

BRIGHTON ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH



BRBC Bulletin

Sunday 24th November 2024

Welcome to our service today.

Events for the next week

THIS 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

NEXT SUNDAY

The coming of Christ
[Galatians 3:23-27](#)

Baptism service

10:30am Sunday Service

led by Tm Carter

10:45am BRBK (Kids' Club)

Meeting Rooms - Children will go
from the main service



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 9:30am	Advent Breakfast
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
Tuesday 3rd December 1:00pm	BRBC Babies & Toddlers
Tuesday 3rd December 4:00pm	Toy Library
Tuesday 3rd December 7:45pm	Allsorts Housegroup
Wednesday 4th December 2:30pm	Johnson House Group
Wednesday 4th December 5:50pm	Carol Singing
Wednesday 4th December 7:00pm	Hillside House Group
Thursday 5th December 10:00am	Art Group
Thursday 5th December 2:00pm	Women's Fellowship
Thursday 5th December 7:45pm	Worship Group
Friday 6th December 7:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday 7th December 10:15am	Saturday Walk
Saturday 7th December 12:30pm	Saturday Kitchen
Saturday 7th December 1:30pm	Christmas Film
Sunday 8th December 10:30am	Sunday Service
Sunday 8th December 10:45am	BRBK (Kids' Club)
Monday 9th December 10:00am	Coffee, Cake & Company
Monday 9th December 2:30pm	PMA

Weekly Message

‘Keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.’

At our Sunday evening prayer meeting at the start of this month, there was the opportunity for us all to share concerns so that we could pray about them, and Ken asked us to pray for unity at Brighton Road in the coming months. Well, I say ‘Amen’ to that.

The process of looking for a new senior pastor often begins with a period of prayerful reflection: what kind of church are we? What kind of church is God calling us to be? What kind of minister should we be looking for? It's a process that calls for honesty, and that means everyone having the freedom to speak the truth in love, and the grace to hear and receive what is being said with openness and respect.

Paul had a burning desire to hear that the church in Philippi was standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, and being of the same mind, having the same love, being of full accord and of one mind (1:27;a 2:2). That will also be what I long to hear about Brighton Road when I move to Durham next year. But the foundations for such unity are laid in humility, as we count others as being more significant than we are, as we look to the interests of others as well as to our own interests, and as we model ourselves on Christ, who emptied and humbled himself (2:3-7). Humility does not mean thinking that our own views don't count, but it does mean that we will not insist on our own way ([1 Corinthians 13:5](#)). It also means listening to those with whom we don't see eye to eye, and doing so without criticising or looking down on them ([Romans 14:10](#)). Paul's words in [Romans 15:5-7](#) express his heart for the church in Rome, as they express my heart for Brighton Road: ‘May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus

Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.'

In his book, *Saved by Faith and Hospitality* (p.66), Joshua Jipp puts it this way: 'The result of "welcoming one another just as Christ welcomed you" ([Rom 15:7](#)) is that the church will be able to pursue the things that make for peace, harmony, and edification (14:19). The church will "have the same mind toward one another according to the standard of Jesus Christ" and this will lead to a church marked by unity that praises God together with one voice ([Rom 15:5-6](#))—with the Messiah himself leading the choir in praise to God ([Rom 15:9b-12](#))!'

The Ghanaian theologian Mercy Amba Oduyoye was right: 'To strive for unity in diversity is a task we cannot evade – and there are no shortcuts.'

Tim Carter

Notices

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.

Brian Carey. 01403 264903 / brian.rosalyn@me.com

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.

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

Tickets for this concert have now sold out.

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.

An exhibition of your favourite Christmas Carols

Come and enjoy colourful and creative exhibits of artistic interpretations including paintings, crafts, models and floral displays of your favourite Christmas Carols at Horsham United Reformed Church, Springfield Road, Horsham on Friday 20th December and Saturday 21st December, 10am-3pm. Entrance free of charge. Delicious festive refreshments will be served accompanied by, of course, your favourite carols to get you into the festive spirit.

BMS Birthday Scheme

Celebrating a birthday this week is Joseph Steven on Friday 29th November.

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](#).

For Prayer

Lord, inspire me to give of my best
and make good use
of the talents you have given me.
Show me how to be positive in attitude,
appreciating and valuing others,
always being ready to encourage
and give praise.

Sometimes I draw conclusions about people
in terms of what I think
is meant by "success" and "failure",
but the "failure" of one person
might count as a great "success"
of someone with other talents.
Lead me never to judge people
but to accept others as they are,
knowing that it is together,
each with our differences,
that we build up your Kingdom. Amen.

A prayer focusing on Safeguarding

Dear God, Help us to be a church that:
Loves, welcomes, protects.
Listens, learns, serves.
Repents, restores, transforms.
Values, cares, believes.
God of Justice and compassion, hear our prayer.
Help us, heal us, guide us, we pray.
In Jesus name.
Amen

Mission Prayer Request

Pray for Prabhaka Salvi and his team working mainly in remote rural areas in India. Give thanks that some needy children have been able to receive health kits and that those suffering from leprosy have been given warm blankets. Pray that the non-denominational pastors mentorship programme that has been set up in Maharashtra State will help pastors and other church leaders of any age, gender or caste to develop an effective ministry.

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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