

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 14th December 2025

Third Sunday of Advent

10.30 am

Advent Worship

Led by Revd Cynthia Park

Keyboard Player Will Mason

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Welcome

Advent Liturgy

Advent Three: John the Baptist

Jesus said, 'No one more important than John the Baptist has ever been born; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.' **Amen. Come soon, Lord Jesus!**

The third 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 & 3) 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.

John the Baptist, by his preaching
and by water poured,
brought to those who heard his teaching
news of hope restored:
'Keep your vision strong and steady,
and be ready for the Lord.'

Advent Litany

Bidding: Christ is coming

Response: He is coming to make all things new.

Hymn StF 185 Sing we the King who is coming to reign

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Sketch The Incarnation

Hymn StF 168 Come, Lord Jesus, come

Readings Isaiah 11: 1-9
Matthew 11: 2-15
Read by Barbara Lamb

Hymn StF 182 On Jordan's bank

Sermon

Hymn StF 186 Tell out, my soul



Prayers **Between the sections of our prayers we will sing...**

Fill us with your peace,
Fill us with your joy,
Fill us with your love,
In this world of ours.

(Tune StF 168)

Hymn StF 59 Shine, Jesus, shine

Blessing



Flowers

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

Next Sunday: 21st December 2025

Fourth Sunday of Advent

10.30 am, Advent Worship with Communion

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, crafts, board games... and fellowship!

Please note: There will be NO Prayer & Praise or Open House on Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

News and Notices

Christmas Collection: As is our custom, our Christmas Day collection will go to **Action for Children**, the Methodist Charity which supports children and families in the UK.

If you are away for Christmas but would like to make a donation, envelopes will be available this week and next week. Thank you for your support.

The Adventurers: Brighton & Hove Circuit Youth, 6 to 18 year olds. Get together and adventure **this afternoon**, 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@dgmc.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.





Advent & Christmas

At Dorset Gardens Methodist Church

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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!

Sunday 28 December

10.30 am, Morning Worship

6.30 pm, Service of Healing and Communion

Everyone Welcome!

