

BRIGHTON ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH



BRBC Bulletin

Sunday 6th October 2024

Welcome to our service today.

Events for the next week

THIS SUNDAY

Kingdom DNA

10:30am Sunday Service

led by Tim Carter
with Andy Twilley

10:45am BRBK (Kids' Club)

Meeting Rooms - Children will go
from the main service

NEXT SUNDAY

A matter of life and death
Gal. 2.17-21

Communion Service

10:30am Sunday Service

led by Ken Carter
with Julie Shimizu

10:45am BRBK (Kids' Club)

Meeting Rooms - Children will go
from the main service

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 2:30pm	PMA
Tuesday 8th October 1:00pm	BRBC Babies & Toddlers Group
Tuesday 8th October 4:00pm	Toy Library
Wednesday 9th October 8:00pm	Prayer Meeting
Thursday 10th October 12:45pm	Lunch Club
Thursday 10th October 2:00pm	Craft Club
Thursday 10th October 7:30pm	Roffey House Group
Thursday 10th October 7:45pm	Worship Group
Sunday 13th October 10:30am	Sunday Service
Sunday 13th October 10:45am	BRBK (Kids' Club)
Monday 14th October 6:00pm	BMS Claire Bedford
Tuesday 15th October 1:00pm	BRBC Babies & Toddlers Group
Tuesday 15th October 4:00pm	Toy Library
Tuesday 15th October 7:45pm	Allsorts Housegroup
Wednesday 16th October 2:30pm	Johnson House Group
Thursday 17th October 10:00am	Art Group
Thursday 17th October 10:30am	Men's Coffee Morning
Thursday 17th October 2:00pm	Women's Fellowship
Thursday 17th October 7:45pm	Worship Group
Friday 18th October 2:00pm	Afternoon Stroll
Sunday 20th October 9:15am	Mission Prayer Meeting
Sunday 20th October 10:30am	Sunday Service
Sunday 20th October 10:45am	BRBK (Kids' Club)
Monday 21st October 10:00am	Coffee, Cake & Company
Monday 21st October 2:30pm	PMA

Weekly Message

God's Generous Provision

A couple of weeks ago we celebrated Harvest Festival, one of the traditions of the Church which dates back to the Jewish festivals of the Old Testament, and when we give thanks to God for providing for our physical needs. We recall God's promise to Noah: While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease (Genesis 8:22).

Of course, for many of us harvest does not have the same significance that it might have had for largely agricultural communities who were reliant on the annual gathering of the crops at the end of summer, whose yield would determine their income for the year ahead.

Sometimes we can even forget when produce is in season – not so long ago strawberries could only be seen in the shops for a few weeks in early summer, rather than all year round as we now find. There is, however, a responsibility to consider what we are buying, where it has come from and how it got to us, and to consider the environmental impact of choosing food which is flown from far away.

Whether we are directly involved in agriculture or simply consumers, we should not forget God's generous provision for all of us. Food shortages are almost unheard of in the UK, which can risk us taking it for granted, but we should not.

We should also remember that many people are struggling to feed themselves at this time. We donated the gifts of food which were brought to the harvest display to the Horsham Foodbank, which is run by Horsham Matters, a Christian charity set up by Horsham Churches Together. The foodbank has been running for 10 years and currently provides 800 individual parcels of food each month to needy people – an initiative which demonstrates how the local churches can make a real difference in our community.

Back in July we held our first Thanksgiving Day, when members of the BRBC community were invited to make financial gifts to support

several external organisations, and over £8,000 was raised. The church already gives 10% of its regular income to selected causes, and in total during the last financial year we were able to give more than £33,000 to support organisations including BMS World Mission, the Home Mission Fund, Tearfund, SAT-7, Wycliffe Bible Translators, Bible Society, The Leprosy Mission, Horsham Debt Advice Centre, and Oasis Pregnancy Crisis Centre.

These organisations are all involved in furthering God's work in different ways, in the UK and many parts of the world. It is a real privilege that we are able, out of God's generous provision to us, to support these activities. I thank God that we are able to share His generosity and pray that we may never forget to do so.

Adrian Rudd

Notices

Opportunities for Prayer

We hope you will be able to join us in the Main Hall at 7pm this Sunday evening, 6th October, to pray for our church family and the work to which God has called us. We will be basing our thoughts around Psalm 122. This prayer meeting will be in person.

We will also be meeting online this week, at 8pm on Wednesday 9th October, and we shall be basing our prayers around the Lord's Prayer (Luke 11:1-4). We hope you can join us then as well.

