



Hove Methodist Church

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Minister: Rev Andy Lowe

## **Sunday 3 December**

**10.30 All Age Worship & Gift Service** with Sue Jacobs

Today's flowers are given by Ruth & Ibrahim Samur

Steward: Heather & Trevor Coldridge

Readers: Heather & Trevor Coldridge

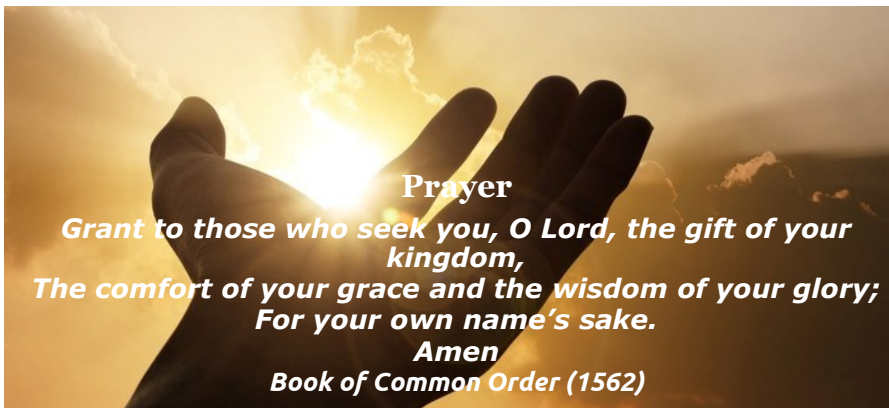
Music: Paul Richards

AV: Stella Goddard

Coffee: Lai Pang

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

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



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

## **Week: 4 Dec - 10 Dec 2023**

- Mon 4** 2.00 **Monday Guild** with Rev Andy Lowe
- Tues 5** 12.00 **Lunch Club** in the hall
- Weds 6** 10.30 **History of Christianity** in the Narthex  
2.30 **Drop-in session** at Georgies
- Thurs 7** 12.00 **Midweek Communion**  
12.30 **Lunch Club** in the hall
- Fri 8** 10 - 11.30 **Chatty Café**  
1.30 **Polka Tots** Christmas party for parents & toddlers
- Sun 10** 10.30 **Holy Communion** with Kathleen Richardson



### **Sunday Worship**

This Sunday 3 December, our All Age Worship and Gift Service will be led by Sue Jacobs. Sunday's Junction Service will be at 5.00pm and in the Ventnor Hall at Central URC as normal. The theme will be 'The Message'. 5.00pm will continue as the start time for the Junction until further notice.

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### **Donations & Fund-raising - All Age Gift Service Sun 3 Dec**

A reminder for this Sunday, please bring gift donations, wrapped (labelled with gender/age) or unwrapped for children in local asylum seeking/refugee families. After the service, knitted goods and our tote bags/note-cards will be for sale. Cash only please, all proceeds to our B&H Methodist Circuit of Sanctuary Refugee Project. Thank you!

### **Messy Church**

Messy Church continues to go from strength to strength. Last Friday's very messy and creative activities showed the children how the Lord our Shepherd loves and cares for every sheep. Then the calming reflection & worship song up in the Sanctuary, with dimmed lights, had everyone equally engaged. Afterwards at teatime, we all enjoyed pizza.



Please keep Messy Church in your prayers and if you would like to volunteer for our '4th Friday of each month' sessions, please contact Sue Jacobs. Sessions re-start in 2024.

**Ruth Samur**

## Polka Tots Christmas Party, 8 December



Great excitement as we build up to the most anticipated event on our Christmas calendar for babies, toddlers and/or parents! There is a promise of fun & food and Santa's suit has just arrived from the dry cleaners! A reminder for parents to bring presents for their little ones.

**Rachel Richards**

## Advent Hymn Sing, 12 December

More news of festive events from around the circuit; Dorset Gardens will be getting into the spirit of the season with an Advent Hymn Sing on Tuesday 12th December from 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm. All are welcome and encouraged to bring a packed lunch.

Tea, coffee, and cake provided. Pianist Tony Leonard. If you would like to nominate a hymn please contact Deeptima Massey, [deeptima@rediffmail.com](mailto:deeptima@rediffmail.com) by 30th November.

**Steve Preston**

## The Unkempt Skiffle Band

Next on the circuit's festive calendar is the visit of the Unkempt Skiffle Band, for one night only, to the halls of the Woodingdean Methodist Church! After playing venues all around Brighton, they bring their 'Skiffle' (*blend of jazz, blues and roots music dating back to the early 20th century that's often homemade and improvised*) style to Woodingdean on Saturday the 16th of December. Starts with buffet at 6.30pm with music from 7.30pm, Described as a blast from the 50's and 60's. Ticket donation £6.00.

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## Fun Concert

**The  
Unkempt Skiffle Band  
6.30 buffet, 7.30 music  
Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December**



Suggested donations £6.00  
Call Terry on [Btn 887618](tel:01323887618) or  
Richard on [Btn 304812](tel:01323304812)

## "Turning Points"

### New Year Vigil

to bring hope to the world and ourselves

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Monday 22 January 7 - 8pm

Music, a few words, silence,  
candle lighting,  
peace and friendship

All welcome

of any faith or none!

## Turning Points (New Year Vigil)

With the turning of the year and all the reflection and resolutions at this time we wish to hold a prayer hour in the church for anyone inside or outside our congregation. An opportunity to bring forward hopes for the New Year, not just in relation to peace from war, but peace in all the concerns that people have right now.

**Charlotte Gravestock**

## Home front Final greetings from Uganda

It's all getting into the Christmas season here now. The schools have broken up, and the village is celebrating. Last Sunday, I heard a wonderful noise, so I ran down the lane to find out what was happening. It was the whole of a local school led by their band marching through the village, making the most joyous noise. When they saw me, the whole school started waving at me. What a way to start your Sunday!



The little school I'm helping at won't close for Christmas, though. The children have so little and come from such sad backgrounds that the school can't bring itself to stop. It is lovely to see, and it will be sad to say

goodbye to them. Also, I'm happy to report I saw some monkeys! The children took me to a place they knew near the village. I will be back this weekend. I can't believe it's been a month. Yesterday I asked the children in my class if we could go on a field trip, a tour of their village through their eyes. We made a little video from it which I hope to share with you all very soon.



**Paul Richards**



**Come and Celebrate**  
**Christingle**  
@ Hove Methodist Church  
Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2023  
At 2pm.  
All are welcome to this  
Christmas Celebration  
for all ages.

## It's beginning to look a lot like..

It really is! This feels like the week we kickstart all the festivities; from the Lunch club & Polka Tots Christmas parties to Carol Singing with the Martlets Choir and our Christingle service (see poster). There is so much to look forward to! With all this activity we remind you to stay active on our Facebook page especially from Friday 1st December as we start to share a song each morning like a daily advent calendar. Please like and share our page so that more people can see what goes on here in our fabulous church.

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