



Hove Methodist Church

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Minister: Rev Andy Lowe

Hove Methodist Church

Saturday 21 December

4.00pm Community Carol Singing

Carols outside the church & refreshments 4-5pm

Sunday 22 December (NO MORNING SERVICE)

4.00pm Candlelit Carol Service with Rev Andy Lowe

Flowers are given by Michael & Pat Hill

Steward: J.J. Baiden-Amissah

Music: Janet Bowles & Paul Richards

AV: Ian Draper

Tuesday 24 December

2.00pm Messy Christingle All ages welcome

Steward: Maggie Symes

Reader: Sandy Pomfrey

Music: Paul Richards

11.30pm Christmas Eve Communion Service Rev Andy Lowe

Please email Andy if you would like the Zoom link for this service.

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Wednesday 25 December

10.00am Christmas Day Service with Rev Andy Lowe

Steward: Charlotte Gravestock

Music: Andy & The Korean Church

AV: Jonathan Gravestock

12.30am Christmas Day Lunch in the hall

Sunday 29 December

10.30am Sunday Service with Rev John Jennings

Steward: Ruth Samur

Reader: Sue Noak

Music: Janet Bowles



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

Weeks ahead: 23 December - 5 January 2024

Office closed from 24/12/24 - 2/1/25. Reopen on 3 Jan 2025.

Mon 23/12	2.00 Monday Guild Christmas Tea & Cake
Thurs 26/12	NO Midweek Communion
Fri 27/12	NO Chatty Café
Sun 29/12	10.30 Sunday service with Rev John Jennings
Mon 30/12	NO Monday Guild
Thurs 2/1	10.30 Midweek Communion with Rev Andy Lowe
Friday 3/1	10.00 Chatty Café in the Sanctuary No Polka Tots
Sunday 5/1	10.30 Sunday service with Paul Steadman



Candlelit Carol Service

This Sunday we welcome all ages to join in our special candlelit carol service from 4pm led by Rev Andy Lowe. Please note there will be no morning service.

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Community Carol Singing, 21 December

Join us this Saturday 21 December, from 4pm - 5pm, for an hour of traditional carol singing outside the church. We can't promise much mistletoeing but there'll be Hot Drinks, Hot Dogs & BBQ; with all proceeds in aid of Action for Children. Truly the most wonderful time of the year.

Rachel Richards



Messy Christingle -24 December, 2PM

Everyone is invited to join us from 2pm on Christmas Eve for this joyful and interactive celebration.

Let's all come together to mark the Christmas story. We look forward to seeing you there as we light up the festive season with joy, love, and hope.

Rachel Richards

Christmas Peel Party

Peelers at the ready!! The age old HMC tradition of veg prep on Christmas eve is definitely a highlight of our calendar! Along with the infectious community spirit, you are always guaranteed a warm beverage with a huge side of humour; and who keeps bringing the sweets! Join us for from 10am - 12pm on the 24th and don't forget your vegetable peeler!

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Prayers for Gloria

The unfortunate news reached us this past week about Gloria, who had suffered a stroke. She is now waiting for a bed to become free at the hospital in Haywards Heath, where she will embark on a 3 month rehabilitation. Gloria is in good spirits and thanks everyone for their love and well wishes. Let us continue to focus all our positive energy through prayer on her complete and total recovery. To speed up her recovery I've also received the news that Kathlyn Taylor returned home last Friday! She's not quite rearranging the furniture for Christmas as yet, but is relatively pain free with the prospect of her stitches coming out very soon.

God is good...All the time!!

J.J. Baiden-Amisshah

Polka Tots Christmas Party

Thank you to all the beautiful families who joined us for the Polka Tots Christmas party. It was truly magical. As ever massive thanks to all the volunteers for all their hard work. We will break now for Christmas and back on Friday 10th January 2025!! Wishing you all a fantastic Christmas and peaceful New Year!

Rachel Richards



Home front Seasons Greetings from Jacobland

Here in Long Hanborough we only get post every other day and my lovely postie has been rushed off his feet with card deliveries to The Manse. Thank you to all of you who have sent us love and good wishes. Each card has made us smile and prompted happy memories of HMC. We are enjoying the festive season across my churches and we have been very busy with Christingles and Carol Services. This Friday we have our Community Carol Crawl spreading the love of Christmas around our community. I don't know any other mad fools who stand outside and sing at this time of the year?!? Oh... it's your Community Carols on Saturday isn't it?! Anyway, bundles of Christmas love, and blessings to you all for the new year. We still miss you!! xx

Rev Sue and the Jacobs Crew

So this is Christmas, And what have we done?

The lyrics of John Lennon ring through my ears as I reflect on a year where I've...

Shared and received more love,
Listened more and spoke less (more),
Fought more for racial justice and equality,
Cried less and laughed more.

I am so grateful for all the relationships I've developed in this place and all the people who have nurtured me in this position over the past year! The image below is from a framed poster - a Christmas gift from my whole family to the HMC community.

We wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas and all best wishes for the New Year.

J.J. Baiden-Amissah

