

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: We no longer take a collection during the service, but if you would like to make a financial contribution our offering plate is located at the back of the church, or donate with the **QR Code** or via JustGiving: www.justgiving.com/dgmc



Sunday 7th January 2024

Covenant Sunday

10.30 am

Covenant Service with Communion

Led by Revd Andy Lowe

Keyboard Player Tony Leonard

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Welcome

Hymn StF 127 Sing to the great Jehovah's praise

Prayer

Reading Matthew 2: 1-12 Read by Steve Preston

Intergenerational Talk

Hymn StF 230 Riding out across the desert

Reading Jeremiah 31: 31-34 Read by Steve Preston

Sermon

Hymn StF 224 As with gladness

Covenant

Hymn StF 549 Come, let us use the grace divine

Covenant and Prayers

Hymn StF 595 Lord, we have come at your own invitation

Communion

Hymn StF 477 Teach me to dance

Blessing



Flowers

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

Next Sunday: 14th January 2024

10.30 am, Morning Worship

Led by Revd Kathleen Richardson

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

Food, Friendship & Fellowship - Today: After morning worship we will serve light vegetarian appetisers in addition to the usual teas and coffees. Everybody is invited!

‘Windows into the First Holy Week and Easter’: A new course being run by Revd Andy Lowe at Stanford Avenue MC on Tuesday afternoons, running fortnightly from 2nd January until 12th March, 2.15 pm to 4.15 pm. All are welcome to join.

A Special Invitation...

Please join Deeptima and Kushma for a special Tea Party on **Sunday 21st January 2024** after morning worship. ***All are invited!***

Table Top Sale - Saturday 27th January: 10 am to 12 pm at Stanford Avenue MC. £5 per table. Email: lissyloucrafts@yahoo.co.uk to book your table.

Circuit Workshop: Speak Up for Sanctuary - Saturday 27th January: 2 pm to 4.30 pm at Ruth Samur's home in Goldstone Valley, Hove

(no parking restrictions, very close to the A27 and also on the No. 21 bus route). Over a cuppa and biscuits, we will watch a 45-minute recorded webinar about how to have courageous conversations on the topic of asylum seekers/refugees in the UK. The webinar is from the City of Sanctuary UK website. Ruth, who attended the live webinar, will lead feedback and a couple of discussion activities from the Speak Up for Sanctuary Handbook. Please email ruthsamur@yahoo.co.uk by Monday 22nd January if you wish to attend, or telephone your Church office and ask them to email Ruth. We have space for up to 10 participants. Please let us know if you need transport to this event or you can offer support with transport to this event.

Refugees at Home - Looking for Hosts: Sanctuary on Sea have asked us to share information about Refugees at Home, a charity connecting people with a spare room to refugees and asylum seekers in need of somewhere to stay.

They recruit and support volunteer hosts willing to offer a temporary home and a helping hand. They carefully match each guest and host, to assess and prepare them ready for hosting, to advise on hosting arrangements and accommodation, and to provide ongoing support to hosts throughout each stay. Each placement is different, and the length of hosting can vary from a few nights to several months and anything in between.

Hosting is entirely altruistic, and they do not pay hosts for giving up their spare rooms. When hosts participate in the government's Homes for Ukraine scheme, they do receive a 'thank you' payment via their local council however, this is outside of the Refugees at Home model.

They are urgently looking for new hosts in Brighton & Hove. Please refer to the website for further information:-

<https://refugeesathome.org/get-involved/id-like-to-host/>