

BRIGHTON ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH



BRBC Bulletin

Sunday 10th March 2024

Welcome to our service today.

Events for the next week

THIS SUNDAY

Good and Bad desires

[Ephesians 2:1-3](#)

Communion

10:30am Sunday Service

led by Raja Mukherjee
with Michael Hogg

10:45am BRBK (Kids' Club)

Meeting Rooms - Children
will go from the main service

NEXT SUNDAY

*Greed: when what you have is
never enough*

[Luke 22:4-6](#), [John 12:4-6](#)

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Sunday 10th March 10:30am	Sunday Service
Sunday 10th March 10:45am	BRBK (Kids' Club)
Monday 11th March 10:00am	Coffee, Cake & Company
Monday 11th March 2:30pm	PMA
Tuesday 12th March 4:00pm	Toy Library
Tuesday 12th March 7:30pm	Merryfield House Group
Wednesday 13th March 8:00pm	Prayer Meeting
Thursday 14th March 12:45pm	Lunch Club
Thursday 14th March 1:30pm	Women's Fellowship
Thursday 14th March 2:00pm	Craft Club
Thursday 14th March 7:30pm	Roffey House Group
Thursday 14th March 7:45pm	Worship Group
Friday 15th March 2:00pm	Afternoon Stroll
Friday 15th March 7:00pm	Alpha
Saturday 16th March 11:00am	Saturday Kitchen
Sunday 17th March 10:30am	Sunday Service
Sunday 17th March 10:45am	BRBK (Kids' Club)
Monday 18th March 10:00am	Coffee, Cake & Company
Monday 18th March 2:30pm	PMA
Tuesday 19th March 4:00pm	Toy Library
Tuesday 19th March 7:45pm	Allsorts Housegroup
Wednesday 20th March 2:30pm	Johnson House Group
Thursday 21st March 10:00am	Art Group
Thursday 21st March 10:30am	Men's Coffee Morning
Thursday 21st March 7:45pm	Worship Group
Friday 22nd March 10:00am	Listen and Pray
Friday 22nd March 7:00pm	Alpha
Saturday 23rd March 11:00am	Saturday Kitchen
Sunday 24th March 10:30am	Sunday Service
Monday 25th March 10:00am	Coffee, Cake & Company

Weekly Message

Scripture alone, Christ alone, faith alone, grace alone, and glory to God alone

At our church members' meeting at the end of February, I spoke about Brighton Road being a community where anyone and everyone is made welcome, and how that means we should be a safe place where people from across the theological spectrum are accepted and made welcome and enabled to find a level of faith that is right for them.

Many of us have strong views or convictions on a whole range of issues that concern us deeply or which are precious to us. Let me run a list past you: can you spot what these things have in common? Predestination; baptism; the Lord's Supper; the charismatic movement; seven-day creation; remarriage of divorcees; women priests; penal substitutionary atonement; support for Israel; same sex marriage. Over the years, these are all issues which have divided, and continue to divide, the Body of Christ. They are all, also, wrapped up with the question of how we read and interpret the Bible, as we look for meaningful ways to relate the contents of the Bible to our church traditions, our reason and our experience. But the Bible is king: traditions develop; we change our minds; our experience is undergoing a constant process of development. So Scripture is a given, but who gets to decide what the Bible means?

The authority of Scripture was one of the fundamental issues at stake during the Reformation. For the Catholic Church, the authority of Scripture was subordinated to the authority of the magisterium: only the living, teaching office of the church had the authority to determine how the Bible should be understood. Luther, however, said it was a 'cursed lie' that the church has authority over Scripture. He argued instead that the church was captive to Sacred Scripture: 'This queen must rule, and everyone must obey, and be subject to her. The pope, Luther, Augustine, Paul, an angel from heaven — these should not be masters, judges or arbiters, but only witnesses, disciples, and confessors of Scripture' (Lectures on Galatians).

One of the reasons why Luther translated the Bible into German is that he wanted people to be able to read the Bible and understand it for themselves, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. That meant that the church was no longer able to control how people interpreted the Bible. That in turn means that when I read the Bible for myself, I can expect to hear what God is saying to me at a personal level. But what then is to prevent me from reading the Bible selectively, treating it like a mirror that merely reflects my own prejudices and preconceptions?

To avoid this pitfall, we need to grapple with all of Scripture: the whole Bible contains the whole counsel of God; we can't ignore the bits we don't like. We also need to make sure that our understanding of the Bible is Christocentric and cruciform: in other words, we accept the authority of the Bible because and inasmuch as it points to Christ, and his cross is the place where all works of the flesh, including our own cherished and vested interests, are put to death.

So every time I stand up to teach from the Bible on any subject, whether that be at Brighton Road or the London School of Theology, I am deeply aware that I have to be subject to the authority of Christ, who is revealed in the Scriptures as Lord and Saviour, God manifest in the flesh. Christ shapes and moulds our understanding of Scripture, and in turn Scripture shapes and moulds our understanding of Christ. The Spirit who inspired the written word reveals Christ to us as the living Word and enables us to respond to him in faith and repentance.

