

BRIGHTON ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH



BRBC Bulletin

Sunday 9th March 2025

Welcome to our service today.

Events for the next week

Sunday 9th March

Building Together

All Age Worship

with Communion

United Baptist Service

10:30am Sunday Service

led by Horsham Baptist
Ministers

Sunday 16th March

Fruit of the Spirit: Gentleness

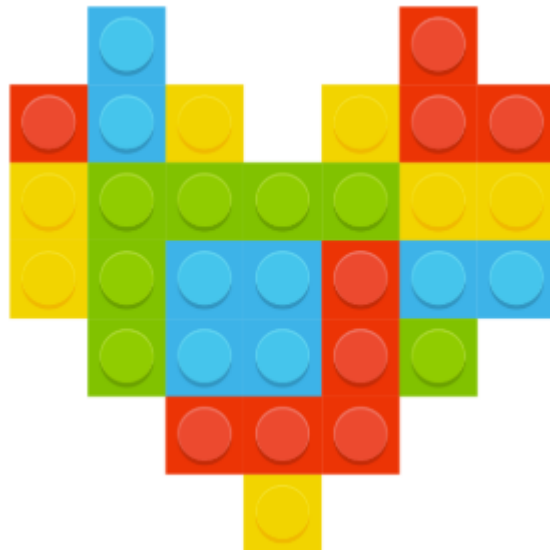
10:30am Sunday Service

led by Raja Mukherjee

with Julie Shimizu

10:45am BRBK (Kids' Club)

Meeting Rooms - Children will
go from the main service



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Sunday 9th March 10:30am
Monday 10th March 2:30pm
Tuesday 11th March 1:00pm
Tuesday 11th March 4:00pm
Wednesday 12th March 8:00pm
Thursday 13th March 12:45pm
Thursday 13th March 2:00pm
Thursday 13th March 7:45pm
Friday 14th March 2:00pm

Saturday 15th March 12:30pm
Sunday 16th March 9:15am
Sunday 16th March 10:30am
Sunday 16th March 10:45am
Monday 17th March 10:00am
Tuesday 18th March 1:00pm
Tuesday 18th March 4:00pm
Tuesday 18th March 7:45pm
Wednesday 19th March 2:30pm
Wednesday 19th March 7:00pm
Thursday 20th March 10:00am
Thursday 20th March 2:00pm
Thursday 20th March 7:45pm
Friday 21st March 2:00pm
Saturday 22nd March 12:30pm
Sunday 23rd March 10:30am
Sunday 23rd March 10:45am
Monday 24th March 2:30pm

Sunday Service
PMA
BRBC Babies & Toddlers
Toy Library
Prayer Gathering
Lunch Club
Craft Club
Worship Group
Thanksgiving Service
for June Jarvis
Saturday Kitchen
Mission Prayer Meeting
Sunday Service
BRBK (Kids' Club)
Coffee, Cake & Company
BRBC Babies & Toddlers
Toy Library
Allsorts Housegroup
Johnson House Group
Hillside House Group
Art Group
Women's Fellowship
Worship Group
Afternoon Stroll
Saturday Kitchen
Sunday Service
BRBK (Kids' Club)
PMA

Weekly Message

Why on Earth is our Planet so Good for Life Here

Like Abraham and David, looking up into the night sky we see myriads of twinkling stars and perhaps the steady light of the other planets in our galaxy. Have you ever wondered what makes EARTH the ONLY planet that's brimming with life? Mercury is too hot, being too close to the sun. Venus has a hostile atmosphere of dense carbon dioxide and sulphuric acid clouds. On Mars, the red planet, probes have indicated there is some frozen water and carbon dioxide ice but there are dust storms and no protective magnetic field. And none of the outer planets have conditions that could support life.

So, what is it about earth that makes it so special and able to support life? 10 attributes can be noted, 8 provisions and 2 protections:

1. Heat. The surface temperature range of the earth is approximately minus 50oC at the Poles and plus 50oC in the deserts and living things can exist within most of that temperature range.
2. WATER. Water is the key to life as we know it and there is plenty of it in its three forms - frozen, liquid and vapour. Its availability is kept relatively constant through evaporation, cloud formation, and rain falling from the clouds and collecting in rivers that flow back into the sea.
3. ATMOSPHERE. With sunlight, vegetation on land and in water uses the Carbon Dioxide and makes the oxygen necessary for animal life, and carbon for growth.
4. The earth has an IRON CORE, which means there is:
5. Gravity which holds onto our water in liquid and vapour forms, our atmosphere, and us!
6. SPIN. We are well suited for the 24hour day, having adequate time to work, then rest for our bodies and minds. Slower spin would increase temperature difference between day and night.

7. TILT. This unusual 23-degree tilt allows a wider spread of temperature, and creates the seasons.
8. MOON. This stabilises our spin and creates tides.
9. OZONE in the atmosphere. The Ozone layer blocks some of the Sun's damaging Ultraviolet radiation. (An Ozone hole over Australia due to CFC pollution caused a rise of skin cancers.)
10. A STRONG MAGNETIC FIELD, because of the molten outer Iron core. The Sun's Solar wind of harmful particles, which damages living things, is diverted in space to the North and South Poles. This is seen as the colourful curtains of the Aurora Borealis, or Australis.

