

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 March 2025

Mothering Sunday

10.30 am

All Age Worship

Led by Revd Cynthia Park

Keyboard Player Will Mason

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Welcome and Introduction

Twinkle, twinkle little star Sung by Paige

Lent Liturgy: Fourth Sunday of Lent

We continue on the road towards Easter, recognizing the difficult path Jesus took and asking for God's help in our daily struggles. We add a teardrop to remember on this day the parents and children who suffer around the world

We say: Dear Lord Jesus, we have made a teardrop today to remind us of those who do not have a loving family home, and to pray for all families separated by war and poverty. Amen.

A teardrop is placed on the road.

Hymn StF 536 He's got the whole world in his hand

Prayer

Participatory Bible Reading

Hymn

There is a line of women, extending back to Eve,
Whose role in shaping history God only could conceive.
And though, through endless ages, their witness was repressed,
God valued and encouraged them through whom the world was blessed:

*So sing a song of Sarah to laughter she gave birth;
And sing a song of Tamar who stood for women's worth;
And sing a song of Hannah who bargained with her Lord;
And sing a song of Mary who bore and bred God's Word.*

There is a line of women who took on powerful men,
Defying laws and scruples to let life live again.
And though, despite their triumph, their stories stayed untold
God kept their number growing, creative, strong and bold:

*So sing a song of Shiphrah with Puah close at hand,
Engaged to kill male children they foiled the king's command.
And sing a song of Rahab who sheltered spies and lied;
And sing a song of Esther, preventing genocide.*

There is a line of women who stood by Jesus' side,
Who housed Him while He ministered and held Him when He died.
And though they claimed He'd risen their news was deemed suspect
Till Jesus stood among them, His womanly elect:

*So sing a song of Anna who saw Christ's infant face;
And sing a song of Martha who gave Him food and space;
And sing of all the Marys who heeded His requests,
And now at heaven's banquet are Jesus' fondest guests.*

There is a line of women whose story we must tell
Inspired by great Susanna, who taught her sons so well,
That in God's time of challenge, responding to a call,
They preached and sang, insisting salvation is for all.

*So sing a song of women today called Methodist,
And come and join our company, add your name to the list
Of all who heard through Jesus that women are of worth.
Resounding Hallelujahs we sing all round the earth.*

Verses 1-3: John L. Bell © 2002 WGRG, Iona Community.

Verse 4: Kathleen Richardson © July 2011.

Reflection

Hymn StF 119 God of Eve and God of Mary

Prayers of Intercession and Lord's Prayer

Hymn StF 481 The Lord's my shepherd

Blessing



Flowers

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

Next Sunday: 6th April 2025 ~ Fifth Sunday of Lent

No Service at DG today due to the Brighton Marathon

Please see below for details of other services around the Circuit

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

Lent Course - 'Chocolat': Continues at DG on Monday 31st March at 7.30 pm, then on Monday 14th April. Based on the film starring Juliette Binoche and Johnny Depp and the book written by Joanne Harris. Led by Andy Lowe. All welcome!

Sunday 6th April: Please note there will be **no service at DG** on Sunday 6th April due to the Brighton Marathon. However, Andy will be leading worship at Patcham, Karen Bell at Stanford Avenue and Jonathan Gravestock at Hove. All services starting at 10.30 am.

Easter Sunday Sunrise Communion: Sunday 20th April, 6 am at Hove Beach, near the King Alfred. Led by Revd Andy Lowe.

Food and Fellowship: In April we'll be having our F&F on Easter Sunday (20th April) after the service. All are welcome to join us!

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!

Saturday 29th March - Spring & Craft Fair: 10.30 am to 2 pm at Stanford Avenue MC. Including making peace cranes in which you can add the name of a loved one, a small prayer, bible quote or poem inside. These will then fly in the Church.

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/>

**Holy Week
and Easter**

**At Dorset
Gardens**



Palm Sunday - 13th April

10.30 am, Morning Worship
Led by Revd Cynthia Park

Maundy Thursday - 17th April

1 pm, Service of Prayer & Praise with Communion
Led by Revd Andy Lowe

Good Friday - 18th April

4 pm, A Service for Good Friday
Led by Revd Andy Lowe

Easter Sunday - 20th April

10 am, Easter Celebration with Communion
Led by Revd Andy Lowe

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Prayers of Intercession

Prayers for Healing:-

Debbie Brand (Joyce's niece)
Allan Chidley
Ian & Kirsty
Landa
Laura-May

Maddy
Kushma Massey
Olsi and family
Baldeo & Shobha Singh

In Nursing and Care Homes:-

Val Boyd-Pain
Marian Jackson

Pat Knight
Ian Parker

Prayers for Long-Term Healing and Other Needs:-

Joyce Badcock
Sharon Baker
June Cooke
Alan Cutting & Graham Wall
Carolyn Hand (Beth's sister)
Jo (Jean Morley's daughter)
Karen Knight and family
Rosemary Lane
Lyn Maine

Martine (for the safe return of her son)
Jean Morley
Phoebe Muropa
Daphne Price
Andy Saunders
Selwyn Veater
Beth Whittaker
Persecuted people around the world
All groups who meet at DG

**If you would like a name to be included on the prayer list,
please contact Deeptima Massey.**