

BRIGHTON ROAD
BAPTIST CHURCH



BRBC Bulletin

Sunday 22nd September 2024

Welcome to our service today.

Events for the next week

THIS SUNDAY

Harvest Festival

Creative & Interactive Service

10:30am Sunday Service

led by Michael Hogg

NEXT SUNDAY

Justified by faith

[Galatians 2:11-16](#)

10:30am Sunday Service

led by Tim Carter

10:45am BRBK (Kids' Club)

Meeting Rooms - Children
will go from the main
service



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
Tuesday 1st October 12:00pm	BRBC Babies & Toddlers
Tuesday 1st October 4:00pm	Toy Library
Wednesday 2nd October 2:30pm	Johnson House Group
Wednesday 2nd October 7:00pm	Hillside House Group
Thursday 3rd October 10:00am	Art Group
Thursday 3rd October 2:00pm	Women's Fellowship
Thursday 3rd October 7:45pm	Worship Group
Saturday 5th October 10:15am	Saturday Walk
Sunday 6th October 10:30am	Sunday Service
Sunday 6th October 10:45am	BRBK (Kids' Club)
Sunday 6th October 7:00pm	Prayer Meeting
Monday 7th October 10:00am	Coffee, Cake & Company
Monday 7th October 2:30pm	PMA
Tuesday 8th October 12:00pm	BRBC Babies & Toddlers
Tuesday 8th October 4:00pm	Toy Library

Weekly Message

Facing Death

While on holiday, I read an article about life expectancy in New Testament times. One observation was that death was not particularly associated with old age because most people died of disease or accident before they grew old. This suggests that people viewed death as something sudden and unexpected, rather than normal or natural.

Death is inevitable, of course, but most of us concentrate on living, rather than on dying. The existentialist Martin Heidegger reflected on death, and Filiz Peach sums up his view in these words: 'Facing one's own death is radically different from being concerned with the death of others. My own death means the end of my possibilities, the total disintegration and the end of my world. The fear of my own death comes from the fear of my extinction as a human being. This causes me a great deal of anxiety. I may be able to face other people's death but may find it virtually impossible to come to terms with my own death.' Yet, according to Heidegger, that is precisely what we need to do: rather than avoiding the issue by seeking our own comfort or taking things lightly, we should resolutely confront the reality of our own death as an unavoidable fate, because in doing so we develop the capacity to choose our own authentic existence. Then it is no accident who we are and how we live, because we get to decide.

St Paul faced his own mortality head-on when he wrote Philippians from a Roman prison. He knew there one of two things might happen: he would either be released or executed. Either scenario meant that he would be delivered. His eager expectation and hope were that Christ would be honoured in his body, whether he lived or died. If he lived, he would live for Christ, and if he died, he would be with Christ, which was far

better (1:19-23). I reckon if I can face the prospect of my own death with such an attitude, I will be doing well.

Where did Paul's assurance come from? The resurrection of Christ made him utterly convinced that death was not the end and that he would be raised to life on the day of Christ's return. On that day death would be swallowed up in victory ([1 Corinthians 15:52-55](#)). For Paul, there was nothing fanciful or escapist about this hope. His faith

was not an insurance policy, locked away, waiting to be cashed in when the time came for him to die. For him, the prospect of living with Christ for eternity meant that he invested everything into living for Christ now. As he put it in [Romans 14:8-9](#): 'If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.' Amen to that.

Tim 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.

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.

National Day of Prayer and Fasting

On Thursday 26th September there is a national day of prayer and fasting initiated by the Baptist Network of 'Fresh Streams'. 'Everyone Everywhere' is a Baptist Initiative being launched this October and aims to

help equip every Christian to be confident about sharing their faith. You can find out more about Everyone Everywhere here: https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/687894/Start_sharing_Jesus.aspx and more about the prayer day here:

https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/696593/Baptist_prayer_and.aspx

Feel free to join in as you'd like to on the day. The important thing is to simply spend time with God. If you choose to fast, it's usually wise to do so in accordance with what you're used to. If you've not fasted before, you may just want to miss one meal and drink fruit juice, or fast from other things, like screens for example.

There will be a special prayer meeting in the Trafalgar Road Baptist Church Prayer Room from 12pm – 1pm on the day, should anyone be available to come.

Walks

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.

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Eco Tip

With the colder weather approaching it's tempting to turn up the heating. Could you get out an extra blanket or put a jumper on? Have you got thermal lining in your curtains? You don't need new curtains; thermal layers can be hung behind existing curtains. Closing them at dusk keeps a surprising amount of warmth inside your room.

Miriam Hughes

Soundwaves Harvest Broadcast

Some CDs of the church Harvest Broadcast are available from the Reception area. Please take a copy.

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 in Church today are given by Marion Luff.

BMS Birthday Scheme

Celebrating birthdays this week are Julie Rudd on Monday 23rd, Alison Liu on Thursday 26th and Dennis Breed on Friday 27th September.

For Prayer

We know, Lord,
that throughout our lives
each of us will experience
problems and difficulties.
Give us courage and strength at those times
and prevent us then
from looking only at ourselves.
Keep our vision wide
so that, even in times of difficulty,
we may still be of help to others.
Help us not to be bitter
towards people or situations,
but empower us to take the initiative
and break the cycle
of hatred, bitterness, and evil actions.
Help us to transform
the difficulties that come our way
into opportunities for personal growth
and service of others. Amen.

Mission Prayer Request

Let us remember Claire Bedford as she is due to begin her home assignment this weekend. Pray that she will be able to have periods of rest and relaxation in the midst of her busy schedule of visits to her supporting churches, including ours. Pray for those at Guinebor 2 Hospital who will be taking over Claire's roles while she is away.

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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