

BRIGHTON ROAD
BAPTIST CHURCH



BRBC Bulletin

Sunday 15th September 2024

Welcome to our service today.

Events for the next week

THIS SUNDAY

Changing sides

[Galatians 1:13- 2:10](#)

10:30am Sunday Service

led by Deborah Packham
with Julie Shimizu

10:45am BRBK (Kids' Club)

Meeting Rooms - Children will
go from the main service

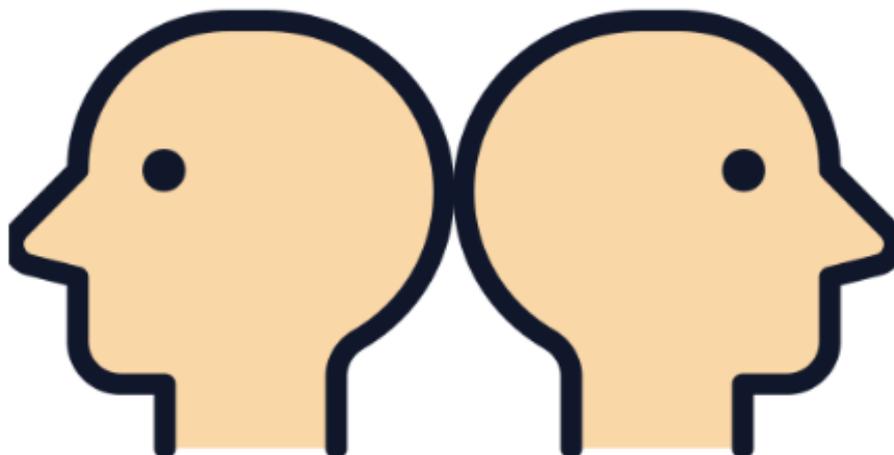
NEXT SUNDAY

Harvest Festival

Creative & Interactive Service

10:30am Sunday Service

led by Michael Hogg



Sunday 15th September 9:15am	Mission Prayer Meeting
Sunday 15th September 10:30am	Sunday Service
Sunday 15th September 10:45am	BRBK (Kids' Club)
Monday 16th September 10:00am	Coffee, Cake & Company
Tuesday 17th September 12:00pm	BRBC Babies & Toddlers
Tuesday 17th September 4:00pm	Toy Library
Wednesday 18th September 2:30pm	Johnson House Group
Wednesday 18th September 7:00pm	Hillside House Group
Thursday 19th September 10:00am	Art Group
Thursday 19th September 10:30am	Men's Coffee Morning
Thursday 19th September 2:00pm	Women's Fellowship
Thursday 19th September 7:45pm	Worship Group
Friday 20th September 10:00am	Listen and Pray
Friday 20th September 2:00pm	Afternoon Stroll
Sunday 22nd September 10:30am	Sunday Service
Sunday 22nd September 10:45am	BRBK (Kids' Club)
Monday 23rd September 10:00am	Coffee, Cake & Company
Monday 23rd September 2:30pm	PMA
Tuesday 24th September 12:00pm	BRBC Babies & Toddlers
Tuesday 24th September 4:00pm	Toy Library
Wednesday 25th September 11:00am	Ministers Meeting
Wednesday 25th September 7:45pm	Church Members Meeting
Thursday 26th September 2:00pm	Craft Club
Thursday 26th September 7:45pm	Worship Group
Sunday 29th September 10:30am	Sunday Service
Sunday 29th September 10:45am	BRBK (Kids' Club)
Monday 30th September 10:00am	Coffee, Cake & Company

Weekly Message

The Vastness of Space, the Fragility of Earth, and God's Boundless Love

As a recent birthday surprise, I was taken on a trip to 'The Moonwalkers' presentation at the Lightroom studio in London. Written and narrated by the actor Tom Hanks, 'The Moonwalkers' is an epic experience which tells the stories of the Apollo space missions in intimate detail and offers a unique, new visual perspective on humankind's past and future planned voyages to the moon.

Lightroom's powerful audiovisual technology takes its audience on a spectacular and immersive voyage to our closest celestial neighbour, a mere 238,855 miles from earth!

