

BRIGHTON ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH



BRBC Bulletin

Sunday 1st December 2024

Welcome to our service today.

Events for the next week

THIS SUNDAY

The coming of Christ

[Galatians 3:23-27](#)

Baptism service

10:30am Sunday Service

led by Tim Carter

10:45am BRBK (Kids' Club)

Meeting Rooms - Children will go from the main service

NEXT SUNDAY

All one in Christ Jesus

[Galatians 3:26-29](#)

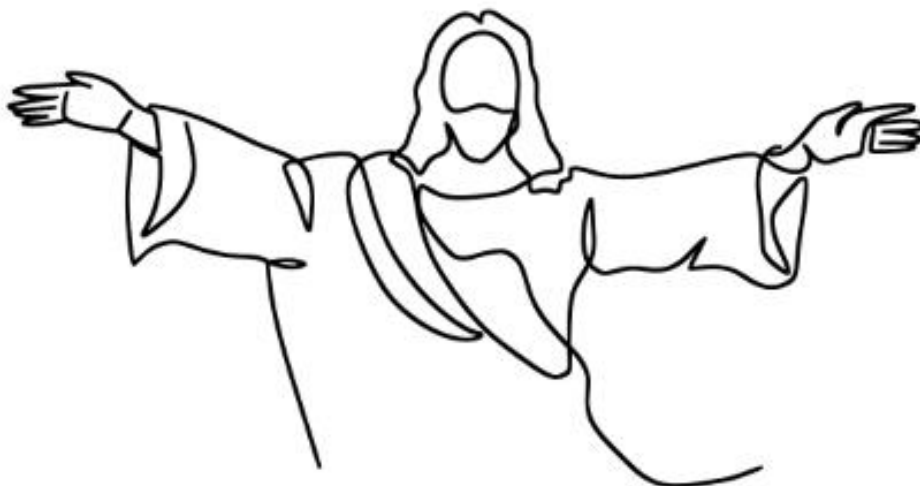
Communion

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10:45am BRBK (Kids' Club)

Meeting Rooms - Children will go from the main service



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 Group
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
Tuesday 10th December 1:00pm	BRBC Babies & Toddlers Group
Tuesday 10th December 4:00pm	Toy Library
Wednesday 11th December 8:00pm	Prayer Meeting
Thursday 12th December 12:00pm	Lunch Club Carol Service
Thursday 12th December 12:45pm	Lunch Club
Thursday 12th December 2:00pm	Craft Club
Thursday 12th December 7:30pm	Roffey House Group
Thursday 12th December 7:45pm	Worship Group
Friday 13th December 7:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday 14th December 12:30pm	Nativity Lunch
Saturday 14th December 7:00pm	CMCB Christmas Concert
Sunday 15th December 9:15am	Mission Prayer Meeting
Sunday 15th December 10:30am	Christingle Service
Sunday 15th December 10:45am	BRBK (Kids' Club)
Monday 16th December 10:00am	Coffee, Cake & Company

Weekly Message

Believer's Baptism - Unity in Community

Today, I have the joy and honour of baptising our youngest child. Gathering as church, in worship and fellowship, we reflect on the profound truths of our faith, and today, especially, the significance of believer's baptism. What some may perceive as a religious ritual, this sacred act of obedience is a powerful expression of our identity and unity in Christ as members of His one body of believers.

In [Galatians 3:26-28](#), the Apostle Paul writes, “So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. For all of you who were baptised into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.” Baptism marks the moment when we publicly identify with Jesus, as His disciples. We signify we are no longer slaves to sin, but children of God, freed through faith in Christ. We are clothed with Christ, adorned with His righteousness and grace.

Having in mind Tim’s bulletin message last week about Unity of the Spirit, I recall [Ephesians 4:4-6](#): “There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.” Paul reminds us of the singular purpose that binds all believers - our one shared faith in Lord Jesus.

Baptism transcends all human divisions. In Christ, there is no distinction of ethnicity, social status, or gender – His gospel breaks down barriers that might divide us. Regardless of background or differences, through baptism, we are united in one Saviour and one faith. Baptism points to becoming part of a greater family, a community where unity in Christ is central.

It reminds us that every believer, regardless of earthly identity, shares a heavenly identity in Jesus.

“One Lord, one faith, one baptism” – Baptism is not just a personal proclamation; it is a communal affirmation of our unity in Christ - we declare our belonging to Christ’s one body, the Church. We are not isolated individuals but are interconnected, bound by the Spirit of God, with Christ as Head ([Ephesians 4:15-16](#), [5:23](#), [Colossians 1:18](#)). Baptism is not just a memory of a moment; it is a continual reminder that we are part of the larger body of Christ. It calls us to live out our faith in a way that reflects the unity and love we share in Him, despite diversity or difference.

A believer’s baptism is not only an individual obedience and expression of an inward reality, it is a declaration of Church Community Unity in Christ. When a believer is baptised, we are all pointed to the grace, faith and unity we share together. It is a plea for all of us to live as “one in heart and mind” ([Acts 4:32](#)) - supporting and encouraging one another in whatever challenges we face.

Revd Michael Hogg.

Notices

PMA Pleasant Monday Afternoon

All are welcome to join our afternoon of Carols and Christmas readings in the Main Hall from 2.30 – 3.45pm on Monday 2nd December.

Women's Fellowship

Tim was due to speak in May but instead he is coming to our next meeting on Thursday December 5th at 2pm. Sheila's talk which was original scheduled for this week will be in May.

Christmas Child Shoeboxes

FINAL TOTAL - 96

Thank you so much. Now to get ready for next year – keep collecting and knitting.

Please pray for their safe delivery, and for the children. Keith & Alison

Walks

For those who would appreciate getting out into the countryside now most of the leaves are off the trees, there will be a walk of around 8 miles on Saturday 7th December. Meet at church at 10.15am.

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.

Crawley Millennium Band Christmas Concert

It's now only 2 weeks before the Christmas concert here in the church on Saturday 14th December at 7pm. As usual, this concert is free but we would like you to consider giving a donation to Pancreatic Cancer research as you leave. This is in memory of Peter McMahan who was a great supporter of the band and also a church member here. He died from this awful cancer in 2018. We will have a card reader available so you can donate by card as well as by cash. Refreshments will be available in the interval. Finally don't forget your Christmas hat! Judy McMahan.

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.

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.

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
Celebrating birthdays this week are Jennie Shaw on Sunday 1st, David Skipp on Tuesday 3rd and Helen Gargano on Thursday 5th December.

For Prayer

Father,
perhaps you have best been described as “love”
and, as “love keeps no record of wrongs”,
I rejoice in the completeness
of your personal love and acceptance
of each one of us.
Lead me each day to be faithful
and grow closer to Jesus
who calls me his friend.
It is through him and in him, Father,
that I am enabled to see you most fully:
you who call me by name.

Mission Prayer Request

Pray for the Lynches as they are due to travel to UK for home assignment this week. Pray that they will be able to have times of rest and relaxation with family and friends as well as times of sharing with supporters, as the last few months must have been quite stressful for 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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