

BRIGHTON ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH



BRBC Bulletin Sunday 17th March 2024 Welcome to our service today.

Events for the next week

THIS SUNDAY

*Greed: when what you have is
never enough*

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

10:30am Sunday Service

led by Tim Carter

10:45am BRBK (Kids' Club)

Meeting Rooms - Children will
go from the main service

NEXT SUNDAY

*Palm Sunday
Putting humility before pride*

[Philippians 2:1-11](#)

*Creative and interactive
Worship*

10:30am Sunday Service

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| Sunday 17th March 9:15am | Mission Prayer Meeting |
| 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 10:30am | Families' Worker Prayer Meeting |
| Saturday 23rd March 11:00am | Saturday Kitchen |
| Sunday 24th March 10:30am | Sunday Service |
| Monday 25th March 10:00am | Coffee, Cake & Company |
| Tuesday 26th March 4:00pm | Toy Library |
| Wednesday 27th March 2:30pm | Hillside House Group |
| Thursday 28th March 2:00pm | Craft Club |
| Thursday 28th March 7:45pm | Worship Group |
| Saturday 30th March 11:00am | Saturday Kitchen |
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| Saturday 30th March 7:30pm | Dove English Orchestra Charity Concert |
| Sunday 31st March 10:30am | Sunday Service |
| Sunday 31st March 10:45am | BRBK (Kids' Club) |

Weekly Message

Other Boats! Bible Reading: Mark 4:35-41

I'm sure there are occasions when we are reading a well-known Bible story that we suddenly see something – a sentence or a phrase, which has been there all the time, but which we've never noticed before, or may have simply skipped over due to its seeming 'unimportance'.

One recent example I stumbled across is in Mark's account of Jesus stilling the storm.

As you will know well, the essence of the story is that Jesus is exhausted after a day's ministry and suggests to his disciples that they take a boat over to the quieter side of the lake and they are all too eager to oblige. However, some way into the journey, a fierce storm rises up nearly swamping the boat, and as the disciples are frantically trying to bail out the water, they catch sight of Jesus sleeping at the back of the boat. It was not a good visual and they rush to wake Jesus with the cry "Don't you care if we drown?" Jesus simply stands up and stills the wind and waves with a quiet rebuke, before challenging the disciples about their lack of faith.

And that's the story which we all know and recognise so well. However, I recently came across another sentence in that narrative which I confess I'd never specifically noted before and it says simply "There were also other boats with him", (verse 36).

It's something that only Mark records – the phrase doesn't appear in the accounts of this incident by Matthew or Luke, and I find myself wondering why Mark felt compelled to include that piece of apparently insignificant information. There doesn't seem to be a clear answer. We don't know if the other boats had deliberately followed Jesus and his disciples onto the lake or if they simply happened to be there. Could it be that Mark wanted to make us aware that there were other witnesses to this miracle in addition to the disciples? Perhaps!

Whatever the circumstances, the people in the "other boats" would have benefitted from the miracle of the stilling of the storm because their boats were in the same predicament as the one in which Jesus was travelling. Maybe that's what was in Mark's mind when he included that sentence, but in all honesty, we don't know.

At the very least this incident would have raised questions in the minds of

those travelling in other boats such as, how this man Jesus could instantly calm a rising storm, or if they knew who Jesus was, perhaps they questioned the lack of faith shown by his disciples as they rushed back & forth bailing out the boat and shouting at Jesus in fear of being drowned.

As we read that story again from our 21st Century perspective, there is perhaps a single message that we can take from the inclusion of the “other boats” in this story.

And it's simply that as we go about our daily lives – in our homes, schools, or places of work, or in our wider community, there will always be “other people with us”, just as there were other boats on that lake with Jesus and his disciples.

Among those people will be family and friends, colleagues and acquaintances, or perhaps complete strangers who we encounter for a brief momentary interaction. Some may be people of faith or of no faith at all. They are our “other boats”, other travellers facing the same storms and challenges as us in their lives and looking for something that brings peace or encouragement to them along life's way. So let us not be the ones who flap and panic like the disciples on their boat.