Amongst many dramatic images included in the presentation is the photo taken in 1968 on the Apollo 8 mission by astronaut William Anders. It was an image that would forever change our perspective of our home planet.



Named "Earthrise" the photo shows our blue and white 'marble' suspended in the inky blackness of space, with the barren lunar surface in the foreground. This iconic image not only showcased the beauty of our planet but also its fragility and isolation in the vast expanse of the cosmos.

As we contemplate this image, we're struck by the immensity of the universe and the relative smallness of our earthly home. The Earth, which seems so large and all-encompassing in our daily lives, appears as a delicate oasis in the desolate sea of space. This realization can be both awe-inspiring and humbling. In the face of such vastness, we might feel insignificant, much like the psalmist who wrote: "When I consider your heavens, the work of your

fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?" ([Psalm 8:3-4](#))

Yet, it is in this contrast that we find a profound truth about God's love. Despite the unimaginable size of the universe, our seemingly tiny planet holds a special place in God's heart. The Bible tells us that God so loved the world that He gave His only Son ([John 3:16](#)). This love is not diminished by the vastness of space; rather, it is magnified by it. In a world often filled with turmoil, uncertainty, and fear, we can find comfort in knowing that the same God who crafted the cosmic tapestry also knit us together in our mothers' wombs ([Psalm 139:13](#)).

As we face the wide-ranging challenges of our time – be they personal struggles, global conflicts, or environmental concerns – we can rest assured that we are held in the hands of a God whose love transcends the boundaries of space and time. Just as the Earth is protected by the delicate balance of forces that allow life to flourish, we too are cradled in God's boundless love and care.

Let the image of our fragile Earth, suspended in the vastness of space, remind us not of our insignificance, but of the incredible significance we hold in God's eyes. May it inspire us to cherish and care for the precious gift of our planet, and to extend the same love and care to all its inhabitants that God extends to us.

In the face of the universe's grandeur, let us find not fear, but faith; not doubt, but devotion. For we are indeed safe in the keeping of a God whose love is as vast as the cosmos itself, yet as personal as a father's embrace. As we go into the world, may we carry with us the boldness that comes from being deeply known and deeply loved by the Creator of all things.

Ken Carter

Notices

BRBC Harvest Service 2024 - Sun 22nd Sept

For our Harvest Service (10:30am Sunday 22nd September) we will be collecting NON-PERISHABLE items for Horsham Matters Foodbank which is 10 years old this year, and still, 'sadly' much in need. If you would like to bring items for the Harvest Display, please drop them off during the week prior or on Saturday 21st Sept 9am to 10am, when Sheila Stevens will be present to receive them. Alternatively you can bring them to the morning service where they will be well received and added to the display.

When it began in 2014, the foodbank provided 119 individual food parcels a month - currently it is providing 800 individual food parcels a month.

"We are marking this milestone with a range of awareness events. We will not be celebrating our 10 years as our aim is to end the need for foodbanks, but we will be sharing how our foodbank has developed during the last 10 years." Please see their website for the

latest: <https://www.horsham-matters.org.uk/>

As of 12.09.24 the Foodbank website says the following:

Current needed items: Tinned Spaghetti, Tinned / packet Custard, Tinned Macaroni Cheese, Instant Mash Potato, Hot Chocolate, Dried Milk Powder.

We've got plenty of: Pasta, Baked Beans, Cereal, Tea.

If you are not able to attend the Harvest service or bring items, you may want to consider supporting the Foodbank in another way such as through their "fill a plate" campaign. See here for more

info. <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/horsham-matters-fill-a-plate>

Michael Hogg.

Mission Prayer Meeting

Next Sunday at 9.15am there will be an opportunity to catch up on news from some of the overseas mission workers and organisations that we support and to pray for them. All are welcome to join in the Main Hall.

Church Members' Meeting - 25 September

There will be a meeting for members on Wednesday 25 September at 7.45pm in the main church. Please make every effort to attend, so that you can be included in the discussions and decisions affecting the life of our church. If you are unable to be there in person, you will be able to join the meeting via zoom - a link will be available from the church office.