Louis Armstrong's famous song 'It's a Wonderful World' is certainly appropriate and true. Let's praise God for it, enjoy it and look after it.

The first chapter of Genesis says 'God made everything very good' for all created things. How sad that we are upsetting this delicate life-giving balance of temperature and atmosphere, as well as destroying ecology across the globe, with detrimental effects for many people. We are moving far from God's gift of a 'Very Good Creation'. It's the only world we have, so we need to take care of it.

"God, who made the earth, the air, the sky, the sea, who gave the light its birth: He cares for me." Easter shows how much He cares: "God, who sent His Son to die on Calvary, He, if I lean on Him, will care for me."

Keith Johnson

Notices

Mission Prayer Meeting

At 9.15am on Sunday 16th March in the Main Hall there will be an opportunity to hear up to date news of our overseas mission partners and to pray for them. All are welcome to attend.

BRBC Art Group Meeting

The next meeting will be on the 20th of March 2025 in the Main Hall 10-12pm. All welcome. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available.

BRBC Lunch Club

The next Church Lunch Club is on Thursday 13th 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 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 please contact Chris Gargano
Phone - 01403 266229 or email - kcgargano@gmail.com

June Jarvis Thanksgiving Service

A Thanksgiving Service for the life of June Jarvis will take place at 2pm on Friday 14th March.

Horsham Churches Together Prayer and Worship Evening

The next HCT Prayer & Worship evening will be at 6pm on Sunday 16th March at Kingdom Faith Church.

Oasis Quiz Night

A reminder about the Quiz Night at Brighton Road starting at 7pm on Saturday 15th March, 2025. Come with your friends/colleagues/neighbours as a team of 6 or be joined to a table to make a team for a great fun-filled evening.

We will be having a raffle on the evening to raise funds for Oasis to be able to continue the free services they offer in Horsham and Crawley and surrounding areas.

Snacks will be on the table; please be sure to bring soft drinks (no alcohol please) with you on the night. Doors will open at 6.30pm and the quiz will start promptly at 7pm. Tickets can be purchased through Eventbrite or through the Oasis website.

Walks

The next afternoon stroll will be on Friday 21st March, by which time the spring flowers will be adorning the countryside. All are welcome to join. Meet at church at 2pm.

Horsham Matters Foodbank

When it began in 2014, the foodbank provided 119 individual food parcels a month. Currently it is providing 800 individual parcels a month - and this in the more prosperous part of the country.

Our foodbank needs the following items of food: tinned potatoes, instant mash, long-life custard, small bags of sugar, general cleaning items and washing up liquid. Recently, someone said, "When I have felt like I had nothing or no-one, Horsham Matters has been there."

Please continue to help people through the Horsham Food Bank and make use of the food-bank container in the church Reception. Thank you.

Sussex Green Hub

The Sussex Green Hub takes place on the last Saturday of every month at the United Reformed Church, 45 Springfield Road, Horsham, RH12 2RG, 10am – 12pm.

The next Sussex Green Hub will be on Saturday 29th March, featuring....

- 10am-11am – Horsham Community Fridge
- 10am-12pm – Home Energy-Saving Help Desk – no appointment needed!
- 10am-12pm – Horsham Repair Cafe, Refill Shop, Horsham Eco Churches, Transition Horsham, Community Energy Horsham, Sussex Green Living Recycling
- 10am–12pm – Overherd oat milk pouch and refill sales service
- PLUS... Green Book Library, Horsham Cape of Good Hopes (community textile project) and Community Cafe offering tea, coffee and cake.

‘Plant to Plate Festival’

Join Horsham Eco Churches on Saturday 26th April from 10am–4pm at this exciting day packed with local food, expert talks and eco-friendly fun that will inspire individuals and families to live more sustainably. This will be occurring across four venues in central Horsham:

- Quaker Meeting House - food-based talks.
- Unitarian Church Hall and Gardens - interactive wildlife-friendly gardening activities and stalls advising on reducing waste, recycling and composting. Talks on growing food and caring for our soils and Transition Horsham are running a Seedling Swap. People who don't have seedlings to swap can make a donation.
- United Reformed Church will host the usual Sussex Green Hub activities.
- Bishopric Market will have live music, Eco Float and interactive activities looking at carbon footprints and other ways to have a smaller impact on the environment.

For Prayer

Following our Day of Prayer and being informed about the timeline the deacons are working towards regarding finding a new senior minister, let us continue in prayer for continued guidance for all involved in every stage of the decision-making process. Pray, too, that helpful feedback will be forthcoming from church members.

Mission Prayer Request

Give thanks for the shining example of Christians thriving under pressure in Iran. Despite the persecution and closure of churches, many are standing strong and people are coming to faith through their witness. Pray that the teaching sessions SAT-7 PARS is offering on Zoom will continue to provide much-needed encouragement and discipleship for isolated Christians.

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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