

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

20th April 2025

10 am

**Easter Celebration
with Communion**

**Led by
Revd Andy Lowe**

**Keyboard Player
Will Mason**

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Welcome and Notices

Easter Acclamation: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Lent Liturgy:

The teardrops of sadness have been transformed into flowers of joy and praise. Celebrate the joy of the risen Lord but show that the sad events of Lent had to happen first.

Prayer: Risen Lord Jesus all the teardrops remind us of your journey to Jerusalem. Today they have become flowers of joy, because you have risen and are living with each of us. **Halleluiah!**

The teardrops are put together to form a flower.

Hymn StF 298 Christ the Lord is risen today

Prayer

Intergenerational

Hymn StF 299 Easter jubilation

Reading John 20: 1-18 Read by Barbara Lamb

Sermon

Song Easter hallelujah:

I heard there was a man one time
who tried to teach a whole new rhyme
“Do you want to learn this way, O do ya?”
A simple way that's hard, you see
just love the world and set it free
and let peace flow out from you, Hallelujah.

Hallelujah, hallelujah
hallelujah, hallelujah.

They said that he had lost his mind,
no one could ever be so blind
“You think a heart of loves enough, O do ya?”
The love of power took its stand,
the power of love stayed close at hand,
while a cross declared a broken Hallelujah,

Hallelujah, hallelujah
hallelujah, hallelujah.

A bloody cross, a cold stone grave,
a gentle man no one could save
his death was like a cold wind blowin’ though ya.
For love had died and hope was gone
his light-filled world was darkly drawn,
there were no notes that sounded Hallelujah.

Hallelujah, hallelujah
hallelujah, hallelujah.

But then there came a different day,
the crushing stone was rolled away,
and death stood back while life came rushing to ya.
The power of love had stood the test,
the whole world far and wide was blessed,
and answered with a chorus: “Hallelujah!”

Hallelujah, hallelujah
hallelujah, hallelujah.
Hallelujah, hallelujah
hallelujah, hallelujah.

Mac Campbell

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Hymn StF 296 Christ has risen while earth slumbers

Communion

Hymn StF 247 I danced in the morning

Blessing



Flowers

Thank you to everyone who helped make
our church building look so beautiful
this Easter.

Next Sunday: 27th April 2025

10.30 am, Morning Worship

Led by Revd Martin Knight

Followed by the Annual Church Meeting

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: Please do stay on after the service this morning for Food and Fellowship. All are welcome to join us!

Annual Church Meeting: Next Sunday, 27th April, after morning worship. Open to all. Everybody is welcome to attend.

Women of Note: If you fancy an evening of merriment, a bit of rock music and existential musings then please come to our show in the Brighton Fringe. Women of Note are in the show as the '**Sisters Of Mercy**' helping out the Angel of Death and collecting for the Trussell Trust Network of Food Banks afterwards. Various dates from 4th May. Full details here: <https://www.brightonfringe.org/events/the-angel-of-death-will-see-you-now/>

Saturday 10th May - Hymn Sing: 'This is my story; this is my song', 12.45 to 2.30 pm at Dorset Gardens. Tickets £6, includes tea and a selection of sandwiches and cakes. Contact Dee 07715 976579 in advance to book for catering reasons and inform about dietary requirements. Choose a hymn Singing the Faith or Mission Praise and share why it's special to you, let Dee know by Friday 25th April.

Saturday 17th May - Sustaining Hope Spring Gathering 2025: 10 am to 1 pm at Redhill Methodist Church, RH1 1BP. Please see poster in foyer for full details. To register email Revd Hazel Forecast at hazel.forecast@methodist.org.uk. Sue Harrington is hoping to go, so could travel as a group if people would like to.



Sunday 18th May - Easter Offering and Circuit Together Service, 3 pm at Dorset Gardens. Each year, the Methodist Church holds an Easter Offering dedication service, a tradition that dates back to 1883 and money raised will go to the World Mission Fund of the Methodist Church in GB for work in our Partner Churches around the world. This year's theme is 'Education for All, Hope for All' and offers us a moment to consider how education transforms lives and communities, opening God's promise of hope and fullness of life for all people. ***Please note, no morning service at DG on this date.***

Buttons! If you have any spare buttons, the Knit 'n' Natter Group would love to put them to good use. You can bring your buttons in to DG marked "For Knitting Group". We meet on the first Friday of each month, 10 am to 12 noon. New members very welcome!

