

**The Methodist Church
Brighton and Hove Circuit**



A day of celebration, inspiration & welcome

**Longhill High School
Sunday 3rd September 2017**

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Programme

9.30 – 10.30	Arrival teas & coffees	Small Cafeteria
	Circuit churches film (draft version)	Main Hall
10.30 – 12	Circuit Service of Covenant & Welcome	Main Hall
12 – 12.45	Lunch – picnic in the main cafeteria, small cafeteria, or tables outside	
1.00	Workshop session 1	
1.50	Workshop session 2	
2.35pm	Final farewell, Hymn and Blessing	Main Hall
2.45	Coach pick up	Car park

Donations to the Sierra Leone Appeal

There will not be a collection during the service, but we welcome donations to our buckets for the Sierra Leone appeal. Any donations raised will be passed directly to the Methodist Church in Sierra Leone for their use in helping the affected community survive the aftermath of the mudslides.

Welcome to our Circuit Service

The beginning of this new Connexional year marks the 20th anniversary of the Brighton and Hove Circuit.

Our service today includes our welcome to Rev Deborah Cornish as she comes to minister alongside us in this circuit and take up her role as an Assistant Chair of District. Also, as individuals and as a circuit, we will renew our covenant relationship with God as our response made in love and in thankful recognition of God's grace to us.

Before the service in the Hall we will be showing a film made specially for today about life in our circuit churches. It will be shown again at lunch time and will soon be available to watch on our circuit website.

Please prepare yourself as you wish for our time together whether in silence or in conversation with coffee and tea.

During the service please sit or stand as you feel able.

Words in bold type on this service order are for us all to speak or sing. All the words will be projected on screens at the front.

Communion will be served from four points please use the station nearest to you or as directed. The wafers we are using are gluten-free and the wine is non-alcoholic.

You will know that the service is about to begin when you hear:

Hymn Come, now is the time to worship

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**Come, now is the time to worship,
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship,
Come, just as you are before your God.
Come.**

*One day every tongue will confess You are God.
One day every knee will bow.
Still, the greatest treasure remains for those
Who gladly choose You now.*

Come, now is the time to worship.....

One day every tongue will confess You are God..... **(Repeat)**

**Come, now is the time to worship.....
Come. Come. Come. Come.**

Welcome and introduction

Hymn The splendour of the King

Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves & Ed Cash

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Hymn O Lord, my God

Stuart K. Hine © 1953 Stuart K. Hine/Kingsway's Thankyou Music.

**The splendour of the King, clothed in majesty;
let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,
and trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice.**

*How great is our God, sing with me,
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God.*

**And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands;
beginning and the end, beginning and the end.
The Godhead, three in one, Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.**

How great is our God.... (Repeat)

**Name above all names,
Worthy of all praise;
My heart will sing: How great is our God. (Repeat)**

How great is our God.... (Repeat)

**O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed:**

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee:
how great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee:
how great thou art, how great thou art!*

**When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;**

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee....

**And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin:**

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee....

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home—what joy shall fill my heart;
then shall I bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim: my God, how great thou art:

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee....

*How great is our God, sing with me,
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God. (Repeat)*

Opening Prayers Stella Goddard (Circuit Steward and Local Preacher)

Talk for all Rev Andy Lowe – E'en now we think and speak the same

Hymn Teach me to dance Graham Kendrick & Steve Thompson ©1993 Make way music

*Teach me to dance to the beat of Your heart,
teach me to move in the power of Your Spirit,
teach me to walk in the light of Your presence,
teach me to dance to the beat of Your heart.
Teach me to love with Your heart of compassion,
teach me to trust in the word of Your promise,
teach me to hope in the day of Your coming,
teach me to dance to the beat of Your heart.*

You wrote the rhythm of life,
created heaven and earth;
in You is joy without measure.
So, like a child in Your sight,
I dance to see Your delight,
for I was made for Your pleasure, pleasure.

Teach me to dance...

Let all my movements express
a heart that loves to say 'yes',
a will that leaps to obey You.
Let all my energy blaze
to see the joy in Your face;
let my whole being praise you, praise you.

Teach me to dance...

