

BRIGHTON ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH



BRBC Bulletin

Sunday 20th October 2024

Welcome to our service today.

Events for the next week

THIS SUNDAY

Abraham believed God
- [Galatians 3:2-6](#)

10:30am Sunday Service

led by Michael Hogg

10:45am BRBK (Kids' Club)

Meeting Rooms - Children will go
from the main service

NEXT SUNDAY

All the nations blessed in Abraham
- [Galatians 3:7-9](#)

Creative & Interactive Service

10:30am Sunday Service

led by Tim Carter
with Genesis Acaye



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
Tuesday 22nd October 1:00pm	BRBC Babies & Toddlers
Tuesday 22nd October 4:00pm	Toy Library
Wednesday 23rd October 7:00pm	Hillside House Group
Thursday 24th October 2:00pm	Craft Club
Thursday 24th October 7:30pm	Roffey House Group
Thursday 24th October 7:45pm	Worship Group
Friday 25th October 10:00am	Listen and Pray
Sunday 27th October 10:30am	Sunday Service
Sunday 27th October 10:45am	BRBK (Kids' Club)
Monday 28th October 10:00am	Coffee, Cake & Company
Tuesday 29th October 1:00pm	BRBC Babies & Toddlers
Tuesday 29th October 7:45pm	Allsorts Housegroup
Wednesday 30th October 2:30pm	Johnson House Group
Thursday 31st October 7:45pm	Worship Group
Friday 1st November 4:00pm	Toy Library Event
Saturday 2nd November 10:15am	Saturday Walk
Sunday 3rd November 10:30am	Sunday Service
Sunday 3rd November 10:45am	BRBK (Kids' Club)
Sunday 3rd November 7:00pm	Prayer Meeting
Monday 4th November 10:00am	Coffee, Cake & Company
Monday 4th November 2:30pm	PMA

Weekly Message

Psalms for every Season

For some while now I have had a regular routine of reading from the Psalms each Sunday during my devotion time and I have been impressed at how varied they are and how they seem to express every kind of human emotion, from pure joy and delight to deep sorrow and fear. They were composed many centuries ago but the feelings described are the same kinds of feelings that humans everywhere feel, even in this current day and age. It is no wonder we often find ourselves turning to verses from the Psalms for encouragement and comfort.

There certainly seem to be psalms for every season. When we are joyful and want to praise God for the good things he has done for us, we can use the words of such psalms as Ps. 145, and when we want to be reminded of the blessings that are ours because of God's love for us, we can do no better than turn to Ps. 103, where many of them are listed. And there are many psalms that encourage us to call others to worship along with us. One example is the first half of Ps. 95.

On the other hand, when we feel our faith is weak and when we are down-hearted and need courage to face the future, there are many psalms that encourage us to trust that God will see us through. Some are testimonies of how the Lord has worked in the lives of the psalmists (e.g. Ps. 62) and others are direct commands for us to trust God and commit our way to him (e.g. Ps. 37). In some cases, the psalmists were at their wits end but they cried out to God and he heard them. There are many psalms of lament which helps us understand that it is OK to cry out to God when we are in deep distress. Voicing the words of some of them can help us express the pain we feel when we cannot find our own words to express it.

The psalmists, like us, were human and were aware of failings for which they needed forgiveness and they were not ashamed to admit that need. Their words are examples for us of how we need to come before God in repentance and humility. David's prayer in Ps. 51 is an example of a prayer of confession and request for forgiveness while Ps. 32 tells of the relief and blessing he experienced after he had been forgiven.

Many Psalms also give us guidance as to how we should live. Ps. 15 lists the qualities of those qualified to dwell in the Lord's sanctuary, qualities that are no different from those encouraged in the New Testament. There is also an emphasis on the importance and value of the word of God, which may be surprising given how little of it was available at the time the psalmists were writing. The longest of the psalms, the longest chapter in the whole of the Bible (Ps.119) focuses throughout its 176 verses on the value and importance of God's word. How important is God's word to us, who have the New Testament as well as the Old? I trust that whatever situation you find yourself in at the moment, you can find a Psalm to encourage and challenge you.

Mary Breeze

Notices

Mission Prayer Meeting

At 9.15am on Sunday 20th October, there will be an opportunity to hear up to date news from some of the overseas mission workers we support and to pray for them. All are welcome to join in the Main Hall.

Coffee, Cake & Co

This will be held this Monday, 21st October and on the half term Monday, 28th October. We look forward to seeing you there.

