

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 7th December 2025

Second Sunday of Advent

10.30 am

All Age Gift Service

Led by Revd Andy Lowe

Keyboard Player Will Mason

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Welcome

Advent Liturgy

Advent Two: The Prophets

Jesus said, 'Do not think that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets: I have not come to abolish them but to fulfil them.' **Amen. Come soon, Lord Jesus!**

The second candle is lit.

Leader: Jesus is the light of the world.

All: A light no darkness can ever put out.

We sing StF 165 (vs 1 & 2) The Advent Candle Song:

Advent candles tell their story
as we watch and pray,
longing for the Day of Glory,
'Come, Lord, soon,' we say.
Pain and sorrow, tears and sadness,
changed for gladness on that day.

Prophet voices loudly crying,
making pathways clear,
glimpsing glory, self-denying,
calling all to hear.
Through their message - challenged, shaken -
hearts awaken: God is near!

Hymn StF 175 Light of the world

Prayer

Hymn StF 264 Make way, make way

Reading

Matthew 2: 1-12 Read by Nick Firrell

Talk/Activity

Gifts

Hymn StF 204 In the bleak midwinter

Talk/Activity

Hymn StF 167 Colours of day

Prayers

Hymn

Chorus:

This little light of mine

I'm gonna let it shine

This little light of mine

I'm gonna let it shine

This little light of mine

I'm gonna let it shine

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

The light that shines is the light of love,

Lights the darkness from above.

It shines on me and it shines on you

And it shows what the power of love can do.

I'm gonna shine my light both far and near

Gonna shine my light both bright and clear

Where there's a dark corner in this land

I'm gonna let my little light shine:

Chorus

On Monday he gave me the gift of love
Tuesday peace came from above
On Wednesday he told me to have more faith
On Thursday he gave me a little more grace.
Friday he told me just to watch and pray,
Saturday he told me just what to say,
On Sunday he gave me the power divine
To let my little light shine:

Chorus

Blessing



Flowers

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

Next Sunday: 14th December 2025

Third Sunday of Advent

10.30 am, Advent Worship

Led by Revd Cynthia Park

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

Christmas Concert by the **Salvation Army Band & Songsters:** This afternoon, 4.30 pm at Stanford Avenue Methodist Church. Tea and biscuits after. All are welcome.

‘Stitch and Story’: Friday 12th December, 4 to 8 pm at DG. Drop-in any time during these hours to make repairs to the **Coat of Hopes** and share stories. All are welcome to join us!

Christmas Concert by **Women of Note:** Saturday 13th December, 3 pm at Patcham Methodist Church. Admission is free, but donations are invited for the Trussell Trust Food Bank and Patcham Methodist Church. Refreshments will be served afterwards, and this event is hosted by the Monday Circle Club.

“The Adventurers” Brighton & Hove Circuit Youth, 6 to 18 year olds. Get together and adventure on **Sunday 14th December**, 1 to 3 pm at the Rampion Wind Farm Visitor Centre. (Adventures funded by the PAN Club). To sign-up email Sam at samantha.dyke@dgmcc.org.uk

Community Carol Singing: Saturday 20th December, 4 pm to 5 pm at Hove Methodist Church. Outside in St. Patrick’s Road. Hot dogs and hot drinks available. In aid of Action for Children.

Food and Fellowship: Sunday 21st December. We do hope you can all stay on after morning worship!

Community Carol Service: Christmas Eve, 4 pm here at Dorset Gardens with VMCC and including Communion. Hot drinks and mince pies served from 3.30 pm and refreshments afterwards provided by VMCC.

Covenant Service: On Sunday 4th January, we will be commissioning all who contribute to the life and ministry of the church. This special service is an opportunity to affirm, bless, and give thanks for the many ways people serve within our church community. All are warmly welcome to attend.

SERVICE OF HEALING AND COMMUNION

At Dorset Gardens Methodist Church

**Fourth Sunday of every month
at 6.30 pm**



MATTHEW 15 vs 30 & 31

**GREAT CROWDS CAME TO HIM, BRINGING THE LAME,
THE BLIND, THE CRIPPLED, THE MUTE AND MANY
OTHERS, AND LAID THEM AT HIS FEET; AND HE
HEALED THEM.**

**THE PEOPLE WERE AMAZED WHEN THEY SAW THE
MUTE SPEAKING, THE CRIPPLED MADE WELL, THE
LAME WALKING AND THE BLIND SEEING. AND THEY
PRAISED THE GOD OF ISRAEL.**



Advent & Christmas

At Dorset Gardens Methodist Church

Sunday 7 December ~ Second Sunday of Advent

10.30 am, All Age Gift Service

(We would be grateful to receive either toys, toiletries or Christmas treats
for the Brighton Unemployed Centre Families Project)

Sunday 14 December ~ Third Sunday of Advent

10.30 am, Advent Worship

Sunday 21 December ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent

10.30 am, Advent Worship with Communion

Christmas Eve

**4 pm, Community Carol Service
with the VMCC and including Communion**

(Tea, coffee & mince pies from 3.30 pm and refreshments
afterwards provided by VMCC)

Christmas Day

10.30 am, Christmas Celebration!



Everyone Welcome!