

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 4th May 2025

10.30 am

Morning Worship with Communion

Led by Revd Heather Leake Date

Keyboard Player Will Mason

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Call to Worship (congregation responses in **bold**)

Loving parent God, you call us to worship,
To gather together in story and song.
Arriving early in anxiety, **you call us.**
Arriving late in a panic, **you call us.**
Needing personal space, **you call us.**
Needing contact and connection, **you call us.**
Seeking silence from the world, **you call us.**
Seeking to talk at length of our loves and losses, **you call us.**
Craving predictability and routine, **you call us.**
Craving difference and change, **you call us.**
With different minds and different hearts, different bodies
and different lives you call us in your love to be one.
We come. Amen

Hymn StF 363 My Jesus, my Saviour

Prayers, including:

For the times when our love has not reflected your own,
Lord, forgive us.

For the times when our love has been too narrow,
Lord, forgive us.

For the times when we give our love a price,
Lord, forgive us.

For the times when we have withdrawn our love,
Lord, forgive us.

For the times when we confuse duty with love,
Lord, forgive us.

In the name of your Son, who gave his life as a gift of love, to
bring us home while we were still far off, who rose from death,
that we might also be raised and be united in you, we pray. **Amen**

Video (based on Acts 9: 1-20): Paul's (Saul's) conversion

Video: Blinded by your Grace, Part 2 (Stormzy, featuring MNEK)

Hymn StF 471 Lord, I come to you

Reading John 21: 1-19

Video Recognising You, Easter Poem

Reflection/Discussion

Hymn StF 462 Come with me, come wander

Sam Dyke Healing service

Prayers of Intercession

Hymn StF 153 Break thou the bread of life

Communion (using Methodist Worship Book pg 169)

Hymn StF 673 Will you come and follow me?

Blessing

Lyrics to 'Blinded by your Grace, Part 2'

I'm Blinded By Your Grace (By Your Grace)

I'm Blinded By Your Grace, by your grace (By Your Grace)

I'm Blinded By Your Grace (By Your Grace)

I'm Blinded By Your (By Your)

Lord I've been broken
Although I'm not worthy
You fixed me
I'm Blinded By Your Grace
You came and saved me
Lord I've been broken
Although I'm not worthy
You fixed me
Now I'm Blinded By Your Grace
You came and saved me
One time for the Lord
And one time for the cause
And one round of applause
One time for Fraser T Smith on the chords
I think we got one, I stay prayed up then I get the job done
Yeah, I'm Abigail's yout, but I'm God's son
But I'm up now, look at what God's done
Now I real talk, look at what God did
On the main stage runnin' 'round topless
I phone Flipz then I tell him that we got this
This is God's plan, they can never stop this
Like, wait right there, could you stop my verse?
You saved this kid and I'm not your first
It's not by blood and it's not by birth
But oh my God, what a God I serve
Lord I've been broken
Although I'm not worthy
You fixed me
I'm Blinded By Your Grace
You came and saved me
Lord I've been broken

Although I'm not worthy
You fixed me
Now I'm Blinded By Your Grace
You came and saved me
I said a prayer this morning
I prayed I would find a way
To another day, I was so afraid
'Til you came and saved, you came and saved me
And the rain was pouring, 'cause the sun faded away
Now I'm in a better place, no longer afraid
Blinded By Your Grace, you came and saved me, yeah
I said a prayer this morning, I prayed I would find a way
To another day, I was so afraid
'Til you came and saved, you came and saved me
And the rain was pouring, 'cause the sun faded away
Now I'm in a better place, no longer afraid
Blinded By Your Grace, you came and saved me, yeah
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Next Sunday: 11th May 2025 ~ Church Anniversary

10.30 am, Anniversary Service

Led by Revd Will Fletcher

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

Annual Church Meeting: Today after morning worship. Open to all. Everybody is welcome to attend.

Food and Fellowship will be held next Sunday, 11th May to mark our Church Anniversary. All are welcome to join us!

Reminder: Revd Andy Lowe is now on sabbatical until Monday 4th August 2025. If you need assistance during his absence, please contact the following: Revd Karen Bell, Acting Circuit Superintendent: revkarenbell@gmail.com. Steve Preston, Circuit Admin: steve.preston@brightonhovemethodistcircuit.org.uk

Saturday 10th May - Hymn Sing: 'This is my story; this is my song', 12.45 to 2.30 pm at Dorset Gardens. Tickets £6, includes tea and a selection of sandwiches and cakes. Contact Dee 07715 976579 in advance to book for catering reasons and inform about dietary requirements.

Women of Note: If you fancy an evening of merriment, a bit of rock music and existential musings then please come to our show in the

Brighton Fringe. Women of Note are in the show as the '**Sisters Of Mercy**' helping out the Angel of Death and collecting for the Trussell Trust Network of Food Banks afterwards. Various dates from 4th May. Full details here: <https://www.brightonfringe.org/events/the-angel-of-death-will-see-you-now/>

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.

Sunday 18th May - Easter Offering and Circuit Together Service, 3 pm at Dorset Gardens. Each year, the Methodist Church holds an Easter Offering dedication service, a tradition that dates back to 1883 and money raised will go to the World Mission Fund of the Methodist Church in GB for work in our Partner Churches around the world. This year's theme is 'Education for All, Hope for All' and offers us a moment to consider how education transforms lives and communities, opening God's promise of hope and fullness of life for all people. ***Please note, no morning service at DG on this date.***

Sunday 8th June - Circuit Pentecost Communion: 8 am at Ditchling Beacon.

Buttons! If you have any spare buttons, the Knit 'n' Natter Group would love to put them to good use. You can bring your buttons in to DG marked "For Knitting Group". We meet on the first Friday of each month, 10 am to 12 noon. New members very welcome!