Christ alone is the basis for our salvation, and as I said at the meeting, I am convinced that the basis of our salvation must be the same as the basis of our fellowship. If God welcomes anyone and everyone who turns to Christ and puts their trust in him and accepts him as Lord, then it is incumbent upon us to welcome them as well. All of us, without exception, are sinners saved in Christ alone by grace alone through faith alone – there is no moral high ground in church on which any of us can take a stand. We stand on Christ alone, or we do not stand at all. And there is enough space available for us all to stand on Christ together.

Tim Carter

Notices

P.M.A. aka Pleasant Monday Afternoon

Tomorrow, 11th March, we welcome back Liu Liu as our speaker. Liu Liu works for Tear Fund and he will be telling us about his visit to their partner work in Pakistan in November 2023, so we are in for an interesting afternoon. If you would like to join us and learn more about the work of Tear Fund we would love to see you. We meet in the main hall from 2.30pm to 3.45pm. Celia Steere.

BRBC Lunch Club

The next Church Lunch Club is on Thursday 14th March. 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 should contact Chris

Gargano Phone - 01403 266229 or email kcgargano@gmail.com

Val Hardwick and Chris Gargano

HCT Good Friday Service – 29th March 2024

This year's Horsham Churches Together Good Friday Service will take place at The Bandstand in the Carfax on 29th March 2024 from 11:15 'til 12 noon. Kath Jones from Connect Southwater Community Church will be speaking, and the musicians from Trafalgar Road Baptist Church will be leading the sung worship.

HCT Good Friday Service – Call for Stewards

To help make the Good Friday Service possible, we need a small team of stewards to support the event on the day. The main task is distributing the songs sheets and helping to keep the walkways clear for those passing by. If you can help, please email pete.dibdin@horshamct.org.uk

Easter Charity Concert

Brighton Road Baptist Church is hosting an Easter Orchestral Concert by the Dove English Orchestra, conductor Grenville Harding; in aid of Turning Tides (Ending Local Homelessness). The Dove English Orchestra is a Christian orchestra and Granville is a Christian music composer. The orchestra will share the glory and blessing of God through his music. It is also an exciting opportunity to hear the Auschwitz Violin played!

Do come as it is going to be a great evening!

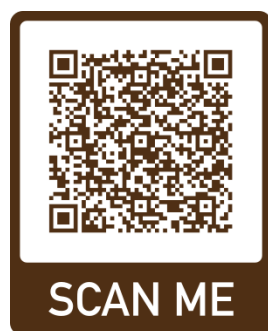
The concert will be at 7:30pm, 30th March. Tickets are £14 (on door) and £12 (online in advance; booking fee applies).

Online booking:

www.ticketsource.co.uk/booking/t-zzjqvqk

Alternatively, go to the Ticket Source website

www.ticketsource.co.uk and search for Dove English Orchestra or scan the QR code on the right.



Easter Charity Concert Volunteers

We need some volunteers for the Easter Orchestral Charity Concert by the Dove English Orchestra on Saturday 30th March, starting 7:30pm - in aid of Turning Tides (Ending Local Homelessness). Please fill in the list at reception or let Francis Poon (francis_poon@yahoo.co.uk) know if you are willing to serve as a volunteer for the evening - staffing the on-the-door ticket sale, stewards to welcome and help people to their seats, helpers in the kitchen. Thank you.

Eco-tip

Could you switch to a green energy supplier? Nothing changes in your house.

The supplier buys the same amount of green (renewable) energy as the amount you use. If this isn't possible, they will off-set the energy consumption with investment in further green energy such as planting trees etc.

Green energy won't cost you any more and if you shop around it can be cheaper.

Miriam Hughes

Easter egg donations requested

Horsham District Foodbank is currently seeking donations of Easter eggs, by Friday 15th March, to support families in need this Easter. Donations can be placed in the shopping trolley at the front of Horsham Matters Support Centre at their Redkiln offices (Redkiln Close, RH13 5QL), Monday- Friday 9:30-4pm or at any of their donation points including their Love it Again shop in West Street, Tesco, Lidl and Waitrose.

Church Flowers

The flowers this week are given by Christine Oakley in memory of her dear friend John Hunter. John and Christine were both close friends of Laurie and Margaret Bird, and these flowers were also for Margaret's thanksgiving service on Friday.

Coffee Rota

April	7th	Mary and Avril
	14th	Hilary and Alison
	21st	Jean and Ian
	28th	Ros and Brian
May	5th	Margaret and Jill
	12th	Mary and Avril
	19th	Hilary and Alison
	26th	Jean and Ian
June	2nd	Ros and Brian
	9th	Margaret and Jill
	16th	Mary and Avril
	23rd	Hilary and Alison
	30th	Jean and Ian

If you are unable to take your turn, please change with someone.
Thank you.

Jill Boniface 263563

For Prayer

God grant me
the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,
the courage to change the things I can,
and the wisdom
to distinguish the one from the other.

Mission Prayer Request

Pray for Genesis in Northern Uganda as he begins working with a new group of farmers as well as continuing a second year with those who started a year ago. Give thanks for the tree planting programme but pray that funds will be available for it to continue and expand.

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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