

BRIGHTON ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH



BRBC Bulletin

Sunday 3rd March 2024

Welcome to our service today.

Events for the next week

THIS SUNDAY

*Envy? Live your own life, not
someone else's!*

[Philippians 1:15](#)

10:30am Sunday Service

led by Tim Carter

10:45am BRBK (Kids' Club)

Sports Hall - Children will go
from the main service

NEXT SUNDAY

Good and Bad desires

[Ephesians 2:1-3](#)

Communion

10:30am Sunday Service

led by Raja Mukherjee
with Michael Hogg

10:45am BRBK (Kids' Club)

Sports Hall - Children will go
from the main service



Sunday 3rd March 10:30am
Sunday 3rd March 10:45am
Monday 4th March 10:00am
Monday 4th March 2:30pm
Tuesday 5th March 4:00pm
Tuesday 5th March 7:45pm
Wednesday 6th March 2:30pm
Wednesday 6th March 2:30pm
Thursday 7th March 10:00am
Thursday 7th March 7:45pm
Friday 8th March 2:30pm

Friday 8th March 7:00pm
Saturday 9th March 12:30pm
Sunday 10th March 10:30am
Sunday 10th March 10:45am
Monday 11th March 10:00am
Monday 11th March 2:30pm
Tuesday 12th March 4:00pm
Tuesday 12th March 7:30pm
Wednesday 13th March 8:00pm
Thursday 14th March 12:45pm
Thursday 14th March 1:30pm
Thursday 14th March 2:00pm
Thursday 14th March 7:30pm
Thursday 14th March 7:45pm
Friday 15th March 2:00pm
Friday 15th March 7:00pm
Saturday 16th March 12:30pm
Sunday 17th March 10:30am
Sunday 17th March 10:45am
Monday 18th March 10:00am
Monday 18th March 2:30pm

Sunday Service
BRBK (Kids' Club)
Coffee, Cake & Company
PMA
Toy Library
Allsorts Housegroup
Hillside House Group
Johnson House Group
Art Group
Worship Group
Margaret Bird's Thanksgiving
Service
Alpha
Saturday Kitchen
Sunday Service
BRBK (Kids' Club)
Coffee, Cake & Company
PMA
Toy Library
Merryfield House Group
Prayer Meeting
Lunch Club
Women's Fellowship
Craft Club
Roffey House Group
Worship Group
Afternoon Stroll
Alpha
Saturday Kitchen
Sunday Service
BRBK (Kids' Club)
Coffee, Cake & Company
PMA

Weekly Message

“The Important Thing: Preach Christ”

The Apostle Paul wrote, “The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice.” ([Philippians 1:8](#)). Paul makes it clear that preaching Christ is his, and should be our, central message and ambition. But what does it mean for Christ to be preached?

Christ Known

Paul was sent by Christ himself “to preach the gospel” of Christ and about Christ ([1 Cor 1:17](#)). He writes that, “It has always been my ambition to preach the gospel where Christ was not known ...” ([Romans 15:20](#)). We find ourselves surrounded in our everyday lives with people who do not yet know Christ for themselves. They perhaps know about Christ – but this is different from knowing Christ personally. And in an era of misinformation, what is ‘known’ or understood about Christ may be incorrect or deficit anyway. So people may be rejecting a Christ who is not the real one. It is “the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you.” ([2 Cor 1:19](#))

It is up to us to present / preach the truth of Christ through our words and also through our deeds to others we meet – that is if we, ourselves, have indeed received the truth. St. Francis of Assisi (founder of the Franciscan Order) put it this way, “All the Friars ... should preach by their deeds.” (Rule of 1221, Chapter XVII)

Christ Crucified

Paul writes that he and his companions, “preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles ...” ([1 Cor 1:23](#)) Even the authentic Jesus causes people problems. It is up to us to share Jesus, but not up to us to make people believe or receive – this is not within our power. We pray, yes – prayer is essential if we want to see our families, friends, communities and enemies recognise and receive the real Jesus. But it is up to the Holy Spirit to convict of sin, enable repentance, and gift faith.

Christ Raised

The early church preached the resurrection of Christ from the dead - "... it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead ..." ([1 Cor 15:12](#)). The fact of the bodily resurrection of Christ is vital to our preaching and our living as His disciples, and our life as His church. Paul asserts, "... if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith." ([1 Cor 15:14](#)) Let us present from the scriptures the very real evidence of the resurrection of Jesus – so that folk are able to make an informed choice to receive or reject.

Christ as Lord

Paul also wanted to make clear – that the gospel was not just about him, or them (as leaders, church-planters, disciples) but about Jesus – "... what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake." ([2 Cor 4:5](#)) The service of the Church arises out of our accepting Jesus as Lord. We must reject worldly patterns of leadership and outreach - selfish ambition, vain conceit, lording it over others, aggression, manipulation, performance and insincerity. We are saved to serve our Lord and one another.

Christ's Riches

Paul, knew what the Lord had rescued him from (the person he was, and the things he did) and counted himself as "less than the least of all the Lord's people". He was grateful that "grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ" ([Ephesians 3:8](#)). In Christ is an abundance of blessing and spiritual wealth which cannot be traced out, tracked, explored or fully comprehended. May we take opportunity and courage to preach, share, discuss, chat, testify and live out the Christ Jesus we know and love with all those that the Lord puts before us.

