

Dorset Gardens Methodist Church

Minister: Revd Andy Lowe



Welcome to church today. If you are visiting us we hope you will make yourself known before you leave. Please do join us for coffee after morning worship.

Bibles & Large Print Hymn Books are available at the back of the church and there is a **loop system** for the hard of hearing, please switch your hearing aid to 'T'. We always try to address individual needs to the best of our ability. Please let us know if there's something we can do to improve what we currently offer.

Offering: If you would like to make a financial contribution our offering plate is located at the back of the church. We now also have a Card Reader for donating with your Debit/Credit card. Or you can still donate via JustGiving: www.justgiving.com/dgmc

Sunday 28th April 2024

10.30 am

Morning Worship

Led by Revd Kathleen Richardson

Keyboard Player Will Mason

Tel: 01273 605502 Email: office@dgmc.org.uk

Call to Worship

Hymn StF 318 Christ, our King before creation

Prayer

Talk with Children

Hymn StF 348 He is Lord

Children Leave

Readings Acts 8: 26-40 Read by Sam Adjei
John 15: 1-8

Hymn StF 157 God has spoken

Sermon

Hymn God who knows our darkest moments
meets us in our brokenness:
walks beside us as a whisper,
holds our pain in his caress.
God, who leads through shadowed valleys,
where death's bleakness dims our sight,
speaks a peace beyond our knowing,
floods our anguish with his light.

Far beyond our grief's horizon,
as Creation holds its breath:
Love Divine, revealed in Jesus,
tears apart the chains of death.
Servant son and humble healer,
by your cross and life laid down

you have carried all our suff'ring
and you wear the victor's crown.

Lift us up now, risen Saviour,
to the place where mercy plays;
where our broken hopes and heartaches
find their healing in your gaze.
This is love, that God has saved us!
This is love, that Christ has died!
We rejoice that love has conquered,
and has drawn us to your side.

*Hymn by Gareth Hill
(written to commemorate the disaster at Aberfan in 1966)*

Prayers of Intercession

Hymn StF 407 Hear the call of the kingdom

Blessing

Next Sunday: 5th May 2024

10.30 am, Morning Worship with Communion

Led by Revd Andy Lowe

Followed by the Annual Church Meeting

Every Thursday

1 pm, **Service of Prayer & Praise**, in the Prayer Chapel.

2 pm, **Open House @ Dorset Gardens** - Tea, coffee, refreshments
and fellowship! Photo cards for sale in aid of Action for Children.

News and Notices

Dear Friends, the **Dorset Gardens Annual Church Meeting** will be held **next Sunday, 5th May** at Midday, after morning worship.

Both will be led by myself. **All are welcome to attend** and feel free to bring a snack lunch if you wish. At the meeting we will have copies of the Annual Report, which gives a brief outline of some of the activities that have taken place over the last financial year. Also on the Agenda we will elect our Church Stewards and representatives to the Church Council. We want these roles to represent all our community and if anyone would like to be considered as a Church Steward or Church Council Rep please speak to me asap. Any other meeting questions, please contact Steve Preston at steve.westonpark@btinternet.com. *Revd Andy Lowe.*

Please note: As you are invited to bring a packed lunch on 5th May - see above - this will be in lieu of Food and Fellowship.

Sunday Refreshments: We would be grateful for donations of biscuits or cake for the Sunday tea and coffee table. Thank you.

Newspapers Needed: Sam Dyke is asking for newspapers for an activity she is planning. Please bring them in to DG. Thank you.

Request for Accommodation from the Clare Project: Looking for two lots of temporary accommodation for approx. two months. One for a couple, the other for a single person (one is a migrant). Accommodation needs to be in safe, TNBI (Transgender, Non-Binary + Intersex) inclusive housing. Starting as soon as possible. If you can help or know of anywhere suitable, please contact Sue studentcircuit@gmail.com or Jennie treasurer@dgmc.org.uk

The Methodist South-East District 'Sustaining Hope' Spring Gathering: Saturday 11th May, 10 am to 1.30 pm (refreshments available from 9.45 am) **at Redhill Methodist Church, RH1 1BP**. Are you involved in responding to the needs of Refugees, Migrants and Displaced Persons - or interested in becoming involved in some way? See back page for flyer. To register or for more information email Revd Hazel Forecast at hazel.forecast@methodist.org.uk

Circuit-wide Sponsored Journey for Sanctuary: Saturday 18th May. Funds raised go to our Circuit Refugee Project and it's six chosen local charities. All five churches will be open. Journey as far as you wish, on foot, by bus or bike, car share, etc. See next page for more details. **Volunteers Needed:** Approx. 10 am to 2 pm (times tbc). To help with refreshments for this event. Please see Sue Harrington if you could help.

'Women of Note' Concert: Saturday 25th May, 3 pm at Stanford Avenue MC. Retiring collection in support of the Church and the Trussell Trust.

Food Bank Donations - B&H City Mission: There is a food bank donation basket in the foyer. **Circuit Refugee Project:** There is also a donation box for Voices in Exile. Please donate whatever you can... every little helps!



Flowers

The lovely flowers in church today come courtesy of the Dorset Gardens Flower Fund.

Journey4Sanctuary



Brighton & Hove Methodist Circuit
Refugee Project

Our Circuit Journey for Sanctuary

Sat 18th

May
2024



Complete
your journey by



17-23 June 2024



18 May - 23 June 2024

**Join us in inclusive fundraising for 6 charities
who support & welcome asylum seekers &
refugees to Brighton & Hove:**

- Care4Calais Brighton - Jollof Cafe (Sussex Refugee & Migrant Self Support Group). - The Network of International Women, Brighton & Hove - Sanctuary on Sea - Thousand 4 £1000 (T4K) - Voices in Exile

**[https://www.justgiving.com/page/
brightonhovemethodistsjourney4sanctuary](https://www.justgiving.com/page/brightonhovemethodistsjourney4sanctuary)**

Journey only as far as you wish. Take any route and use an appropriate method of transport depending on your mobility. All 5 churches will be open for a cuppa, cake/biscuits on **Sat May 18th** (please check times)

Please send your journey photos and any questions to **bhmethodistproject@gmail.com**

Donations: Just share the Just Giving link (front page).

Or ask Sue Harrington for a sponsorship form.

Pastoral Support

Advocacy

SUSTAINING HOPE IN 2024

Accommodation

Interpreting



Foodbanks

Drop-In Centres

Place of Sanctuary

Befriending

Are you involved in responding to the needs of
Refugees, Migrants & Displaced Persons -
or interested in becoming involved in some way?

English practice

Cafes

The Methodist South-East District 'Sustaining Hope' spring gathering for 2024

Form-filling

will include

- time to network

- 'Juggling host & guest roles in HK Chinese communities'
- 'Changing the conversation about refugees & migrants'

Date: Saturday, 11th May, 10.00am - 1.30pm
(Refreshments available from 9.45am)

Clothing Banks

Venue: Redhill Methodist Church, RH1 1BP

Redhill Station is 5 minutes' walk away
NCP car park on Gloucester Road opposite the church

Liaising with other Agencies

To register, or for more information, email
Rev Hazel Forecast at

hazel.forecast@methodist.org.uk

Please say which Circuit, group or project you are part of

Mother-tongue worship