

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 8th December 2024

Second Sunday of Advent

10.30 am

Morning Worship

Led by Stella Goddard

Keyboard Player Will Mason

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Advent Liturgy: Advent Two The work of Christ

Reading Isaiah 61: 1 & 11

Reader I delight greatly in the Lord, my soul rejoices in my God
All for he has clothed me with garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness.

Reader We use these Chrismons to remind us of the life of Christ who comes to reconcile us with God.

Place Chrismons on tree

Reader Let us pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace,
All in company with all those who call on the Lord.

StF 333 Majesty, worship your majesty

Prayers of Praise and Confession

Hymn StF 175 Light of the World

Readings Malachi 3: 1-4 Read by Jennifer Blamey
Luke 3: 1-6

Hymn StF 183 Praise to the God who clears the way

Message

Hymn StF 547 Beyond these walls of worship

Prayers for the World

Song

We wait in hope for hope to come:
promised of old; the righteous one.
Help us to watch, expect and pray
and then to greet Messiah's day.

We read the story of your plan:
this world redeemed by heaven's Son.
Grace breaks upon the present time;
mercy and hope through David's line.

We hear the prophet's voice ring clear:
'changed hearts and lives are needed here'.
So, when the Spirit fires your Church,
make us a sign for all who search.

We go to share this great Good News:
heirs of the promise – we will choose
to live in hope that all may sing
praises to Christ, the infant king.

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Blessing and Sharing the Grace

Next Sunday ~ 15th December 2024

Third Sunday of Advent

9 am, Morning Communion

10.30 am, All Age Gift Service

Both services led by Revd Andy Lowe

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

Flowers: If you would like to make a donation to the flowers over Christmas in memory of a loved one, please speak to Rosemary or Beth.

This Evening: Christmas Praise with the Salvation Army Band, 6.30 pm at Stanford Avenue MC. There will be a collection during the service to help Brighton's homeless. All are welcome!

Saturday 14th December: Women of Note Christmas Concert, 3 pm at Woodingdean Methodist Church. Followed by refreshments. In aid of the Trussell Network of Food Banks.

Saturday 21st December: Carols outside the Church, 4 pm to 5 pm at Hove Methodist Church, with refreshments.

Christmas Eve: Community Carol Service, 4 pm here at Dorset Gardens Methodist Church, with tea, coffee and mince pies from 3.30 pm. You are all invited!



Flowers

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