

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 17th August 2025

10.30 am

Morning Worship

Led by Paul Richards

Keyboard Player Will Mason

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Call to Worship

Gathering Prayer

Hymn StF 24 Come, now is the time to worship

Prayers of Praise and Confession

Hymn StF 103 God is love: let heaven adore him

Readings Luke 12: 49-56 Read by Steve Preston
 Hebrews 11: 29 to 12: 2

Reflection on Theme: 'Things that divide us'

Hymn O Breath of God come fill this place
 Revive our hearts to know Your grace
 And from our slumber make us rise
 That we may know the risen Christ.

O Word of God so clear and true
Renew our minds to trust in You
And give to us the Bread of Life
That we may know the risen Christ.

O love of God so unrestrained
Refresh our souls in Jesus' name
Let us reflect Your sacrifice
That we may know the risen Christ.

May God the Father God the Son
And God the Spirit make us one
In holiness let us unite
That we may know the risen Christ.

Sermon 'A Faith That Divides, A Love That Unites'

Hymn StF 662 Have you heard God's voice

Prayers of Intercession and Lord's Prayer

Hymn StF 407 Hear the call of the Kingdom

Blessing



Flowers

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

Next Sunday ~ 24th August 2025

10.30 am, Morning Worship

Led by Revd Andy Lowe

6.30 pm, Service of Healing and Communion

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

Sea Blessing - Brighton Christian Climate Action: Sunday 17th August, 3 pm at the Doughnut Groyne near the Pier. A short, reflective service honouring the sea. A tradition rooted in Jesus' connection to water, boats and fishermen.

Methodist Prayer Handbook – “Our Story, Our Song”: We will be ordering copies of the new Prayer Handbook for our Ministers/ Worship Leaders and wanted to check if anyone else would like their own copy? We can then order these centrally for you. The cost is £4.50. Please could you contact Steve Preston by **22nd August** at the latest if you would like to order a copy.

Patcham Duck Fayre: Sunday 24th August on Patcham Junior School Playing Field. A great day out for all the family!

South East District Welcome Service: Saturday 6th September, 3 pm at Redhill Methodist Church (RH1 1BP), followed by refreshments. Join us as we welcome our new Chair of District, Revd Conrad Hicks. The service will also be streamed online. Visit www.methodistsoutheast.org in early September for streaming instructions.

Friday 19th September 2025: Join the Tearaway Tots team in raising some funds at The PAN Club (Paint and Nibble) - 7.30 pm at DG. The talented Shirley Veater will lead the attendees in an amazing art class and you can enjoy cakes, nibbles and laughter along the way. For tickets see Sam Dyke or <https://THEPANCLUB.eventbrite.com>

A Pilgrimage for Climate and Peace: Sunday 21st September. A short, guided city walk to reflect, pray, and call for urgent climate action. Starting 12.30 pm at St John’s, Knoyle Road, Preston Park; continuing to St. Peter’s Church, York Place, 1.45 pm. Ending at the Friends Meeting House, Ship Street.