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Thursday evenings 7.30 – 10 pm

6 October to 15 December

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The evening starts with a home-cooked  
meal and this is followed by a short talk  
and discussion over coffee.

Want to sign up or find out more? Email:  
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the church office (01403 211150).

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# CONNECT



The newsletter from Brighton Road Baptist Church (BRBC) in Horsham

For people living on or near Brighton Road

## Defibrillator in Brighton Road will serve the community



In May a defibrillator provided by the British Heart Foundation was installed on the wall of Brighton Road Baptist Church. It is stored in an unlocked yellow case close to the church's Brighton Road entrance.

Users should call an ambulance and state the location code on the front of the case before switching the defibrillator on. Once switched on the device gives verbal instructions so it can be used by people with no medical training. It automatically analyses the heart rhythm and delivers an electric shock to people it detects will benefit from this. It will not work on people who don't need it.

BRBC chose to put a defibrillator on its wall as a service to the community. Church member Doug Fletcher, who is

pictured above, said: "We realised there was a significant gap in the availability of a defibrillator at our end of town and, as part of our concern for the community, felt we were ideally placed to provide one."

The equipment costs in the region of £1100 and was funded by a grant from the British Heart Foundation on the condition that BRBC trains as many people as possible in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

BRBC is planning to hold training sessions later in the year in conjunction with Horsham Community Responders. Businesses near the church will be invited but residents are welcome too. Contact the church office (telephone 01043 211150) for further information.



# Harvest Barn Dance and Supper

Saturday 24 September, 7 – 10 pm  
Brighton Road Baptist Church



£6 per person, or £18 for a family ticket  
(up to 2 adults and 4 children under 18)  
Price includes a simple meal and soft drink  
Buy tickets from church reception (01403 211150)

With live band

*we make you dance!*  
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No experience necessary  
Clear instructions will be given



23-25 September  
2016

## Can we pray for you?

23 to 25 September is the National Prayer Weekend and all across the country churches will be praying, especially for their local communities.

If you would like to suggest things we should be praying about, you are welcome to have a chat with us over a cup of coffee on Saturday morning, 24 September, at the Brighton Road

entrance to the church, or to write your ideas down on the blackboard there.

### ***We will pray about these things in our Sunday services.***

If you don't want to meet other people or your prayer request is personal, we have a prayer box in our chapel (to the left of the New Street entrance) and you can discreetly drop a note of your prayer concerns in this box between 9.00 and 4.30 during the preceding week.

### ***You are welcome to stay a little while quietly in the chapel, which has been set aside as a place where anyone can spend time in prayer and reflection.***

Any requests in the prayer box are confidential and will be prayed for privately by our pastoral prayer team that weekend.

## Residents inspect plans for New Street Green



At an open morning on 4 June members of the public viewed and commented on Horsham District Council's draft plans for redeveloping New Street Green.

The plans to transform the green space behind BRBC into a community garden featured paving, garden furniture, a pergola, fruit trees, shrubs and bulbs. They were drawn up by Arlene McIntosh who designed the nature garden in Horsham Park.

Lynda Cheeseman, Support & Liaison Officer at Horsham District Council, said: "We are hoping to create a vibrant green space that can be used by all of the local community, from the youngest to the oldest, which will provide a sense of tranquillity and the opportunity to enjoy

nature on our doorstep."

Following the feedback received the plans are now being finalised and the work has been scheduled to take place between October 2016 and March 2017. New railings have already been installed along the New Street boundary.

Funding for the redevelopment has come from a number of sources including Tesco's Bags of Help scheme and a government pocket parks grant. Once the work has been completed the council will meet the cost of grass cutting, but volunteers will be needed to help with gardening, painting and general tidying. Volunteers should contact Councillor David Skipp at david.skipp@horsham.gov.uk.



BRBC is making a commitment to the environment by working towards an Eco Church award. Eco Church is an award scheme for churches who want to show that the gospel is good news for God's earth. First steps made by BRBC include switching to a renewable energy electricity supplier and holding a 'walk to worship' Sunday when people were encouraged to walk to church rather than drive. Some church members have started composting and using water



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butts in their gardens, while others have embraced eco-friendly detergents.