

BRIGHTON ROAD  
BAPTIST CHURCH



# BRBC Bulletin

**Sunday 3rd November 2024**

**Welcome to our service today.**

## Events for the next week

### THIS 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

### NEXT SUNDAY

*A covenant ratified by God*

[Galatians 3:15-18](#)

**10:30am Sunday Service**

led by Tim Carter

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

Meeting Rooms - Children will go  
from the main service



|                                |  |
|--------------------------------|--|
| 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                   |
| Monday 11th November 3:30pm    | Thanksgiving Service<br>for Janet Offord |
| Tuesday 12th November 1:00pm   | BRBC Babies & Toddlers                   |
| Tuesday 12th November 4:00pm   | Toy Library                              |
| Wednesday 13th November 8:00pm | Prayer Meeting                           |
| Thursday 14th November 12:45pm | Lunch Club                               |
| Thursday 14th November 2:00pm  | Craft Club                               |
| Thursday 14th November 7:30pm  | Roffey House Group                       |
| Thursday 14th November 7:45pm  | Worship Group                            |
| Friday 15th November 2:00pm    | Afternoon Stroll                         |
| Friday 15th November 7:30pm    | Choir Rehearsal                          |
| Saturday 16th November 12:20pm | Saturday Kitchen                         |
| Sunday 17th November 9:15am    | Mission Prayer Meeting                   |
| Sunday 17th November 10:30am   | Sunday Service                           |
| Sunday 17th November 10:45am   | BRBK (Kids' Club)                        |
| Monday 18th November 10:00am   | Coffee, Cake & Company                   |
| Monday 18th November 2:30pm    | PMA                                      |

# Weekly Message

## Praying Dangerous Prayers

With Israel and Iran in the news headlines of our precarious world today, I find myself reminded of a favourite Bible character of mine – Nehemiah - a servant of King Artaxerxes I of Persia (modern-day Iran).

As the king's cupbearer, Nehemiah held a position of trust and esteem, enjoying privileged proximity to the monarch. However, such closeness carried lethal risk, for one day, the king noticed a sombreness in his cupbearer's countenance and inquired about his well-being. Aware that manifesting melancholy before his majesty, could prove fatal, Nehemiah embraced the danger, prayed to the God of heaven and shared his heart.

### Praying boldly from the heart

This is a pivotal moment in Nehemiah's life where he, after significant time praying and fasting, by faith, presented the sacred vessel of the cup of his heart before the king. The king recognised the manifest “sadness of heart” and, because the gracious hand of Nehemiah's God was with him, the king granted his carefully and prayerfully thought-through request to rebuild ruined Jerusalem.

We, too, are granted the opportunity to come close to the King, standing before our Sovereign God, bearing our heart-desires for the broken world around us – assured of His gracious welcome through the cross of Christ.

### Praying beyond personal ambition

Nehemiah's prayer was not motivated by self-interest or personal gain. Despite his esteemed position, he sought not to elevate his own status but aimed at the far higher calling of restoration and renewal. Dangerous prayers transcend personal ambitions and embrace the loftier and courageous callings of the kingdom.

Jesus said: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.” ([Luke 9:23](#)) And the Apostle Paul wrote, “Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.” ([Philippians 2:2-4](#))

Praying whilst embracing responsibility

Nehemiah’s prayers were not merely pleas for divine or kingly intervention, for he was willing to assume responsibility for God's purposes and call upon him. Dangerous prayers are not passive requests for change but active commitments to serve. Nehemiah was ready to step into a role that demanded personal service, sacrifice and selflessness. Jesus said: “Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all.” ([Mark 9:35](#))

Are your prayers dangerous?

In our day, as we face challenges and changes near and far, let us set our sights beyond any brokenness and ruin or uncertainty and disgrace. Through prayer and fasting, may we boldly approach the King, with the unconcealed cup of our heart held out to him – requesting repair in the place of despair – prepared to lay our lives down before Him and one another in sacrificial service.

Rev. Michael Hogg

# Notices

## Prayer Meeting

At 7pm on Sunday 3rd November there will be a prayer meeting in the Main Hall to pray for the ministry of our church. All are welcome.

---

## PMA Pleasant Monday Afternoon

All are welcome to join us in the Main Hall from 2.30-3.45pm on Monday 4th November for a pleasant afternoon of meeting with friends, singing well-known hymns and learning something about Ethiopia through some object lessons.

---

## BRBC Art Club

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

---

## 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.

---

## Service of Thanksgiving for Janet Offord

This will be held on Monday 11th November at 3.30pm. All are welcome to join in this celebration of our mother's life.

Refreshments will be served in the main hall after the service.

Dress code: No black please.

Family flowers only. Charitable donations to: Christian Community Action Reading and the Alzheimer's Society.

Clair England.

---

## Election of Deacons

Next Sunday, 10th November, is the deadline for nominations to be submitted. They 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.

---

## **BRBC Lunch Club**

The next Church Lunch Club is on Thursday 14th November. 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](mailto: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](mailto:kcgargano@gmail.com)  
Val Hardwick and Chris Gargano

---

## **Autumn walk + Pub for young Christians**

Meet at Sussex Oak, Warnham at 11am on Saturday 9th November  
A social group for Horsham Christians in their 20s and 30s  
For more info contact Luke 07943 614490  
Alice Wickersham

---

## **Christmas Choir**

Sunday 3rd November is the last date for letting Mair know you would like to sing in the Christmas choir. 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.

---

## **Acapella Concert November 9th**

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.

All proceeds will go to the Oasis Crisis Pregnancy Centre. Please support us by attending this concert on Saturday November 9th at the Roffey Club in Spooners Road. There is free car parking at the Roffey Club and the bar will be open from 7pm. Concert starts 7.30 pm.

Tickets £12 from [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com) (no additional fees). Alternatively, if you would prefer to buy tickets on the door, please email [info@theoasis.org.uk](mailto:info@theoasis.org.uk) to let us know you are coming. For more information about Oasis, go to [www.theoasis.org.uk](http://www.theoasis.org.uk)

## **Christmas Child Shoeboxes**

One more week to go - NOV 10/11th is the latest BRBC can receive them.

STILL TIME TO SHOW A CHILD THEY ARE LOVED - 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 still on the church displays.

Make a box, or give some items to fill them, or make a money gift for transport. Can't get a box - please call Keith

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 Johnson  
25659

---

## **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 Fairtrade Christmas Market**

This year's Fairtrade Christmas Market will be on 30th November 2024 at St John's RC Church Hall. From 10am to 4pm. 20 tables of unusual Fairtrade products that make ideal gifts, especially for those who care about ethics and the environment. For more information about Fairtrade visit their website.

---

## **Church Flowers**

The flowers today are given by Julie Mileham in memory of Derek, her much missed husband.

## **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.

---

## **Crawley Millennium Band Christmas Concert**

The Crawley Millennium Concert Band's Christmas Concert at Brighton Road will take place on 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

---

## **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](mailto:bren151@talktalk.net) Celebrating birthdays this week are Barbara Beazley on Friday 1st and Julie Mileham on Saturday 9th November.

---

## **Mission Prayer Request**

Give thanks for the visit of Genesis Acaye last Sunday and for the work he is involved in in northern Uganda. Pray for him as he has returned home and for him and his family to keep in good health. Pray for the 101 new households who will receive training on how to improve farming methods, conserve the environment and grow trees.

---

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.

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](http://www.brbc-horsham.org.uk)