

# 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](http://www.justgiving.com/dgmc)

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026**

10.30 am

**Morning Worship**

**Led by Terry Fish**

Keyboard Player Will Mason

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## **Welcome**

**Call to Worship** Jesus said: "No one comes to the Father except through me" John 14: 6.

**Hymn StF 136** Morning has broken

## **Prayers of Adoration & Confession and Lord's Prayer**

## **Introduction to the theme for the day and Children's talk**

**Hymn StF 59** Shine, Jesus, shine *Children leave*

**Reading** Proverbs 4: 10-18 Read by Ian Lamb

**Read Together** Psalm 119 (StF 829)

**Hymn StF 57** Let all the world in every corner sing

**Readings** 1 Peter 2: 2-10 Read by Ian Lamb  
John 14: 1-14

**Sermon** "No one comes to the father except through me"

## **Prayers of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

**Hymn StF 563** O Jesus, I have promised

## **Prayers of Intercession**

**Hymn StF 693** Beauty for brokenness

## **Dismissal**

## **Next Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> May 2026 ~ Church Anniversary**

**10.30 am, Anniversary Worship**

Led by Zoe Agyemang

### **Every Thursday**

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

2 pm, **Open House @ Dorset Gardens** - Tea, coffee, refreshments, crafts, board games... and fellowship!

### **News and Notices**

**A BIG thank you** to all who worked so hard in preparation and on the day at the Table Top Sale/Tots Takeover last Saturday. The total raised on the day was £405.06. Thanks also to all who contributed on Sunday when the refreshments donations totalled £44.91.

**Church Anniversary Service: Next Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> May** at 10.30 am. Led by Zoe Agyemang. Join us as we celebrate together in worship and thanksgiving. After the service, enjoy **Food and Fellowship**, featuring a selection of **special Ghanaian dishes**. Bring along a pudding to share if you can. All are warmly welcome!

**Church Newsletter:** If you would like to include an article in the next newsletter, please send your submission to the church office by 17<sup>th</sup> May. We welcome creative pieces, short devotionals, faith and/or outreach stories, puzzles and stories of kindness and support. Kindly keep articles brief. Thank you in advance for keeping our church community engaged and informed.

**Circuit Inspiration Day: Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May:** 8.30 am to 1 pm, at The Waterhall Clubhouse, Saddlescombe Road, Brighton, BN1 8AX. Tea and coffee will be available from 8.30 am for a 9 am start.

This Day is based around hearing other people's stories and telling our story. We see this as a useful topic for people who may find themselves in situations, through work or volunteering, where sharing stories may be useful. Our focus is growth: growth that comes when a church deepens its roots in the love of God and grows outward in love for its community.

If you are interested in joining, please email [steve.preston@brightonhovemethodistcircuit.org.uk](mailto:steve.preston@brightonhovemethodistcircuit.org.uk) to book your place. To manage numbers, we need your reply by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May.

**Annual Church Meeting - Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May:** If anyone would like to stand to be a member of the Church Council, or nominate someone to stand, please speak to Steve Preston by next Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> May.

**Come As You Are: Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May.** A new evening service at Hove at 6.30 pm. We're starting a new kind of evening service. Simple, relaxed, no pressure.

There'll be a short Bible reading, some music, space for quiet, and a chance to reflect, chat or ask questions if you want to. You can join in or just sit and be - whatever feels right for you. This is a space for everyone - whether you've been part of church for years or are just curious. No expectations, no "right way" to do it. We're keeping things open as it begins, and we'll see where it grows.

Come as you are... and stay for tea and biscuits afterwards. Led by Revd Andy Lowe and Paul Richards.

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June: Jazz at Woodingdean Methodist Church,** at 3 pm, with Imogen Ryall singing and Roderick Hart on the piano. Suggested donation £6. Tickets from 01273 887618 or 01273 304812. All proceeds to church funds.