches on Christ's message at this time:

Jesus teaches us that humanity is at its best when it believes that the greatest of us must be humble and approach life through the eyes of a child. That he came that we might have life in all its fullness. That he loves us in the way we must love one another. Because when love goes, hope fails, hope in amongst all of the current bad news, that somehow, one day, peace will come.

I've attached the full article as a supplement to our newsnotes email or contact the office for a print out.

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