Readings Ephesians 4:1-6 Steve Preston from Dorset Gardens
Luke 4:16-21 Ernie Jones from Woodingdean

Sermon Rev John Hellyer (Chair of District)

Welcome to Rev Deborah Cornish: led by Rev John Hellyer (Chair of District)

Deborah,
will you hold before us the story of God's love and mercy,
above all, the Gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and will you be among us as one who preaches the word of God,
administers Baptism, presides at the Lord's Supper,
teaches the faith, and cares for the flock?

Answer: I will.

I ask God to help me,
and I invite you all to join with me in proclaiming the Gospel of life and hope.

Through Christ, we have Good News to share.

Will you hold before us God's call to holy living
and be among us as one who awakens the careless and strengthens the faithful?

Answer: I will.

I ask God to help me,
and I invite you all to join with me in commitment to the way of Christ.

May we reveal Christ's way through our words and example.

Will you hold before us God's commitment to human community,
to our neighbourhoods and all who live within them,
and to the world that God has made?

Answer: I will.

I ask God to help me, and I invite you all to join with me in sharing God's all-embracing love.

May we respond to Christ in all we meet.

A Circuit Steward says to the people:

Sisters and brothers, will you welcome Deborah
and will you offer her your friendship, support and prayers
as we join together in the work to which God has called us?

With God's help, we will.

Welcomes may then be given by circuit and ecumenical representatives, civic leaders, and other appropriate persons.

Each newly-appointed presbyter, deacon or probationer may reply briefly in her/his own words

Introduce newly appointed Lay workers:

Woodingdean

Jude Murray

Dorset Gardens

Liz Neale

Hove

Rachel Richards

**Have you heard God's voice; has your heart been stirred?
Are you still prepared to follow?
Have you made a choice to remain and serve,
though the way be rough and narrow?**

*Will you walk the path that will cost you much
and embrace the pain and sorrow?
Will you trust in One who entrusts to you
the disciples of tomorrow.*

**Will you use your voice; will you not sit down
when the multitudes are silent?
Will you make a choice to stand your ground,
when the crowds are turning violent?**

Will you walk the path

**In the city streets will you be God's heart?
Will you listen to the voiceless?
Will you stop and eat, and when friendships start
will you share your faith with the faithless?**

Will you walk the path

**Will you watch the news with the eyes of faith
and believe it can be different?
Will you share your views using words of grace?
Will you leave a thoughtful imprint?**

Will you walk the path...

As we renew our Covenant with God you are invited to remain standing if you wish and as you are able.

The presiding minister says:

Sisters and brothers in Christ, let us again accept our place within this covenant which God has made with us and with all who are called to be Christ's disciples.

This means that, by the help of the Holy Spirit, we accept God's purpose for us, and the call to love and serve God in all our life and work.

Christ has many services to be done:

some are easy, others are difficult; some bring honour, others bring reproach; some are suitable to our natural inclinations and material interests, others are contrary to both; in some we may please Christ and please ourselves; in others we cannot please Christ except

by denying ourselves. Yet the power to do all these things is given to us in Christ, who strengthens us.

Therefore let us make this covenant of God our own. Let us give ourselves to him, trusting in his promises and relying on his grace.

Eternal God, in your faithful and enduring love you call us to share in your gracious covenant in Jesus Christ. In obedience we hear and accept your commands; in love we seek to do your perfect will; with joy we offer ourselves anew to you.

We are no longer our own but yours.

I am no longer my own but yours.

**Your will, not mine, be done in all things,
wherever you may place me,
in all that I do and in all that I may endure;
when there is work for me and when there is none;
when I am troubled and when I am peace.**

**Your will be done
when I am valued and when I am disregarded;
when I find fulfilment and when it is lacking;
when I have all things, and when I have nothing.**

I willingly offer all I have and am to serve you as and where you choose.

Glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

You are mine and I am yours. May it be so forever.

Let this covenant now made on earth be fulfilled in heaven. Amen.

Sing ***We will walk the path that will cost us much
and embrace the pain and sorrow.
We will trust in one who entrusts to us
the disciples of tomorrow.***

Silence, all seated

Prayers of intercession

As we have entered this covenant not for ourselves alone, but as God's servants and witnesses, let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Loving God, hear us as we pray for your holy catholic church:

Make us all one, that the world may believe.

Inspire and lead all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world: Establish justice and peace among all people.

