

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

Easter Sunday ~ 31st March 2024

10.30 am

Easter Joy!

with Holy Communion

Led by Revd Cynthia Park

Keyboard Player Will Mason

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Call to Worship (say 3 times, each time louder – to a glorious shout!)

Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**



Hymn StF 298 Christ the Lord is risen today!

Prayer to the bidding “Christ the Lord is risen today”
please sing **Alleluia!**

Lord’s Prayer

Easter Eggs Cascarones!

Hymn God’s not dead, (No!) He is alive!
God’s not dead, (No!) He is alive!
God’s not dead, (No!) He is alive!
Serve him with my hands, follow with my feet,
Love him in my heart, know him in my life;
For he’s alive in me!

Readings John 20: 1-18 Read by Ian Lamb
I Corinthians 15: 1-11

Hymn StF 309 See, what a morning

Sermon and Prayers

Hymn StF 306 Now the green blade rises

EASTER COMMUNION:

Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Loving God, here we celebrate the triumph of love,
your victory, through Christ, over violence, hatred and intolerance.
In a world still scarred by these evils,
we rejoice in your promise
that through us your love will finally win through. **Alleluia**

Here we celebrate the triumph of truth,
your victory, through Christ, over deceit, corruption and falsehood.
In a world still racked by these evils,
we rejoice in your promise
that through us your truth will finally win through. **Alleluia**

Here we celebrate the triumph of grace,
your victory, through Christ, over guilt, sinfulness
and all that enslaves the spirit.
In a world still troubled by these evils,
we rejoice in your promise
that through us your grace will finally win through. **Alleluia**

Here we celebrate the triumph of joy,
your victory, through Christ, over death, sorrow and loss.
In a world still broken by these evils,
we rejoice in your promise
that through us your joy will finally win through. **Alleluia**

Here we celebrate our risen Lord Jesus, who on the night in which
he was betrayed, took bread, gave thanks, and broke it, saying,
“This is my body, given for you. Eat this and remember me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup, blessed it and said, "This is my blood poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Drink this and remember me."

So send down your Holy Spirit on us and on this bread and wine that they may bring to us the life of your Risen Son and strengthen us to live courageously, building a kingdom where love, truth, grace and joy will finally win through. **Amen**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD:

The body of Christ, has been broken and raised for us.
Therefore we sing, **Alleluia.**

(Bread and wine are shared in the usual way)

CLOSING RESPONSES:

We have eaten bread to share in the strength of the Risen Lord.
We have drunk wine to share in the joy of the Risen Lord.

Now let us go out to live in the power of the Risen Lord proclaiming:

Goodness is stronger than evil

Love is stronger than hate

Light is stronger than darkness

Life is stronger than death.

**Victory is ours, victory is ours
through him who loves us.**

Alleluia!

(Closing responses by Archbishop Desmond Tutu)

Hymn StF 313 Thine be the glory

Blessing

Next Sunday: 7th April 2024

10.30 am, Morning Worship

Led by Paul Steadman

(Please note: Brighton Marathon today)

Every Thursday

1 pm, **Service of Prayer & Praise**, in the Prayer Chapel.

2 pm, **Open House @ Dorset Gardens** - Tea, coffee, refreshments and fellowship! Photo cards for sale in aid of Action for Children.

News and Notices

Food and Friendship: There will be no Food & Friendship next Sunday due to the Brighton Marathon. Continuing Sunday 5th May.

Lent Course at Dorset Gardens on **Monday evenings**, 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm. Led by Revd Andy Lowe. Two final meetings after Easter:-

8th April: Easter

15th April: What does the resurrection mean for us?

Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Online Seminar: Monday 8th April, 7.30 to 8.30 pm. A Gay Super's Story: Revd Barbara Evans-Routley will share her story. Link: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-gay-supers-story-registration-776310996087?aff=odcleoeventsincollection&keep_tld=1

Saturday 13th April: People interested in drawing closer to God through nature are gathering at **2.30 pm** at 28 Peacock Lane for a brief time of reflection, followed by an hour and a half of gardening

work with the Friends of Withdean Park. The afternoon will close back at no. 28 with tea and further reflection. Park Rangers will supply tools and gloves. Sturdy footwear and clothes that don't mind mud are essential. If the weather is really bad, the gathering may be postponed. For more info email cpark1947@gmail.com or phone 01273 640247.

Quiz and Buffet: Saturday 13th April, 4 pm at Stanford Avenue MC. Ploughman's style meal & quiz for the bargain price of £10 p.person. Contact Lis Coblenz on 07730 773891 or liscoblenz@yahoo.co.uk

Easter Offering Service: Sunday 21st April, 3 pm at Woodingdean Methodist Church. Methodist Women in Britain, as a justice-seeking charity, has chosen the theme 'Let Justice Roll' for this year's Easter Offering Service. "But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!" (Amos 5:24, NIV)

We will be sharing stories of people standing for justice, persisting in the face of setbacks and taking up the challenge anew as circumstances change. Some stories show how people now have hope because justice has 'rolled' into their lives. Let Justice Roll is a celebration of God's just purposes across the wider world.

The service will include the dedication of the Easter Offering, all of which goes to the World Mission Fund of the Methodist Church in Britain, supporting and working with over 100 Partner Churches and organisations around the world. More information at <https://mwib.org.uk/>

Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Online Seminar: Tuesday 30th April, 7.30 to 8.30 pm. More than welcoming: Engaging with South Asian Communities. Revd Inderjit Bhogal will speak. Link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/more-than-welcoming-engaging-with-south>

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Annual Church Meeting: Sunday 5th May, straight after the morning service - All are welcome!

Volunteers Needed: Saturday 18th May, approx. 10 am to 2 pm (times tbc). To help with refreshments for the Circuit Project Sponsored Walk. Please see Sue Harrington if you could help.

'Women of Note' Concert: Saturday 25th May, 3 pm at Stanford Avenue MC. Retiring collection in support of the Church and the Trussell Trust.

Food Bank Donations - B&H City Mission: There is a food bank donation basket in the foyer. **Circuit Refugee Project:** There is also a donation box for Voices in Exile. Please donate whatever you can... every little helps!



Flowers

Thank you to everyone who helped in making the church building look so beautiful this Easter.

