

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 25th October 2026

10.30 am

Morning Worship

Led by Revd Heather Leake Date

Music by HymnTech

Call to Worship

Hymn StF 28 Jesus calls us here to meet him (vs 1-3)

Prayers

Intergenerational Time

Hymn StF 318 Christ, our King before creation

Readings Leviticus 19: 1-2, 15-18 Read by Barbara Lamb
Matthew 22: 34-46

Hymn StF 613 God, how can we forgive

Sermon

Hymn StF 410 Lord, your Church on earth is seeking

Prayers

Hymn StF 413 Send down the fire of your justice

Blessing



Flowers

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

Next Sunday: 1st November ~ All Saints Day and International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church

10.30 am, Morning Worship with Communion

Led by Paul Steadman & Revd Heather Leake Date

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

A HUGE thank you to everyone who contributed to the incredible harvest donations for Voices in Exile and for the help loading our car. They were bowled over by the generosity of the people at DG. Ruth, my co-lead on the Circuit Refugee Project, sends a huge thank you too. Many thanks also to Rosemary for preparing and overseeing the lovely lunch after the service. I hear it was a great service - brilliant! *Sue H.*

Wednesday 28th October: 60th Anniversary Celebration Tea Party at The Meeting House, University of Sussex, 2 to 4 pm. We are offering students and others an afternoon tea to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the opening, and I'm looking for help please. Donations of cakes and scones (some gluten free if possible) and help on the day 1.15 to 4.30 pm approx. Parking is challenging, but there is a good bus service. Contact me on 07943 401608 or studentcircuit@gmail.com for more information or to offer help. Many thanks, Sue Harrington.

Food and Fellowship: Next Sunday, 1st November - You are all invited!

Could you open your home to a refugee? In September, the charity **Refugees at Home**, contacted us to say they have seen a sharp increase in demand for hosting in and around Brighton. The next online information session for anyone interested in being a host is on **Tuesday 10th November, 6 pm to 7 pm.** The Zoom registration link is:- <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/aoUScHTSQ0-n9lbHQdw0Lw>

An Exciting Opportunity - DG Newsletter Editor: We're looking for someone to take on this role. This is a great opportunity to share worthwhile things happening across our faith community and beyond. The role involves reaching out to a range of people and gathering interesting and varied news items to showcase our work, values and impact. The newsletter is published four times a year, with all content collation and design handled by Angela. If you're interested in taking on the role or for further details, please speak to Deeptima or Steve.

Community Coffee & Chat: Friday 30th October, and fortnightly thereafter, 10 am to 12 noon at Patcham Methodist Church. Join us for a friendly community morning of conversation and friendship. Refreshments £2. All welcome!

Circuit All Saints Day Service: Sunday 1st November, 3 pm at Stanford Avenue MC. At this service we remember with thanks the lives of those we loved who have died in the previous year. We read out the names and remember with the lighting of candles those whose funerals have been held in our churches or whose services have been conducted by ministers and lay people within our Circuit. All are invited, please contact steve.preston@brightonhovemethodistcircuit.org.uk if there is anyone who you wish to remember in this way.

Open Table Launch: Sunday 8th November, 4 pm at St Luke's Prestonville. St Luke's are hosting a Christian worship community that genuinely welcomes and affirms people who are LGBTIQA+ and allies, as part of the Open Table Network. An intentional and ecumenical space for any LGBTIQA+ church or non-church folk to join together to worship, pray, share, socialise and network. **Monthly on the second Sunday** at 64 Old Shoreham Road, Brighton, BN1 5DD.

Christmas Market: Saturday 14th November, 11 am to 3.30 pm at Patcham MC. Loads of stalls, visit Father Christmas, children's activities, fabulous refreshments. Entry 50 p (under 16s free)

Soup & Ceramics Fund Raiser: Saturday 21st November, 7 to 9.30 pm. *Venue Update: Now at Kernel Canteen, Circus Street, BN2 9QF.*

Come and decorate your own Christmas baubles with acrylic pens and enjoy homemade soups and fresh bread. Tickets £20 per person. **Raffle Prizes:** Could you, or someone you know, donate or make a raffle prize for this fund raiser? Please speak to Sam Dyke or contact her on samantha.dyke@dgmc.org.uk

Circuit Together Service: Sunday 22nd November, 10.30 am at Hove Methodist Church. At 3 pm, the **Annual Brighton & Hove Interfaith Celebration** also at Hove Methodist Church.

Barnstormers Production of Disney's Frozen: 27th-28th November and 4th-5th December, 7.30 pm (2 pm Saturday Matinee). At Patcham Methodist Church. Tickets: £13-£16 + booking fee (concessions available) from barnstormers.org.uk/tickets - *Tickets selling fast!*

Christmas and Craft Fair: Saturday 28th November, 10.30 am to 2 pm at Stanford Avenue MC. Food, raffle, tombola, homemade gifts, books and games, handcrafted items. Free entry. We hope you can join us!

Christmas Day at Hove: For over 50 years Hove MC has served Christmas Lunch to over 100 guests who would otherwise be on their own. This is always a happy day for all involved, including the volunteers. They already have a chef and kitchen staff but need a Front of House lead to liaise with volunteer drivers, manage volunteers and keep the day running smoothly, from around 10 am. They also need volunteer drivers, to pick up guests from 11.30 am and take home from 3 pm, and waiters/servers including clearing up. If you would like to help in any of these roles, please contact Rachel Richards or JJ at office@hovemethodistchurch.co.uk or 01273 324600.

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: www.justgiving.com/dgmc

