# 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 9<sup>th</sup> March 2025 First Sunday of Lent

10.30 am

**Morning Worship** 

Led by Jonathan Gravestock

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### **Lent Liturgy: First Sunday of Lent**

Jesus begins His journey by entering the wilderness.

Reading: Luke 4: 1-2

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, <sup>2</sup> where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished.

Prayer: Dear Lord Jesus,

we place this teardrop to remind us of how hard it

was for you for 40 days in the wilderness. Amen

A teardrop is placed on the road.

**Hymn StF 238** Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

**Introduction** Freedom of God

**Hymn StF 485** When we are living, we are in the Lord

**Prayer** (children leave)

**Reading** Deuteronomy 26: 1-11 First fruits and Tithes

Read by Ian Lamb

**Reflection** Freedom past

**Hymn** Wild wilderness, pathetic desolation,

as Jesus walked, then rested for the night,

for forty days his strength was tried and tested,

for forty days he sifted wrong and right.

He woke to hunger tangled in his being, what miracle might turn these stones to bread? But God within the centre of his spirit was food enough to keep his body fed.

His faith was such that it could move a mountain and God could save him from the greatest fall. But faith like this need not be tried or tested; the love of God will never slip or stall.

He climbed the mountain, saw the world in splendour, then thought of ruling all his eyes could see; yet power like this was not the thing he needed - devoid of wealth he'd set the people free.

Beyond temptation love would live incarnate, his human flesh would laugh and cry and weep, in Christ God's love and grace would not diminish, dynamic love would never die nor sleep.

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**Reading** Luke 4: 1-13 Jesus Is Tested in the Wilderness

Read by Ian Lamb

**Reflection** Freedom future

Hymn StF 240 When we are tested and wrestle alone

Prayers of Intercession and Lord's Prayer

Hymn StF 459 Captain of Israel's host

**Sending out Prayer** 

## Next Sunday: 16<sup>th</sup> March 2025 ~ Second Sunday of Lent 10.30 am, Morning Worship

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## **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 and Fellowship:** In April we'll be having our F&F on Easter Sunday (20<sup>th</sup> April) after the service. All are welcome to join us!

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March - Brighton Male Voice Choir:** 7 pm at Woodingdean Methodist Church. Suggested donation £6. Entry by ticket. Phone 01273 887618.

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March - Spring & Craft Fair:** 10.30 am to 2 pm at Stanford Avenue MC. Including making peace cranes in which you can add the name of a loved one, a small prayer, bible quote or poem inside. These will then fly in the Church.

An Appeal from Cath Oddhayward at Stanford Avenue: Hi Folks, I run a secondary specialist centre for young people with Autism and Developmental Language Disorder (DLD), The Swan Centre. We have been successful in being one of the nominated Tesco causes to fund our food project.

If you are in a local Tesco (branches in Brighton & Hove) from now until the end of March 2025 we would very much appreciate your token. *Thank you! Cath xx*