



BRBC Bulletin

Sunday 10th November 2024

Welcome to our service today.

Events for the next week

THIS 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

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Why the law?

[Galatians 3:19-20](#)

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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 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 12:30pm	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)
Sunday 17th November 7:00pm	Prayer Meeting
Monday 18th November 10:00am	Coffee, Cake & Company
Monday 18th November 2:30pm	PMA
Tuesday 19th November 1:00pm	BRBC Babies & Toddlers
Tuesday 19th November 4:00pm	Toy Library
Tuesday 19th November 7:45pm	Allsorts Housegroup
Wednesday 20th November 2:30pm	Johnson House Group
Wednesday 20th November 7:00pm	Hillside House Group
Thursday 21st November 10:00am	Art Group
Thursday 21st November 10:30am	Men's Coffee Morning
Thursday 21st November 2:00pm	Women's Fellowship
Thursday 21st November 7:45pm	Worship Group
Friday 22nd November 10:00am	Listen and Pray
Friday 22nd November 7:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday 23rd November 12:30pm	Saturday Kitchen
Sunday 24th November 10:30am	Sunday Service
Sunday 24th November 10:45am	BRBK (Kids' Club)
Monday 25th November 10:00am	Coffee, Cake & Company

Weekly Message

The year of the Lord's welcome

When Jesus first preached in Nazareth, he quoted [Isaiah 61:1](#) and said that the prophecy about being anointed with the Spirit to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour had been fulfilled in the hearing of the congregation ([Luke 4:14-30](#)). They were amazed that the lad they had seen growing up could now speak with such grace. They had heard that Jesus had done amazing things down the road at Capernaum, and now it was their turn. But Jesus pushes back against such expectations, warning that prophets are not made welcome in their hometown. He suggests that the year of the Lord's favour is not primarily for them – first and foremost it is for others, for Gentiles, for outsiders. The mood in the synagogue turns ugly, and Jesus barely escapes with his life. Grace is for sharing, not hoarding. God's favour is renewed when we share it with others; if we try and keep it for ourselves, then it is corrupted and distorted by our selfishness.

I'm reflecting on Joshua Jipp's book, *Saved by Grace and Hospitality*. He suggests that the phrase 'the year of the Lord's favour' could be translated as 'the year of the Lord's welcome'. He suggests that the grace of God towards sinful outsiders was expressed in Jesus sharing meals with them ([Luke 15:1-2](#)). Grace starts with a welcome. Jesus welcomed a crowd of 5000, not only teaching them and healing them, but also finding a way to feed them at the end of the day ([Luke 9:10-17](#)).

Zacchaeus just wanted to see Jesus as he went by, but Jesus invited himself round, and again people were unhappy that Jesus disregarded social barriers to welcome people into the kingdom. It was because Zacchaeus opened his home that Jesus could say, 'Salvation has come to this house today' ([Luke 19:1-10](#)). Here we see the outworking of Jesus' words in [Luke 9:48](#) as he talks about what it means to be welcomed by those who are of no account:

'Whoever welcomes this little child in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.'

If we were to take Jesus seriously, does that mean that we should welcome anyone and everyone into God's family as if we were welcoming Jesus himself? If so, then whoever we meet, we can pray that Christ would be part of that encounter. One of our aspirations as a church is to be a safe place where Jesus meets us at our point of need and empowers us to walk in newness of life, and He wants to do that in and through every conversation that we have.

Jesus' words invite us to reflect on the breadth and the depth of our welcome. Do we draw distinctions about who we are prepared to welcome into God's family? How deep is our welcome? Do we invite people in, or do we chat to them on the doorstep? Will 2025 be the year of the Lord's welcome at Brighton Road?

Tim Carter

Notices

Mission Prayer Meeting

On Sunday 17th November, it being the third Sunday of the month, there will be an opportunity to hear news from some of the overseas mission workers we support and to pray for them. Meet at 9.15am in the Main Hall. All are welcome.

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.

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 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

Val Hardwick and Chris Gargano

Walks and Strolls

The next afternoon stroll will take place on Friday 15th November from the Roosthole Car Park. Meet at church at 2.00pm or in the car park at 2.20pm. The next Saturday walk will be on December 7th.

Prayers for Peace at St Mary's

All are invited to join with St Mary's church for 'Prayers for Peace' on Thursday 14th November between 12pm and 1pm. Prayers will be said by members of the Horsham Refugee and asylum seeker community for all those suffering due to conflict and oppression across the world. Donations will be collected for the UN emergency fund for crisis relief which supports all those needing humanitarian aid.

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.

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

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.

Horsham Churches Together Christmas Carol Service

HCT Carols in the Carfax, with the Slinfold Concert Band, will take place on the Carfax bandstand on Saturday 14th December 2024.

Festive music from 11am

Carol service from 11:30am to 12:15pm, with singing, Bible readings, and a gospel talk and more festive music until 1pm.

Horsham Matters' Christmas Tins or Toys campaign 2024

Horsham Matters is once again asking for your support to spread some Christmas cheer. Every year they support over 300 families across Horsham District with Christmas parcels which includes festive food and toys for the children.

If you would like to support the Horsham Matters' Christmas Tins or Toys campaign, please contact them directly on info@horsham-matters.org.uk in the first instance to express your interest. They can then allocate a list of food items or an age group for toys. With your help, it can be a Merry Christmas for everyone in our community.

Alternatively, if you would prefer to make monetary donations you can do so on their dedicated Just Giving Page.

Church Flowers

The flowers in church today are given by Angie Hockley in loving memory of her dear husband Mick.

For Prayer

O Lord my God.
Teach my heart this day
where and how to find you.
You have made me and re-made me,
and you have bestowed on me
all the good things I possess,
and still I do not know you.
I have not yet done
that for which I was made.
Teach me to seek you,
for I cannot seek you
unless you teach me,
or find you
unless you show yourself to me.
Let me seek you in my desire;
let me desire you in my seeking.
Let me find you by loving you;
let me love you when I find you.

Mission Prayer Request

Give thanks for the TV and social media programmes that SAT-7 are able to produce and show in the Middle East and North Africa and for the blessing they are for the many Christian families living in isolated situations. Pray for the audience response teams who communicate with those who send in with comments and questions, including many who are not yet Christian believers. Pray for wisdom and sensitivity to know how to respond to each message.

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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