



Hove Methodist Church

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Minister: Rev Andy Lowe

## Sunday 1 December

### 10.30 Gift Service with Rev Andy Lowe

Today's flowers are given by the Pessu Family

Steward: J.J. Baiden-Amissah

Readers: Sue Noak

Music: Paul Richards

AV: Stella Goddard

Coffee: Lai Pang

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



## Prayer

*To you, O Lord, we bring a treasure, greater than the mountains, deeper than the ocean and more glorious than the sun; a gift outweighing all creation, even the gift of our heart, to be laid at your feet, to be placed on your breast, to be embraced by your Spirit. Amen.'- Mechtild of Magdeburg (c.1210-1280)*

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

## Week: 2 Dec - 8 Dec 2024

- Mon 2** 2.00 **Monday Guild** - Rev Andy Lowe  
**Tues 3** 12.00 **Lunch Club** in the hall  
**Weds 4** 10.30 **History of Christianity** in the Narthex  
2.30 **Drop-in session** at Georgies  
**Thurs 5** 10.30 **Midweek Communion**  
12.30 **Lunch Club** in the hall  
**Fri 6** 10 - 11.30 **Chatty Café**  
1.30 **Polka Tots** Parent and toddler drop-in

**Sun 8** 10.30 **Holy Communion Service** with Rev Andy Lowe



### Sunday Worship

This Sunday 1 December is the First Sunday of Advent. Rev Andy Lowe will lead us in this All Age Worship and Gift Service. Details of the Gift Service are highlighted below. **HMC Office**

#### **Donations Appeals for our Circuit Refugee Project**

We have two new appeals for donations for local sanctuary charities.

Hove MC Gift Service Sunday December 1st: **Unwrapped gifts** please, for **children of various ages and genders** supported by Voices in Exile Foodbank, Brighton. The families live in accommodation with limited space. So we request the following:  
-children's cheerful warm clothing (jumpers, coats) or accessories (hats, scarves, gloves) toys that are not too large in size  
-toiletry gift sets for teenage children.

Please leave your gifts unwrapped. This helps Voices In Exile Foodbank Manager Stephen to allocate gifts for each child. They currently have **36 children within 15 families** registered with their foodbank. Stephen will wrap the gifts and add any gift tag or card you wish to include.

Our other appeal is for **donations of fabric or sewing supplies for the Sewing Collective**, Network of International Women Brighton & Hove. **Sorry, NO** duvet covers or clothes. Ruth will drop off donations to the Sewing Collective's sewing studio in Brighton at **the end of November**. **Ruth Samur**

## Polka Tots Christmas Party - Friday 13 December (1.30pm)

This has got to be the most anticipated event on our Christmas calendar for babies, toddlers and/or parents! There is a promise of fun, food and Father Christmas (guess who?) on the day. Parents are encouraged to bring presents for their little ones.

**Rachel Richards**

### Community Carol Singing, 21 December



'Come o ye faithful' and join us for our traditional carol singing outside the church! Definitely one to wrap up warm for with the promise of Hot Drinks, Hot Dogs & BBQ! So join us on Saturday 21 December, from 4pm - 5pm, with all proceeds in aid of Action for Children.

**Rachel Richards**

### Christmas Praise

On Sunday 8 December, all are welcome to Stanford Avenue Methodist Church for **Christmas Praise with the Salvation Army Band** from 6.30pm. There will be a collection during the service to help Brighton's homeless.



**Steve Preston**

### Global Voice (Mid Winter Gig) - Sunday 8 December, 3 - 5pm

Juliet Russell, Vocal Explosion choir, and Fell trio (fiddle, accordion and guitar), are putting on a concert in aid of Medecins sans Frontieres. Sunday 8 Dec, 3 - 5pm, St Luke's Prestonville, ticket link here

<https://bit.ly/voxexp>

**Charlotte Gravestock**



## Home front Messy Church

It was so lovely to welcome our families to Messy Church this week. The theme was Peace. Everyone enjoyed the messy artwork, worship and tea. As always thanks to the wonderful volunteers. Next Messy is on Christmas Eve when we will hold our annual Messy Christingle at 2pm.

**Rachel Richards**



## Ministry of Flowers



Thank you to everyone who has given flowers during the past year. They are very much appreciated by the congregation on a Sunday and cheer up our friends who are unwell and receive some of the flowers. The calendar for 2025 is on the notice board in the

church. If you would like more information, please speak to Pat Hill or ring 07504753735.

**Pat Hill**

## 25 Years of 'I do'

"When God's will matches your heart's desire, perfection is never far away." I shared these words with my dear wife this past week, to mark 25 years since the day we both said, "I do"!

All glory to God for bringing us this far and blessing us with our lovely faith community here at HMC. We pray that our lives together will continue to bring glory to HIS name for another 25 years! Amen!

**J.J. Baiden-Amissah**