Here is a Zoom link to the meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82691719073?pwd=N2src3U3ODNNQ3NsYIUwSk5GTIVOdz09>

Meeting ID: 826 9171 9073

Passcode: 985280

When you join the meeting, please switch your camera on, or let us know your name.

Opportunity to meet Claire Bedford

On Monday 14th October, there will be an opportunity to meet Claire Bedford of BMS World Mission, who is on home assignment from Chad. All are invited to join her for afternoon tea at church at 6pm, after which she will share the latest news about what is going on at the Guinebor 2 Hospital and tell us how we can continue to pray for her. For catering purposes, if you would like to come, sign up on the sheet on Reception at the latest by Thursday 10th October.

Church Lunch Club

The next Church Lunch Club is on Thursday 10th October. 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 please contact Chris

Gargano Phone - 01403 266229 or email - kcgargano@gmail.com

BRBC Toy Library Light Party

BRBC Toy Library is hosting a Light Party from 4:00pm - 6:00pm on Friday 1st November.

Christmas Choir

It is almost time to start rehearsing for our Christmas Carol service, so if you would like to be a part of the choir please let me know as soon as possible, but no later than Sunday 3rd November. It would be lovely to see previous participants and to welcome new singers too.

Rehearsals will begin on Friday 8th November starting at 7.30, and finishing no later than 9 o'clock, meeting in the chapel. Practices will continue in the same place and at the same time until Friday 20th December when the final rehearsal will be in the Sanctuary.

The carol service will be in the evening of the 22nd December .
Mair Gordon Tel : 01403 754659 Email: howardandmair@gmail.com

Oasis Fundraising Concert November 9th

No Strings attached will perform at a fundraising concert in aid of Oasis on Saturday November 9th at the Roffey Club in Spooners Road. Tickets £12 from Eventbrite (no additional fees), link below.

No Strings Attached is an a capella group of five musicians who have been performing in Sussex for over ten years. They provide enchanting and unique vocal harmonies, with a repertoire including hits of the 60s, 70s and folk songs.

There is free car parking at the Roffey Club and the bar will be open from 7pm. Concert starts 7.30.

CONCERT - No Strings Attached, For Local Charity

"Everyone, Everywhere"

All are invited and welcome to the following SEBA (South East Baptist Association) events in 2025 entitled "Everyone, Everywhere": 22nd March at Tonbridge Baptist Church and 10th May at Guildford Baptist Church. This is the launch of the new SEBA mission strategy and will be an occasion to enthuse, excite and envision you regarding this new Association initiative. (NOTE: the 2 events are identical providing easy access for everyone). With inspirational speakers and dynamic seminars, all are welcome. Please... SAVE THE DATE, start spreading the word, and be expectant of what God is going to do in the months ahead. More information coming soon.

Rev Andy Twilley, Regional Minister, South Eastern Baptist Association
www.seba-baptist.org.uk admin@seba-baptist.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.

Crawley Millennium Band Christmas Concert

As we have now officially moved into Autumn, it's time to remind you to put the date for the Crawley Millennium Concert Band's Christmas Concert at Brighton Road into your diaries. The date is Saturday 14th December - start time 7pm and as usual entry is free. There will be some great music, Christmas carols, tea, coffee and mince pies. Look forward to seeing you there. Judy McMahon. Tele: 07813686020

Eileen Ramsay

It's with great sadness that we have to announce that Eileen Ramsay died on Sunday night. She has been one of our longest-serving and faithful members, and we will miss her deeply. Please keep her family in your prayers.

Church Flowers

The flowers this week have been given by Rosemary Tracey.

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
Celebrating a birthday this week is Georgina Patey on Thursday 10th October.

For Prayer

Lord, you mark when I walk or lie down;
all my ways lie open to you.

When I cease activity,
calm my mind.

When I am by myself,
be my companion and friend.

When I am weary and heavily laden,
may your Spirit renew me.

When I lie down, may it be in peace
for sleep to heal and refresh me,
for you alone, Lord,
make me dwell in safety.

Watch my sleeping,
guard my waking,
be always near.

Mission Prayer Request

Give thanks for another record year of Bible Translation. During the past year Bibles and New Testaments have been launched at a rate of 2 per week and projects have begun in 270 new languages in various areas of the world. Pray that the available Scriptures will be read by many and used to bring many to faith. Pray, too, for wisdom for those seeking ways of beginning projects in languages in areas that are difficult to access.

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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