

BRIGHTON ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH



BRBC Bulletin

Sunday 17th November 2024

Welcome to our service today.

Events for the next week

THIS SUNDAY

Why the law?

[Galatians 3:19-20](#)

10:30am Sunday Service

led by Michael Hogg

10:45am BRBK (Kids' Club)

Meeting Rooms - Children will go
from the main service

NEXT SUNDAY

Get out of jail free

[Galatians 3:21-22](#)

10:30am Sunday Service

led by Marion Richardson

10:45am BRBK (Kids' Club)

Meeting Rooms - Children will go
from the main service



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
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 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
Tuesday 26th November 1:00pm	BRBC Babies & Toddlers
Tuesday 26th November 4:00pm	Toy Library
Wednesday 27th November 7:45pm	Church Members Meeting
Thursday 28th November 10:30am	Men's Coffee Morning
Thursday 28th November 2:00pm	Craft Club
Thursday 28th November 7:30pm	Roffey House Group
Thursday 28th November 7:45pm	Worship Group
Friday 29th November 7:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday 30th November 12:30pm	Saturday Kitchen
Sunday 1st December 10:30am	Sunday Service
Sunday 1st December 10:45am	BRBK (Kids' Club)
Sunday 1st December 7:00pm	Prayer Meeting
Monday 2nd December 10:00am	Coffee, Cake & Company
Monday 2nd December 2:30pm	PMA

Weekly Message

Memories

Remember, remember the 5th of November! Are you like me in remembering the time when as a group we made and displayed a scarecrow type guy and called out to passersby for contributions? I have a vivid recollection of the time when one of those passersby was my father! It was the last time I asked for 'a penny for the guy'!

The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month is also a time when we remember those who died in two world wars. 'At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them'. Those of us who lived through the second one will have special memories. One of mine was as an 8 year old I came out of school to be met by this huge man dressed in a grey RAF greatcoat. I didn't know him but it was my father having returned home after years away serving in the forces during that war. I have many memories of the years that followed, some good, some not so good!

Do you have memories which you suppress because they hurt or disturb or embarrass or which you wish had never happened?

Harvard University has a medical school which has a human sciences faculty. I came across an interesting proposition which emanated from it. It says 'In many ways our memories shape who we are. They make up our internal biographies – the stories we tell ourselves about what we have done with our lives. They tell us who we are connected to, who we've touched with our lives and who has touched us. In short, our memories are crucial to the essence of who we are as human beings'.

I wouldn't dare to argue with such an eminent establishment but the Apostle Paul does! In 2 Corinthians 5 v 17 he tells us 'if anyone is in Christ he is a new creation, old things are passed away, all things become new'. The word 'all' includes memories. My experience is that in the new creation, memories aren't wiped but they are given a new emphasis. The old hurts, regrets, foolishnesses and painful memories are turned from negative to positive. They no longer embitter us and weigh us down. They don't shrink us anymore but God uses them for our growth as new persons.

As Christians we can use our memories positively. Psalm 143 v 5 tells us to 'meditate on all God's works and consider what He has done for us'. The old hymn gives great advice! 'Count your many blessings, name them one by one and it will surprise you what The Lord has done'.

If you know anyone who is living an embittered existence because of past hurts, point them to Jesus, who will make them a new person.

Ian Jepps

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.

PMA – Pleasant Monday Afternoon

Our next meeting will be on Monday 18th November from 2.30 – 3.45pm in the Main Hall. All our welcome to join. Our speaker will be Tara Beesley, who will tell us about 4Sight Vision Support – an organisation helping blind and partially sighted people in various ways. They were instrumental in helping to start our Craft Club.

Church Members' Meeting

There will be a meeting for church members on Wednesday 27 November in the church at 7.45pm. This will include the election of deacons and you are strongly encouraged to attend in person if at all possible. If you are not able to come to the church, you can participate in the meeting via zoom, but voting is only allowed in person or by using a postal vote. Members should have received a separate communication with details about how this works.

Church meetings are an opportunity to be involved in the decisions we make as a fellowship about church life - we hope you'll want to be part of that!

Men's Coffee Morning

Thursday 28th Nov. 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 noon.

Venue : Chapel at Brighton Road Baptist Church

Our speaker will be our Pastor, Rev Tim Carter, who will bring us a farewell message.

All men are warmly invited to join us. Please note this is the fourth Thursday rather than our usual third Thursday.

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Walks and Strolls

The next Saturday walk will be on December 7th.

Advent Breakfast

All are invited to join the Advent Breakfast that will be held on 1st December 2024 at 9:30am in the Main Hall. If you intend coming, sign up on the sign-up sheet at reception or let the office know no later than Thursday 28th November 2024.

Christmas Child Shoeboxes

A BIG "THANK YOU" for 62 filled boxes and 20 sent on-line, with donations for transport and 100s of knitted hats, gloves, scarves and other items! They are now on their way to Tonbridge to be checked, packed and sent to the children! ON BEHALF OF THE CHILDREN "A HEART-FELT THANK YOU" From Keith & Alison.

Now please pray for their safe delivery.

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' 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.

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.

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

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.

Eco tips

Are you a wish recycler?

Do you put things in the recycle bin hoping that's right?

You can do more harm than good!

Whole loads will be rejected if enough items are wrong.

Think of the person who had to sort through recycling.

It's better to only curb-side recycle what you are certain is correct and make sure it's clean!

Church Flowers

The flowers today are given by Beryl Martin, in loving memory of her husband, Denis.

For Prayer

Heavenly Father, help me to go about sowing seeds of kindness and grace, whether or not I receive thanks or am even noticed.

Sanctify whatever I do,

that it may contribute to your glory and the coming of your righteous kingdom.

Amen

Mission Prayer Request

Give thanks for the opportunity we had to learn more about Guinebor 2 Hospital in Chad when Claire Bedford visited us last month and pray for her as she returns to Chad after her busy home assignment. Pray that the building of the new emergency wing of the hospital will be able to be finished soon and that Claire will feel refreshed enough to be able to quickly settle back into her busy role at the hospital. Pray for the chaplains as they seek to bring the message of God's love to the patients and those who accompany them.

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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