Instead let us always remember the unique power of the One who is with us “in our boat” and remain committed to share the miraculous power and the peace of Christ through the simplicity of a reassuring smile, a word of welcome, a hug of comfort, or an act of kindness; not so that they think favourably of us, but that they may be moved to follow the One with the power to calm the roughest storm, rebuild broken lives and even conquer death.

Notices

Mission Prayer Meeting

There will be an opportunity to hear news from and to pray for our overseas mission partners at 9.15am on Sunday 17th March in the Main Hall.

P.M.A. aka Pleasant Monday Afternoon

Tomorrow, 18th March, is our last meeting before Easter and we welcome Julie Rudd as our speaker. We are in for an interesting afternoon as Julie will be showing us items used around the world to remind us how people celebrate Easter. Our afternoon is titled 'Easter Thoughts'. Please join us if you can from 2.30pm to 3.45pm in the main hall. You will be very welcome.

Tomorrow will be my last day as leader of P.M.A. After 10 years as leader and as I am looking forward to celebrating my 85th birthday in the summer, I know the time is right for me to pass over the baton. I am sure God is speaking to the person He wants to lead P.M.A. into the future. Don't hold back; take a step of Faith and answer His call. Put your trust in God and P.M.A. will continue to flourish. Thank you. Celia Steere

Special Prayer Meeting

The next meeting to pray about discerning the way ahead for the proposed appointment of someone to work with children, young people and families is on Saturday 23rd March, at 10.30 in the chapel. We hope you can join us then.

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.

Walks

Dates for your diary: Saturday walk – April 6th. Friday Stroll – April 19th

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.

Message from Angie Hockley

Just a reminder that my granddaughter's skydive for Parkinson's UK is on March 30. If you would like to donate, the link is www.justgiving.com/page/emma-hockley-skydive.

I will let you know how she gets on.

Angie Hockley

Deborah Wrenn Thanksgiving service

If anyone would like to attend the funeral of Deborah Wrenn, a thanksgiving service will be held at Cornerstone Methodist Church, London Road, Horsham on Tuesday 19th March 2024 at 11:00 am, followed by a private committal with immediate family.

All attending the church service are invited to go to the Holbrook Club for the wake, where the family will join you later.

Dress code: Comfortable and colourful

Wake Parking: Holbrook Club has parking on site, North Heath Lane, Horsham, RH12 5PJ

For those who wish to join us online instead, zoom details for the church service are as follows:

<https://zoom.us/j/91797398575?pwd=QUZGZUdIRHNYcE56RIJadlFEOUZFZz09> or Meeting ID: 917 9739 8575 and Passcode: 422596

Horsham District Foodbank 10 year Anniversary

The Horsham District Foodbank is 10 years old, this year, and there will be a series of awareness events including fundraising campaigns throughout the year. However, this 10-year anniversary is not a celebration, as the main aim is to end the need for foodbanks. A Just Giving page has been set up asking residents to donate £10. Additionally, the team are facing unprecedented demand for support from the foodbank and are desperate for donations to help them keep up with the need. Donations can be placed in the shopping trolley at the front of their Redkirk offices, 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.

BMS Birthday Scheme

Celebrating a birthday this week is Mair Thompson.

For Prayer

I bind unto myself today
The power of God to hold and lead,
His eye to watch, his might to stay,
His ear to hearken to my need.
The wisdom of my God to teach,
His hand to guide, his shield to ward;
The word of God to give me speech,
His heavenly host to be my guard.

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me.
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.
St. Patrick's Breastplate Prayer

Mission Prayer Request

Give thanks for the new BMS mission worker, Lucia, now working with Claire Bedford in Chad as part of the Guinebor 2 Hospital administration team. Pray that they will work well together and that they will be a support to each other.

For the full prayer diary, please click [here](#).

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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