

BRIGHTON ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH



BRBC Bulletin

Sunday 16th March 2025

Welcome to our service today.

Events for the next week

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

Sunday 23rd March

Fruit of the Spirit: Self-Control

10:30am Sunday Service

led by Michael Hogg

10:45am BRBK (Kids' Club)

Meeting Rooms - Children will
go from the main service



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Sunday 16th March 9:15am	Mission Prayer Meeting
Sunday 16th March 10:30am	Sunday Service
Sunday 16th March 10:45am	BRBK (Kids' Club)
Monday 17th March 10:00am	Coffee, Cake & Company
Tuesday 18th March 1:00pm	BRBC Babies & Toddlers
Tuesday 18th March 4:00pm	Toy Library
Tuesday 18th March 7:45pm	Allsorts Housegroup
Wednesday 19th March 2:30pm	Johnson House Group
Wednesday 19th March 7:00pm	Hillside House Group
Thursday 20th March 10:00am	Art Group
Thursday 20th March 10:30am	Men's Coffee Morning
Thursday 20th March 2:00pm	Women's Fellowship
Thursday 20th March 7:45pm	Worship Group
Friday 21st March 2:00pm	Afternoon Stroll
Saturday 22nd March 12:30pm	Saturday Kitchen
Sunday 23rd March 10:30am	Sunday Service
Sunday 23rd March 10:45am	BRBK (Kids' Club)
Monday 24th March 2:30pm	PMA
Tuesday 25th March 1:00pm	BRBC Babies & Toddlers
Tuesday 25th March 4:00pm	Toy Library
Thursday 27th March 2:00pm	Craft Club
Thursday 27th March 7:45pm	Worship Group
Friday 28th March 10:00am	Listen and Pray
Saturday 29th March 10:00am	Prayer and Reflection
Saturday 29th March 12:30pm	Saturday Kitchen
Sunday 30th March 10:30am	Sunday Service
Monday 31st March 10:00am	Coffee, Cake & Company

Weekly Message

Choose Gentleness

Our world, regrettably, often prizes and rewards dominance, aggression and bullying. The fruit of the Spirit that is gentleness stands in stark opposition. Gentleness is not to be equated with weakness, timidity or passivity, but is a strength rooted in humility, kindness, faith, patience, and love.

1. Gentleness Reflects Christ's character. Jesus said, "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." ([Matthew 11:29](#)). The King of the universe chose gentleness as the way to relate to humanity. He did not come with cruelty to conquer but with a gentle spirit that invites people into rest. Jesus embodied tenderness toward even the most broken and hostile of hearts. As King, He rode into Jerusalem, not on a war-horse, but on a symbol of peace: "See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey ..." ([Matthew 21:5](#))

2. Gentleness Transforms relationships. "A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger." ([Proverbs 15:1](#)) Gentleness acts as an antidote to conflict, hostility and violence ([1 Timothy 3:3](#)). Our words and actions can too easily escalate tension or they can patiently promote peace - choosing healing over harm and humility over brutality.

King David, despite the rebellion of his son, commanded his commanders, "Be gentle with the young man Absalom for my sake." ([2 Samuel 18:5](#)) Powerful David chose gentleness over retribution, even when justice could have demanded otherwise. He reflected God's heart of mercy, and His longing for reconciliation and restoration, rather than punishment.

Gentleness doesn't ignore wrongs or allow injustice to thrive. Rather it actively responds with grace and compassion, even when met with hurt. Apostle Paul urges us to "be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love." ([Ephesians 4:2](#)) Also, "to be peaceable and considerate, and always to be gentle toward everyone." ([Titus 3:2](#)) Gentleness softens the hardest hearts and opens the most stubborn doors.

3. Gentleness Testifies of Christ's love for all, through our actions and words; "Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near." ([Philippians 4:5](#)). We are gentle with others because God is gentle with us. He does not treat us as we deserve. Peter reminds us, "Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect." ([1 Peter 3:15](#)) The gospel is told through godly gentleness, not worldly forcefulness. Our appeal, with God's good news of grace through Jesus, is made with a "gentle spirit" ([1 Corinthians 4:21](#)) and "by the humility and gentleness of Christ" ([2 Corinthians 10:1](#)).

May we each be clothed with Christ's gentleness ([Colossians 3:12](#)) and pursue gentleness ([1 Timothy 6:11](#)). May our inner selves reflect "the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight." ([1 Peter 3:4](#))

Revd Michael Hogg

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.

Horsham Churches Together Prayer and Worship Evening

At 6pm on Sunday 16th March at Kingdom Faith Church there will be a Horsham Churches Together Prayer and Worship Evening. All are welcome.

Saturday Morning Prayer and Feedback

“For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope” Jeremiah 29:11 (RSV)

Please can we invite you to come along to the chapel on the morning of 29th March 2025 to share with the deacons in prayer and feedback regarding the way forward to us as a fellowship. We will display all of the feedback we have received by that date on the walls of the chapel and invite you to share both in prayer and in discussion with the deacons about the route forward. We are keen to hear what you believe God is calling us to focus upon as a church community and to pray as a family for discernment and guidance regarding the recruitment of a new senior minister.

The chapel will be open from 10am until 1pm, and we suggest that you come along for 1 hour either at 10am, 11am or 12 noon. Coffee, tea, and biscuits will be served.

Julie Rudd

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.

Oasis Quiz cancelled

Sadly we have only sold 19 tickets for our Fundraising Quiz Night on Saturday 15th March so we have decided to postpone the event until later in the year. Our previous quiz nights have always been popular and the profits have helped Oasis to finance our free services, so we are disappointed not to be able to go ahead.

A big thank you to those who bought tickets already. We are arranging for refunds to be sent out from Eventbrite to your original payment method. Please email info.theoasis.org.uk if you do not receive the refund in the next few days.

Thanks to everyone for all your support of Oasis.

Mens' Coffee Morning

The next meeting will be on Thursday 20th March 2025 in the Chapel at Brighton Road Baptist Church from 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 noon. Terry Banton will tell us something of the history and interesting facts about Southwater that he has discovered in his researches. We warmly invite all men to join us.

Brian Carey 07813739896. brian.rosalyn@me.com.U.K.

Walks

On Friday 21st March I plan to take advantage of this time of year to enjoy the early spring flowers. Anyone wishing to join me for an afternoon stroll meet at church at 2pm.

Mary Breeze

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, usually from 10am – 2.30pm.

The next Sussex Green Hub will be on Saturday 29th March, but will only run between 10am and 12noon.

'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. There will be talks on growing food and caring for our soils.
- 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.

Message from Val Stewart

Val Stewart and family would like to thank all those who helped to make Don's Thanksgiving Service such a blessing to all who attended. We are so grateful to those who were working hard behind the scenes. We couldn't have done without you. God bless you richly.

Church Flowers

Flowers in Church today are given by Christine Oakley in memory of her dear friend John Hunter.

For Prayer

At the moment, there are quite a number of members of our fellowship who are not well, some quite seriously ill and in hospital. Let us especially pray for them this week. Pray, too, for the pastoral team who must be under greater than usual pressure.

Mission Prayer Request

Praise God for Guinebor 2 Hospital in Chad where BMS worker Claire Bedford works and for the opportunities there are to share the Gospel message with patients and those who come with them. Pray for continued good relationships among the 123 staff and for daily strength for Claire in her role as part of the management team. Give thanks for the arrival of the Hamlet family and pray they will settle well as they begin to set up a prosthetics department in the hospital.

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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