Have compassion on all who suffer from any sickness, grief or trouble:

Deliver them from their distress.

We praise you for all your saints who have entered your eternal glory;

Bring us to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray in silence for our own needs and for those of others.....

Silence

Give us wisdom, Lord, to know your will, and courage to do it.

May our words declare your love and may our compassion give substance to our words; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All stand

The Lord has made an everlasting covenant of peace with his people.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Hymn Lord we have come at your own invitation Fred Pratt Green © 1978 Stainer and Bell Ltd

**Lord, we have come at your own invitation,
Chosen by you, to be counted our friends;
Yours is a strength that sustains dedication,
Ours a commitment we know never ends.**

**Here, at your table, confirm our intention,
Give it your seal of forgiveness and grace;
Teach us to serve, without pride or pretension,
Lord, in your kingdom, whatever our place.**

**When, at your table, each time of returning,
Vows are renewed and our courage restored,
May we increasingly glory in learning
All that it means to accept you as Lord.**

**So, in the world, where each duty assigned us
Gives us the chance to create or destroy,
Help us to make those decisions that bind us,
Lord, to yourself, in obedience and joy.**

The presiding minister leads the great prayer of thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, gracious and holy Father, always and everywhere to give you thanks.

In the beginning your Spirit swept across the face of the waters, bringing order and beauty out of chaos.

You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.

Though we turned away from you, your love remained steadfast, and you sent your only Son Jesus Christ to be the Saviour of the world.

At his Baptism in the Jordan he was anointed by your Spirit and revealed as your beloved Son. In the power of the Spirit he was sent to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people.

Sharing our human nature, he died on the cross. Raised again in glory, he lives for ever to pray for us.

By the gift of the Spirit, whom you have sent in his name, you bring to completion the work of your Son, leading us into all truth, making us a people for your praise and giving us power to proclaim the Gospel in all the world.

And so, with all the faithful of every time and place, we join with choirs of angels in the eternal hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

On the night before he died, the Lord Jesus took bread and gave you thanks. He broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying 'Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup of wine. He gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, 'Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and all people for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.'

And so, in remembrance of all his mighty acts, we offer you these gifts, and with them ourselves as a holy, living sacrifice.

**You send forth your Spirit.
You bind us in love.
You renew the face of the earth.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us the body and blood of Christ. Unite us with him and with one another in mission to all the world; and bring us with the whole creation to your heavenly kingdom.

**Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

As our Saviour taught his disciples, we pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.**

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The presiding minister breaks the bread in the sight of the people in silence, or saying:

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Silence, all seated

The presiding minister may say these or other words of invitation:

Jesus said: 'I am the bread of life. Those who come to me shall not hunger and those who believe in me shall never thirst.'

Draw near with faith.

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Let us pray.

God of power, may the boldness of your Spirit transform us, may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us, and may the gifts of your Spirit equip us to serve and worship you now and always. Amen

Hymn Community of Christ Shirley Erena Murray 1931 - Words © 1992 Hope Publishing Company

**Community of Christ,
who make the cross your own,
live out your creed and risk your life
for God alone:
the God who wears your face,
to whom all worlds belong,
whose children are of every race
and every song.**

**Community of Christ,
look past the Church's door
and see the refugee, the hungry,
and the poor.
Take hands with the oppressed,
the jobless in your street,
take towel and water, that you wash
your neighbor's feet.**

**Community of Christ,
through whom the word must sound --
cry out for justice and for peace
the whole world round:
disarm the powers that war
and all that can destroy,
turn bombs to bread and tears of anguish
into joy.**

**When menace melts away,
so shall God's will be done,
the climate of the world be peace
and Christ its sun;
our currency be love
and kindness our law,
our food and faith be shared as one
for evermore.**

The Blessing

L May God bless us and guide us not to be more like Jesus
All **but just like Jesus**
L Amazing
All **Challenging**
L Inspiring
All **Shocking**
L Defiantly different!
All **Powerfully peaceful!**
L Give us the audacity to love
All **Without condition!**
L Give us the courage
All **To stand up and be counted!**
L Give us the voices
All **To speak up for the powerless!**
L Give us the arms
All **To lift up the weak.**
L We have caught your dream of a better world;
All **Take us and use us to build it! Amen.**

