

# BRIGHTON ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH



## BRBC Bulletin

**Sunday 27th October 2024**

**Welcome to our service today.**

### Events for the next week

#### THIS 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

#### NEXT SUNDAY

*Christ became a curse for us*

[Galatians 3:10-14](#)

**10:30am Sunday Service**

led by Ken Carter  
with Tim Carter

**10:45am BRBK (Kids' Club)**

Meeting Rooms - Children will go  
from the main service



Saturday 26th October 7:30pm	Youth @ BRBC
Sunday 27th October 10:30am	Sunday Service
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
Tuesday 5th November 1:00pm	BRBC Babies & Toddlers
Tuesday 5th November 4:00pm	Toy Library
Wednesday 6th November 7:00pm	Hillside House Group
Thursday 7th November 10:00am	Art Group
Thursday 7th November 2:00pm	Women's Fellowship
Thursday 7th November 7:45pm	Worship Group
Friday 8th November 11:30am	Eileen Ramsay Funeral
Friday 8th November 7:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday 9th November 12:20pm	Saturday Kitchen
Sunday 10th November 10:30am	Sunday Service
Sunday 10th November 10:45am	BRBK (Kids' Club)
Monday 11th November 10:00am	Coffee, Cake & Company

# Weekly Message

## **‘Anyone and everyone is made welcome’**

On our website, this is what we say about ourselves as a church: we welcome anyone and everyone into God’s family. That, at least, is our aspiration. None of us would be in church ourselves unless at some point others had made us welcome. God invites us – calls us, even – to extend to others the same welcome that we ourselves have received, to embrace as we ourselves have been embraced.

I’ve just started a book by Joshua Jipp, entitled, *Saved by Faith and Hospitality* (Eerdmans, 2017). I’m reading it because what I read in one of his other books chimed with my thinking about what it means for us to be a welcoming fellowship. So I thought I might share my thoughts as I read his book, and unpack this theme a bit with you, so that we can consider together what it means for us to be a church which puts welcome at the heart of its identity and mission.

Jipp sums up the thrust of his book in these words: ‘the God of the Christian Scriptures is a God of hospitality, a God who extends hospitality to his people and who requires that his people embody hospitality to others. Stated simply, God’s hospitality to us is the basis of our hospitality to one another.’

This takes me in my mind to John’s gospel, which records that Jesus was not made welcome when he came into the world he had made. Yet ‘to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God’ ([John 1:12](#) NRSV): those who welcome Jesus, who believe in his name, are welcomed and accepted as God’s children. Jesus opens the door to welcome all of us into his family, giving us the immense privilege of being sons and daughters of the living God. We belong, because Christ has made us welcome.

And who is eligible? Who is invited? The good news is that everyone is welcome. Indeed, that is why Jesus died. Because he is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, no one is excluded. All who trust Christ and who welcome him into their lives are included in God’s family. That’s grace! It’s the basis on which we are accepted, and it is the basis on which we are called to accept each other.

And when we become part of God's family, that changes us. Families inevitably play a crucial role in shaping and moulding our social identity, as we absorb the values, norms, and culture of the family to which we belong. We are profoundly affected by our families: our experience of closeness or distance, volatility or peace, abuse or acceptance, shape and mould who we become. So, that observation leads to some searching questions: what kind of relationships do you suppose are characteristic of the family of God? And to what extent are those relationships found in Brighton Road Baptist Church?

Tim Carter

## **Notices**

### **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.

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### **Walks**

The next Saturday walk (approx. 8 miles) will be on November 2nd in the Petworth area. Meet at church at 10.15 am.

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## **BRBC Toy Library Light Party**

BRBC Toy Library is hosting a FREE Light Party from 4:00pm - 6:00pm on Friday 1st November. This is for families with children aged 0 to 11. To book your place, please sign up via the BRBC Website or email [toy.library@brbc-horsham.org.uk](mailto:toy.library@brbc-horsham.org.uk) to let us know you are coming - for catering purposes. There will be craft, food, fun party games and a story on the theme of "Jesus: Light of the world". As we are doing some junk modelling we would welcome your junk items, to be dropped off at reception: clean items suitable for cutting and glueing; eg. cereal boxes, cartons, clean yoghurt pots, kitchen roll tubes, tin foil, margarine tubs, buttons, bottle tops, etc. by Thursday 31st Oct ready to be sorted for the next day. The Toy Library will be open for lending during the event. All children must be accompanied by an adult for the whole session and will remain your responsibility throughout. Any queries, please contact Michael Hogg.

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## **BRBC Art Club**

November dates - 7th and 21st in the Sports Hall from 10am - 12pm.

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## **BRBC Lunch and Craft Club**

Next lunch club and craft club will be on November 14th. Sign up on the list at reception if you would like to join for the lunch. More details next week.

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## **Christmas Choir**

If you would like to join the Christmas Choir, let Mair Gordon know before Nov. 3rd. 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.

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## **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

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## **'Choose to Lose'**

The BRBC young people have now completed their 'Choose to Lose' on behalf of the Open Doors Youth Organisation . Thank you for those of you who have already supported this by donating.

It's not too late to make your donation. Either use the following link to the Just Giving page [https://www.justgiving.com/page/marion-richardson-1728937470958?utm\\_medium=fundraising&utm\\_content=page%2Fmarion-richardson-1728937470958&utm\\_source=copyLink&utm\\_campaign=pdf-share](https://www.justgiving.com/page/marion-richardson-1728937470958?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fmarion-richardson-1728937470958&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pdf-share) or give cash to Marion Richardson if you prefer.

Thank you for supporting our Youth and those around the world facing persecution for loving Jesus.

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## **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).

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.

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## **Christmas Child Shoeboxes for 2024 – Only 2 weeks to GO**

It's your time to show a child they are loved, in the middle of distress or hardship. A Christmas Shoe-Box says the child IS loved by Jesus and his people. The UK boxes will go to Ukraine, Eastern Europe, Middle East, or Namibia.

**Making a box:** Boxes and 'How To' leaflets are on the church displays. Make a box, or give some items to fill them, or make a money gift for transport.

Donated boxes and fillers/ gifts, back to BRBC Nov 3 - 11th 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 have been given.

All information on the O.C.C. website: [www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/](http://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/)

Each BOX makes a Child Happy - Thank you, from Keith & Alison.

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## **Church Flowers**

The floral display in the church today is illustrating the work of Genesis Acaye, who lives in northern Uganda and is one of this church's BMS World Mission supported workers. He helps communities to work together and improve their lives by growing crops which are sustainable in the climate He trains people in how to grow trees. Below them, in the shade which the trees give, a variety of vegetables can be grown providing much improved nutrition. Can you identify the vegetables in the display?

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## **Eileen Ramsay's Funeral**

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

## For Prayer

Lord, you said that when two or three  
would gather together in your name,  
then you would be present with them.  
I am praying by myself  
but I am uniting myself  
with many individual Christians  
throughout the world  
who, though separate,  
are gathered together in another sense  
to pray to you,  
and I trust that you are with me now. Amen.

## Mission Prayer Request

Pray for Cally and the Eagle Project team as they prepare for this year's Christmas campaign to bless 60 families with food vouchers and presents, including several new families of boys who have been released this year. The psychodrama and individual sessions continue to go really well. Continue to pray that somewhere can soon be found to rent as a project HQ.

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Notices for the weekly bulletin should be sent to [bulletin@brbc-horsham.org.uk](mailto: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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