PMA Pleasant Monday Afternoon

On Monday, 21st October we will be celebrating the 118th Anniversary of PMA. Julie Shimizu will be our speaker on this special occasion and she has entitled her talk, 'Live a life of love'. All are welcome to join us in the Main Hall from 2.30-3.45pm.

BRBC Toy Library Light Party

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

Walks

The next Saturday walk will be on November 2nd probably around Petworth.

Election of Deacons

You will be aware that the members of BRBC have agreed that up to twelve deacons work alongside our ministers and that we currently have eight serving deacons. Deacons also act as Charity Trustees, defined by the Charities Act 1993 as “persons having the general control and management of the administration of a charity.”

As well as the current vacancies, the term of office for Deborah Packham and Marion Richardson comes to an end in December. We intend to hold an election of deacons at the November Church Members' Meeting and you are invited to prayerfully consider who should be nominated for this position. If you would like any further information about what the role entails, please do speak to a minister or one of the deacons.

Nominations must be submitted in writing with the supporting signature of two church members and the consent of the candidate, who must also be a member. Forms can be obtained from the church office or from Deborah Packham, Acting Church Secretary.

Nominations must be received by Deborah Packham or the church office by 12 noon on Sunday 10 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.

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

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 acapella 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.

Beginning of Christmas in Horsham

On Friday 22nd November 2024, the Horsham town centre Christmas lights will be switched on and St Mary's Church Choir and St Mary's School Choir will be leading a carol singing walk from 5pm to 5:45pm, singing carols in the Causeway, Forum, West Street and Market Square. Everyone will have carol sheets to join in the singing. Afterwards, the lights on the Christmas tree in the Market Square will be switched on, and the Capitol's panto cast will perform festive songs. There will also be street food and late-night shopping.

Then, at 7:30pm, the Trinity Church Players will be carol singing around the Christmas tree in Piries Place. Everyone is invited to take part, as we declare through song the good news of Jesus' birth.

Horsham Matters' Merry Melodies Christmas Concert

Get into the Christmas spirit at the Horsham Matters' Merry Melodies Christmas Concert taking place on Saturday, 30th November at St Mary's Church in Horsham, featuring local talent including contemporary gospel choir, Singergy and local legend Jodie Munday plus a special guest. Doors open at 6:30pm with the concert starting at 7:00pm. There will be a bar providing mulled wine and mince pies. Tickets are £12 per person and can either be purchased from the TicketTailor website or in person at the Love it Again shop on West Street in Horsham town centre. Funds raised will help support the work in the community.

Operation Christmas Child - Shoe-box Sunday for 2024

A child's Christmas shoe-box says that they ARE loved by Jesus and his people.

In 2023 we sent 90 boxes from Brighton Road. Please be generous again. Some of the UK boxes will go to the southern African state of Milawi, the 'Warm heart of Africa' but one of the poorest.

Making a box: Boxes and 'How To' leaflets are now at church on the reception display. You can make a box, or give some items to fill them, or make a money gift for transport. Donated boxes and fillers/gifts to BRBC by Mon Nov 11th at the latest please.

Giving a shoebox Online: Their warehouse will make up a box for you. Please tell Keith, so we know approx. how many boxes overall have been given.

All information on the O.C.C. website:

www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/

Each BOX makes a Child Happy - Thank you, from Keith & Alison Johnson
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Church Flowers

The flowers today have been given by Eileen Cherriman in memory of her beloved husband, John and also of Eileen Ramsey a much loved friend with whom we spent many happy holidays and outings with over the past years!

Janet Offord

We are very sad to announce that Janet Offord died on Tuesday evening. Please can you remember Clair and the family in your prayers.

Eileen Ramsay's Funeral

This will be held at Brighton Road at 11.30 on Friday 8th November. All are welcome to attend.

BMS Birthday Scheme

Celebrating birthdays this week are Alison Johnson on Sunday 20th and Jan Morley on Thursday 24th October.

For Prayer

Awesome God, we praise you for your wonderful deeds and mighty power.

We praise you for your everlasting love.

We praise you that you are faithful to your promises.

We praise you for your healing touch.

We praise you for your generous gifts.

We praise you for your gracious presence.

Amen.

Mission Prayer Request

Pray for the situation at the Anandaban Hospital in Nepal that has been badly damaged by floods and land-slides. News for The Leprosy Mission indicates that the damage is greater than that sustained in the earthquake of 2015. The Training Center has been destroyed and other parts of the campus have been badly affected, although the full extent is yet to be made clear. Ward blocks have been emptied and patients transferred to the new Trauma Centre. Water and power supplies were cut but temporary measures have now been put into place. Please pray for the patients and staff at this very difficult time.

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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