Hymn This little light of mine

Traditional

***This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.***

**The light that shines is the light of love,
 Lights the darkness from above.
 It shines on me and it shines on you
 And it shows what the power of love can do.
 I'm gonna shine my light both far and near
 Gonna shine my light both bright and clear
 Where there's a dark corner in this land
 I'm gonna let my little light shine.**

**On Monday he gave me the gift of love
 Tuesday peace came from above
 On Wednesday he told me to have more faith
 On Thursday he gave me a little more grace.
 Friday he told me just to watch and pray,
 Saturday he told me just what to say,
 On Sunday he gave me the power divine
 To let my little light shine.**

There will now be an interval for lunch from 12.00 to 12.45, tea and coffee is available in the small cafeteria. The Circuit film will be shown again in the Main Hall at around 12.25.

Afternoon Interest groups

There will be two group sessions after lunch, at 1.00pm and 1.50pm. If you have not already signed up for these, please do so at the welcome table by the main door.

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| 1. | From Landlords to Servants | Rev John Hellyer | Main Cafeteria |
| | Releasing our buildings for mission | | |
| 2. | Holy Habits | Rev Deborah Cornish | Main Hall |
| | Habits that can build a way of Discipleship | | |
| 3. | Mindfulness and Church | Rev Dermot Thornberry | Classroom A14 |
| | Mindfulness and meditation in the Christian tradition | | |
| 4. | Café Bienvenue 1.00 | Rev Kathy O'Loughlin | Music Room 2 |
| | How mums in fishnets developed their own take on theology | | |
| 5. | Worship leader training 1:50 | Rev Adrian Roux | Classroom A15 |
| | Training inspiration for Worship leaders and Local preachers | | |
| 6. | Interfaith journey | Charlotte Gravestock | Main Cafeteria |
| | Journeying up the Holy Mountain in different faiths | | |
| 7. | Progressive Christianity | Rev. John Churcher | Classroom A11 |
| | Perspectives from a former Chair of PCN and retired Methodist minister | | |
| 8. | Puppet workshop 1:50 | Kay Harwood | Music Room 2 |
| | How to put on a show by our much-loved Circuit puppeteers | | |
| 9. | Drumming workshop | Michelle Dennens | Music Room 1 |
| | Worship with rhythm – let out your inner drummer | | |
| 10. | Healing ministry 1:00 | Shirley Veater | Classroom A15 |
| | Healing in church groups and families | | |

There are some workshops that are only on for one session; these have a time by the name. All the others are running for both sessions. There will be two groups, at each end of the main Cafeteria.

After the interest groups, we will all meet up in the Main Hall at 2.35 for a final hymn and blessing.

Final Hymn This, this is the God we adore

Joseph Hart 1712-1767 Public Domain

**This, this is the God we adore
our faithful, unchangeable friend,
whose love is as great as his power,
and neither knows measure nor end:**

**'Tis Jesus, the first and the last,
whose Spirit shall guide us safe home;
we'll praise him for all that is past,
and trust him for all that's to come.**

Circuit Newsnotes Autumn 2017

Dorset Gardens

Thu 7 Sept: Cameo friendship club re-starts at 2pm with a special welcome tea and beetle drive. Everyone very welcome.

Sat 9 Sept: Planning meeting for the Autumn Fair 10am – all welcome!

Thu 14 Sept: Art & Craft group starts back at 2pm

Sat 23 Sept: Macmillan Harvest Coffee morning 10am - 1pm

Sun 24 Sept: Harvest Festival 10.30 All Age Worship, 6.30pm Harvest Praise

Sun 29 Oct: Community Lunch 2.00-4.00pm

Sat 4 Nov: Autumn Fair 10am – 3pm

Wed 8 Nov: Church council 7.30pm

We are pleased to announce that the new Children & Families worker appointed to Dorset Gardens is Liz Neale. We welcome her as she starts out on this new project. We are sure she will bring lots of energy and enthusiasm to the role.

On Sat 23 September we have our Macmillan & Harvest Coffee morning – coffee, homemade cakes, tombola and more! Everyone welcome.

Over October and November we will be running some more Mindfulness sessions on Saturdays – please contact the church office for more information.

Our Community lunch will be from 2-4pm on 29 October. These are held on any month with a fifth Sunday and are well attended, and much appreciated.

