

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 16th August 2026

10.30 am

Morning Worship

Led by Revd Andy Lowe

Keyboard Player Will Mason

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Welcome

Hymn

Chorus

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul

Worship His Holy name

Sing like never before, O my soul

I'll worship Your Holy name

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning

It's time to sing Your song again

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me

Let me be singing when the evening comes:

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger

Your name is great and Your heart is kind

For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing

Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find:

And on that day when my strength is failing

The end draws near and my time has come

Still my soul will sing Your praise unending

Ten thousand years and then forevermore:

Chorus x 2

Yes I'll worship Your Holy name

I'll worship Your Holy name

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Prayer

Intergenerational

Hymn StF 98

Your love is amazing

Reading Matthew 15: 10-20 Read by Steve Preston

Sermon Part 1

Hymn StF 504 May the mind of Christ my Saviour

Reading Matthew 15: 21-28 Read by Steve Preston

Sermon Part 2

Song

God who sets us on a journey
To discover, dream and grow,
Lead us as you led your people
In the desert long ago;
Journey inward, journey outward,
Stir the spirit, stretch the mind;
Love for God and self and neighbour
Marks the way that Christ defined.

Exploration brings new insights,
Changes, choices we must face;
Give us wisdom in deciding,
Mindful always of your grace;
Should we stumble, lose our bearings,
Find it hard to know what's right,
We regain our true direction
Focused on the Jesus-light.

End our longing for the old days,
Grant the vision that we lack –
Once we've started on this journey
There can be no turning back;
Let us travel light, discarding
Excess baggage from our past,
Cherish only what's essential,
Choosing treasure that will last.

When we set up camp and settle
To avoid life's risk and pain,
You disturb complacent comfort,
Pull the tent pegs up again;
Keep us travelling in the knowledge
You are always at our side,
Give us courage for the journey,
Christ our goal and Christ our guide.

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Prayers

Hymn StF 409 Let us build a house

Blessing

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Flowers

Thank you to Barbara Lamb for the lovely flowers
in church today, remembering Mum, Ken and Tim.

Donations: If you would like to make a financial contribution to Dorset Gardens Methodist Church you can donate with this **QR Code** or via the JustGiving website:
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Next Sunday ~ 23rd August 2026

10.30 am, Morning Worship

Led by Beulah Fletcher

6.30 pm, Service of Healing and Communion

Led by Revd Karen Bell

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

Methodist Prayer Handbook: We will be ordering copies of the new Prayer Handbook for worship leaders. If anyone else would like to order a copy the cost is £4.99. Please give your order to Steve **today**

Sea Blessing - Today: 3 pm on the Groyne by the Palace Pier (organised by the Interfaith Contact Group).

Alpha Course: Continues on Wednesday 19th August, 6.30 to 8 pm, then on 26th August, followed by a break and recommencing on 16th, 23rd and 30th September. If you would like to attend, please contact Cynthia: cpark1947@gmail.com or 01273 640247.

Invitation - Saturday 22nd August: In this great big world when two people find each other, fall in love and decide to make a life-long commitment to each other, it is a wonderment! So how we rejoice that Will & Tessa have found each other, and are planning their wedding! This calls for a celebration! Please come to my garden

(28 Peacock Lane) on 22nd August for lunch between 12 & 3 pm and we will toast their future together! We will be serving 'nonsecco'. If you are able, please bring a salad or dessert to help with catering. RSVP Cynthia Park cpark1947@gmail.com or 01273 640247.

Saturday 29th August: St. Joseph's & St. John the Baptist and Monks in the City invite you to their Open Day, 11 am to 4.30 pm. *Discover Brighton's Historic Catholic Church (with royal connections and impressive art).* At the Church of St. John the Baptist, 2 Bristol Road, Kemptown, BN2 1AP. Free entry, welcomers and guided tours, refreshments available next door in the Fitzherbert Community Hub. Donations to the Parish welcome.

Education: There are some learning and development **online** events being offered by the Methodist Church in case anyone would like to sign up:-

- **What is a visit** (for Pastoral carers) on 10th September, 10 am to 12 noon: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/what-is-a-visit-tickets-1989091477153?aff=oddtcreator>
- **What is a visit** (for Pastoral Carers) on 15th September, 7 to 9 pm: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/what-is-a-visit-tickets-1989091586480?aff=oddtcreator>
- **Dementia Inclusive Worship** on 12th October, 10 am to 12 noon: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/dementia-inclusive-worship-tickets-1988316143108>