Men's Coffee Morning - 19th September 2024

The forecast looks promising for our last outdoor meeting of the year, so I'll be at Horsham Cricket ground from 10.30a.m. onwards and I invite all men to join us for coffee and conversation - hopefully in autumnal sunshine.

Brian Carey. 01403 264903 brian.rosalyn@me.com

Walks

On Friday 20th September some of us plan to enjoy an afternoon stroll in the nearby countryside. Anyone is welcome to join. Meet at church at 2.00pm. The next Saturday walk will be on October 5th.

Craft Club and Lunch Club

We will be starting up Craft Club and Lunch Club soon (Craft Club on 26th Sept. and Lunch Club on 10th Oct.) and, as always, we are in the position of not having enough drivers to accommodate bringing those who enjoy these events into the church. It is very important for these elderly, visually impaired or lonely people to come and enjoy a meal and meet others. For the visually impaired, it gives them a sense of purpose.

These Clubs are held on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month in the afternoon. We are in need of permanent and standby drivers. Please prayerfully think if you could be one of these.

Chris Gargano Tel: 01403 266229 Email: kcgargano@gmail.com

Horsham Matters

Horsham Matters continues to need regular donations so that the Food Banks can continue to help those in need. They are also requesting donations of fiction paperback books. Your kind donations will help create funds to support those living in need. All donations can be placed in the green Food Bank box in the reception area at church. Current needs are for long life milk, coffee, instant noodles, biscuits, tinned potatoes and tinned meat.

Due to Horsham Matters re-arranging their stock they will not be accepting any bric-a-brac until the end of September.

Turning Tides Harvest Food Appeal 2024

A message from Turning Tides: "Harvest is a time of giving, sharing, and community. We all need nutritious food, but the type of food we consume and its availability can vary widely. At Turning Tides, we provide food and refreshment year-round for people who are rough sleeping, in temporary accommodation, and those housed in our residential projects across West Sussex. Unfortunately, the number of people we support is rising, and increasing costs are making it challenging for those experiencing homelessness to stay fed, hydrated, healthy, and well. Every item counts, no matter how small. Your contribution can make a big difference."

How You Can Support Turning Tides - Give a Breakfast Boost, Lunchtime Bite, or Super Supper! To donate or for further information contact donations@turning-tides.org.uk

Urgent Appeal from Horsham Refugee Support Group (HRSG)

"You may remember that we have been supporting asylum seekers in a local hotel. We've been coping ok with the requests coming in, but recently there has been a high turnover of residents moving on and arriving. New arrivals are coming with nothing and asking for clothes, shoes and mobile phones. Can you help?"

To donate financially towards spending on clothing and shoes, account details are Horsham Refugee Support Group, Sort Code: 60-11-17 Account No: 27033597.

Charity Concert in aid of Cancer Research

7.30pm on Saturday 28th September at Holy Trinity Church, Rushams Road.

Taking part are Pelleas Ensemble – flute, viola and harp and Collyer's Sinfonia, a group of talented 6th form instrumentals led by their teacher. Entrance is free but booking is requested at www.trybooking.com/uk/DSHE

Church Flowers

The flowers this week are given by Kathy and Mick Mayhew.

BMS Birthday Scheme

Celebrating a birthday this week is Liu Liu on Tuesday 17th September.

For Prayer

Lord, grace me with your wisdom,
A little is enough for now;
And just a bit of understanding.
Help me to see each situation with your eyes
And act when action is needed,
With a sympathy that can only come from you.

Mission Prayer Request

Give thanks for the encouraging visit that Genesis had to an area where trees had been planted 4 years ago. He found that they were doing well and that the farmers in the area were very happy about the advantages they were already seeing and the hope they saw for the future. Pray that what has been done in this area will have an impact on farmers in other areas. Pray for Genesis's upcoming visit to UK to share about the work in Uganda with churches, including ours on 27th Oct.

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.

Church Office (01403) 211150
Monday to Friday 9:30am - 4:30pm
Minister - Rev Dr Tim Carter (01403) 267587
Leader of Community Evangelism - Rev Michael Hogg 07926 045598
www.brbc-horsham.org.uk