

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 30th November 2025

First Sunday of Advent

Women Against Violence Sunday

10.30 am

Morning Worship

Led by Revd Andy Lowe

Keyboard Player Will Mason

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Welcome

Advent Liturgy (using Hymn StF 165 The Advent Candle Song)

Advent One: The Advent Hope

The Psalmist said, 'I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits,
and in his word I put my hope.

Jesus said, 'Keep awake, for you do not know on what day your
Lord is coming.' **Amen. Come soon, Lord Jesus!**

The first candle is lit.

Leader: Jesus is the light of the world.

All: A light no darkness can ever put out.

We sing:

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.

Song O Come, light's dawning, burn within my soul,
the tinder of my heart you can make whole.
O come, ignite my passion to see
the truth of who I am, who I can be.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
To fear I bid farewell
that light may come within my heart to dwell.

O come, light's beauty, come amongst and cheer
Our spirits by your radiant presence here.

O come, ignite our passion to see
that we can live in peace and harmony.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
To anger bid farewell
that light may come within our hearts to dwell.

O come, light's wisdom, be our certain guide
as arrogance and greed we set aside.
O come, ignite our passion to see
the beauty born in all humanity.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
To priv'lege bid farewell
that light may come within our hearts to dwell.

O come, light's piercing truth, come and reveal
all that our planet needs from us to heal.
O come ignite our passion to see
the splendour in Earth's vast diversity.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
To darkness bid farewell
that light may come within our hearts to dwell.

By Gretta Vosper, inspired by words translated
From the Latin by John Mason Neale, 1851

Prayers

Intergenerational: Hope

Song We wait in hope for hope to come:
promised of old; the righteous one.
Help us to watch, expect and pray
and then to greet Messiah's day.

We read the story of your plan:
this world redeemed by heaven's Son.
Grace breaks upon the present time;
mercy and hope through David's line.

We hear the prophet's voice ring clear:
'changed hearts and lives are needed here'.
So, when the Spirit fires your Church,
make us a sign for all who search.

We go to share this great Good News:
heirs of the promise – we will choose
to live in hope that all may sing
praises to Christ, the infant king.

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Readings	Isaiah 2: 1-5	Read by Tony Leonard
	Matthew 24: 36-44	

Hymn StF 157 God has spoken - by his prophets

Sermon

Hymn StF 708 O God of hope

Prayers

The Maori Lord's Prayer:

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain Bearer, Life-Giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be. Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope
and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and
forever. Amen.

Hymn StF 706 Longing for light

Blessing

Next Sunday: 7th December 2025

Second Sunday of Advent

9 am, Morning Communion

Led by Revd Andy Lowe

10.30 am, All Age Gift Service

Led by Revd Andy Lowe



Flowers

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

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

Food and Fellowship: Today and 21st December. We do hope you can all stay on after morning worship!

World Aids Day Service: This evening, 6 pm at the Ledward Centre, 14A Jubilee Street, Brighton. Led by Revd Heather Leake Date.

Gift Service - Next Sunday at 10.30 am: We would be grateful to receive either toys, toiletries or Christmas treats for the Brighton Unemployed Centre Families Project.

Christmas Concert by the **Salvation Army Band & Songsters:** Sunday 7th December, 4.30 pm at Stanford Avenue Methodist Church. Tea and biscuits after. All are welcome.

‘Stitch and Story’: Friday 12th December, 4 to 8 pm at DG. Drop-in any time during these hours to make repairs to the **Coat of Hopes** and share stories. All are welcome to join us!

Christmas Concert by **Women of Note:** Saturday 13th December, 3 pm at Patcham Methodist Church. Admission is free, but donations are invited for the Trussell Trust Food Bank and Patcham Methodist Church. Refreshments will be served afterwards, and this event is hosted by the Monday Circle Club.

"The Adventurers" Brighton & Hove Circuit Youth, 6 to 18 year olds. Get together and adventure on **Sunday 14th December**, 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.

Community Carol Service: Christmas Eve, 4 pm here at Dorset Gardens. Hot drinks and mince pies served from 3.30 pm.

SERVICE OF HEALING AND COMMUNION

At Dorset Gardens Methodist Church

**Fourth Sunday of every month
at 6.30 pm**



MATTHEW 15 vs 30 & 31

**GREAT CROWDS CAME TO HIM, BRINGING THE LAME,
THE BLIND, THE CRIPPLED, THE MUTE AND MANY
OTHERS, AND LAID THEM AT HIS FEET; AND HE
HEALED THEM.**

**THE PEOPLE WERE AMAZED WHEN THEY SAW THE
MUTE SPEAKING, THE CRIPPLED MADE WELL, THE
LAME WALKING AND THE BLIND SEEING. AND THEY
PRAISED THE GOD OF ISRAEL.**