We will be holding a service to mark Transgender Day of Remembrance in November, date tbc, but most probably 26 November.

Hove

Thu 28 Sept: Macmillan Coffee morning 10.30am

Sat 30 Sept: Peace of Mind workshop on Arts & Mental Health 10.30–3.00pm

Sat 30 Sept: Harvest Festival Supper – all welcome 6.30pm

Sun 1 Oct: Harvest Festival Service 10.30am

Sat 7 Oct: Magic from the Musicals: 3pm Matinee concert and tea in aid of Nightstop

Sun 22 Oct: Natural Voice singing workshop 6.30-8.30pm (£10 including light supper)

Sun 26 Nov: Brighton & Hove Interfaith Annual Celebration Service 3pm

Patcham

Tue 5 Sept: Mycroft (care home) service at 4pm

Sat 16 Sept: Memorial service of May Attree at 11am

Sun 17 Sept: Harvest Service followed by Harvest Lunch

Sun 24 Sept: Back to Church service (CTIP)

Tue 31 Oct: Service of Light

Wed 11 Oct: 7.30pm Church Council meeting

Sun 12 Nov: Remembrance service AM & PM

Sat 25 Nov: Church Christmas Market

Sun 26 Nov: Dermot's 25th anniversary of ordination

We are very pleased to announce that Elisabeth Brooks has been accepted by the Connexion as a candidate for the Presbyteral Ministry.

Stanford Avenue

Wed 6 Sept: Lunch Club re-starts at 12.30pm (every week)

Sat 23 Sept: 'Women of Note' concert at 2pm, free admission with retiring collection in aid of the church and Nightstop

Sun 1 Oct: Harvest Festival service 10.30am

Sun 7 Oct: Jumble Sale, 10 – 11.30am

Sat 14 Oct: Quiz and ploughmans supper only £8.00 – more details from Martyn & Lis Coblenz at martyn.coblenz@btopenworld.com

Fri 27 Oct: A Night at the Movies. Entertainment from the Stanford Avenue Players – details from Mags Bunting at mags.bunting@gmail.com

Wed 1 Nov: All Saints Annual Service of Remembrance at 7.30pm

Fri 3 Nov: Prayer vigil 8.00am-7.30pm. Spoken prayers on the hour, refreshments available. Open to all.

Sat 18 Nov: Christmas Fair 11.00am – 4.00pm.

8, 9, 10 Dec: Christmas Tree Festival – donations in aid of the Church and the Martlets Hospice. Details from Liz Wakeling at zi7@sky.com

Woodingdean

Sat 30 Sept: Lewes, Glynde & Beddingham Band concert – details from Terry Hammond

Sun 1 Oct: Harvest Festival service

Sat 25 Nov: Christmas Fair at the Community Centre, 10am-2pm

Each of our churches is a hive of friendly community activity from addiction support, through craft corners to lunch clubs ; for regular activities at our churches please see the notices in Focus, the quarterly Circuit magazine, or contact church offices or stewards.

Women of Note

Autumn Concert 2017

2pm Saturday 23rd September
Stanford Avenue Methodist Church

With our new MD, Cara Barseghian, accompanist Joe Ward and new arrangements from our very own Rebecca Ferrari, there's

Something for Everyone!

free admission with retiring collection in aid of the church & Sussex Nightstop

Cathy Odd-Hayward

Wholly Puppets

Have two more bookings in the pipeline for 2017 and are very keen to recruit more members to cover.

The group was set up and trained to use puppets to provide entertainment with a Christian message to the community, delivering half-hour performances.

It's not too demanding on time (around 5-6 bookings a year).

Please do have a word with one of the group members while you are here at Longhill School – you won't regret it!

Kay Harwood

INTERFAITH PRAYERS

1st Wednesday of the month
from 6 till 7pm
commencing 2nd August 2017



All are welcome, of any faith or none
to join us at Hove Methodist Church

Use the front entrance
of the church for access

Hove Methodist Church

Sharing God's Love through Christ's Spirit

It is early but we have to look
forward and start planning
for our annual Christmas Day lunch.



We will need volunteers to co-ordinate the event, the cooking and to do the front of house hosting on the day.

Please speak to Rev. Andy Lowe or a steward to find out more about these roles or alternatively contact the church office.