Sadly, "It is [still] true that some preach Christ out of envy and

rivalry” – seeking to stir up trouble. However, let us be those who do so “out of goodwill.” ([Philippians 1:15,17](#)). May we, as Christ’s beloved church, ensure that we make and keep the important thing as the important thing – Preach Christ through word and deed.

Revd Michael Hogg

Notices

P.M.A. aka Pleasant Monday Afternoon

Tomorrow, 4th. March, we welcome Anne, Alan and Bonnie, also known as Cotillion, a Sussex based Folk Group, to P.M.A. We enjoy their music and singing and we invite you to join us for a fun afternoon. We meet in the main hall from 2.30pm to 3.45pm. Do come if you can. We even provide a cup of tea and biscuits.

On 11th March Liu Liu will be our speaker. He will bring us up to date with the work of Tear Fund and we look forward to his being with us again.

Celia Steere

Thanksgiving Service

A thanksgiving service for Margaret Bird will be held at Brighton Road at 2.30 pm on Friday 8th March. All are welcome to attend.

Sustainable Church Floristry

On Saturday March 9th a workshop is being held at Trafalgar Road Baptist Church from 10am to 1pm. Guest speakers will include Claire Brown: flower farmer, florist and presenter. Entry is free and open to all and there will be light refreshments. For details and to register email office@dandelionfarewells.com

BRBC Art Group Meetings

The BRBC Art Group will be meeting in the Sports Hall on Thurs 7 and 21 March from 10am-12pm. All are welcome.

BRBC Lunch Club

The next Church Lunch Club is on Thursday 14th March. The 2 course lunch will be served at 12.45. We ask for a small contribution of £4. All are welcome .

If you wish to attend please can you put your name on the list at Reception, or email me on valeriej.hardwick@yahoo.com or ring the Church office on 01403 211150 to book your place.

Please let us know if you have any dietary or allergy requirements.

Any requiring lifts to or from the church should contact Chris

Gargano Phone - 01403 266229 or email

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Val Hardwick and Chris Gargano

HCT Good Friday Service – 29th March 2024

This year's Horsham Churches Together Good Friday Service will take place at The Bandstand in the Carfax on 29th March 2024 from 11:15 'til 12 noon. Kath Jones from Connect Southwater Community Church will be speaking, and the musicians from Trafalgar Road Baptist Church will be leading the sung worship.

HCT Good Friday Service – Call for Stewards

To help make the Good Friday Service possible, we need a small team of stewards to support the event on the day. The main task is distributing the songs sheets and helping to keep the walkways clear for those passing by. If you can help, please email pete.dibdin@horshamct.org.uk

'All About Heaven' event now on YouTube

If you missed the 'All About Heaven', HCT event at Kingdom Faith last Sunday, 25th February, with David and Gill Oliver, you can catch up with the recording on the Kingdom Faith YouTube Channel.

Easter Charity Concert

Brighton Road Baptist Church is hosting an Easter Orchestral Concert by the Dove English Orchestra, conductor Grenville Harding; in aid of Turning Tides (Ending Local Homelessness). The Dove English Orchestra is a Christian orchestra and Granville is a Christian music composer. The orchestra will share the glory and blessing of God through his music. It is also an exciting opportunity to hear the Auschwitz Violin played!

Do come as it is going to be a great evening! Here are some taster clips of the music played by the orchestra in their Jerusalem tour 2023: youtu.be/zrAe86-Jn6o

The concert will be at 7:30pm, 30th March. Tickets are £14 (on door) and £12 (online in advance; booking fee applies).



Online booking: www.ticketsource.co.uk/booking/t-zzjqvqk

Alternatively, go to the Ticket Source website www.ticketsource.co.uk and search for Dove English Orchestra or scan the QR code on the right.

Easter Charity Concert Volunteers

We need some volunteers for the Easter Orchestral Charity Concert by the Dove English Orchestra on Saturday 30th March, starting 7:30pm - in aid of Turning Tides (Ending Local Homelessness). Please fill in the list at reception or let Francis Poon (francis_poon@yahoo.co.uk) know if you are willing to serve as a volunteer for the evening - staffing the on-the-door ticket sale, stewards to welcome and help people to their seats, helpers in the kitchen. Thank you.

BMS Birthday Scheme

The BMS Birthday Scheme enables you to support the work of BMS World Mission by making a donation on your birthday. If you would like to join the scheme, contact Brenda Rowley – email:- bren151@talktalk.net

For Prayer

Teach us to pray, Lord – not only knocking but also listening. We know you will listen, for you promised that you will not give us a stone when we ask for bread. Whether you give something or withhold it, you do it from love; give us faith, Lord.

Amen.

(A prisoner's prayer)

Mission Prayer Request

Give thanks that four communities in the Guera region of Chad now have New Testaments in their language and that having God's word in a language they can understand well is proving to be an amazing outreach tool. Pray for the groups regularly meeting to read and learn from their New Testaments, and pray for the other translation teams as they continue their important work.

Notices for the weekly bulletin should be sent to bulletin@brbc-horsham.org.uk before 6pm on Wednesday.

Brighton Road Baptist Church is part of God's family, where anyone and everyone is made welcome, and we are all equipped to live our lives for Jesus with a shared sense of unity and purpose. We warmly welcome you to our worship today and hope that you feel at home among us as we worship God together.

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