

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 2nd February 2025

10.30 am

Morning Worship with Communion

Led by Revd Cynthia Park

Keyboard Player Will Mason

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Call to Worship

Hymn StF 8 God with us

Prayer

THE BIG TEN! With Memory Verse: **“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your mind and with all your strength.”** (Deuteronomy 6:5)

Hymn StF 242 A new commandment

Offering

Readings Deuteronomy 6: 1-9 Read by Nick Firrell
Mark 12: 28-34

Hymn 440 Amazing grace

Sermon and Prayers

Hymn Come, all you vagabonds,
Come all you ‘don’t belongs’
Winners and losers,
Come, people like me.
Come all you travellers
Tired from the journey,
Come wait a while, stay a while,
Welcomed you’ll be.

Come all you questioners
Looking for answers,
And searching for reasons
And sense in it all;

Come all you fallen,
And come all you broken,
Find strength for your body
And food for your soul.

*Chorus: Come to the feast,
There is room at the table.
Come let us meet in this place.
With the King of all kindness
Who welcomes us in,
With the wonder of love,
And the power of grace.
The wonder of the love,
And the power of grace.*

Come those who worry
'Bout houses and money,
And all those who don't have
A care in the world;
From every station
And orientation,
The helpless, the hopeless,
The young and the old: *Chorus*

Come all believers
And dreamers and schemers,
And come all you restless
Just searching for home;
Movers and shakers
And givers and takers,
The happy, the sad
And the lost and alone: *Chorus*

Come self-sufficient
With wearied ambition,
And come those who feel
At the end of the road.
Fiery debaters
And religion haters,
Accusers, abusers,
The hurt and ignored: *Chorus*

by Stuart Townend, Mark Edwards & Phil Bagley

Holy Communion:

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Gracious and loving God,
Creator, Son and Holy Spirit
You have unfolded before our eyes,
the story of salvation, the gift of grace
and the creation of a new world, amazing to us all.

You are the Source of breath;
you are the Word made flesh;
you are the Spirit of life.
You are our Maker;
you are our Humanity;
you are our Holy Energy.

You are for us; you are with us; you are ahead of us.

You are the spirit that is in us,
transforming, re-creating, empowering
making us your gracious presence in the world.

**So we praise you, we thank you
and we claim the power of your Holy Spirit.
With all who stand before you,
on earth and in heaven, we worship and adore you.**

On the night in which Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat. This is my body given for you. Every time you eat it, remember me." After supper he took the cup, gave thanks and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it all of you. This is a sign of the new covenant, sealed with my death. Every time you drink this wine, remember me."

**Send down your Holy Spirit on us and on this bread and wine,
so that the life of Jesus becomes our life, his grace, our grace,
his love, our love. Amen**

The bread we break is a sharing in the body of Christ
**Though we are many, we are one body because we all share
in one bread.**

Bread and wine are shared in the usual way.

Closing Responses:

Through the bread we have shared **we claim Christ's strength.**

Through the wine we have shared **we claim Christ's joy.**

Through the love we share **we claim Christ's gracious power
to create the new life of the Kingdom and walk in the light of
his love, now and forever. Amen**

Hymn StF 553 I am a new creation

Blessing



Flowers

Thank you to Joyce Badcock for the lovely flowers in church today, in loving memory of dear Jim.

Next Sunday ~ 9th February 2025

9 am, Morning Communion

Led by Revd Andy Lowe

10.30 am, All Age Worship

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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

An Appeal from Cath Oddhayward at Stanford Avenue:-

Hi Folks, I run a secondary specialist centre for young people with autism and Developmental Language Disorder (DLD), **The Swan Centre**. We have been successful in being one of the nominated **Tesco** causes to fund our food project.

Please if you are in a local Tesco (branches in Brighton & Hove) from now until the end of March 2025 we would very much appreciate your token. *Thank you! Cath xx*

Food and Fellowship: Today after morning worship! Please do stay on and join us.

Saturday 22nd February - Table Top Sale: 10 am to 12 noon at Stanford Avenue Methodist Church.

Saturday 8th March - Table Top Sale: 10 am to 1 pm here at Dorset Gardens. Tombola, cakes, bric-a-brac, games, Indian ready meals, books and more! To book a table contact Deeptima on 07715 976579 (£5 small or £7 large) - All are welcome. Raising money for Dorset Gardens Church funds.

Tombola Prizes: New, good quality items needed for the Tombola on the above date. Please see Deeptima.

Saturday 15th March - Brighton Male Voice Choir: 7 pm at Woodingdean Methodist Church. Suggested donation £6. Entry by ticket. Phone 01273 887618.

Saturday 29th March - Spring & Craft Fair: At Stanford Avenue MC.

Saturday 17th May - Sustaining Hope Spring Gathering 2025: 10 am to 1 pm at Redhill Methodist Church, RH1 1BP. Please see poster in foyer for full details. To register email Revd Hazel Forecast at hazel.forecast@methodist.org.uk. Sue Harrington is hoping to go, so could travel as a group if people would like to.

