

BRIGHTON ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH



BRBC Bulletin

Sunday 23rd March 2025

Welcome to our service today.

Events for the next week

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

Sunday 23rd March

All Age Worship

for Mothering Sunday

10:30am Sunday Service

led by Marion Richardson



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Sunday 23rd March 10:30am
Sunday 23rd March 10:45am
Monday 24th March 2:30pm
Tuesday 25th March 1:00pm
Tuesday 25th March 4:00pm
Thursday 27th March 2:00pm
Thursday 27th March 7:45pm
Friday 28th March 10:00am
Saturday 29th March 10:00am
Saturday 29th March 12:30pm
Sunday 30th March 10:30am
Monday 31st March 10:00am
Tuesday 1st April 1:00pm
Tuesday 1st April 4:00pm
Tuesday 1st April 7:45pm
Wednesday 2nd April 2:30pm
Thursday 3rd April 10:00am
Thursday 3rd April 2:00pm
Thursday 3rd April 7:45pm
Saturday 5th April 10:15am
Saturday 5th April 12:30pm
Sunday 6th April 10:30am
Sunday 6th April 10:45am
Sunday 6th April 7:00pm

Sunday Service
BRBK (Kids' Club)
PMA
BRBC Babies & Toddlers
Toy Library
Craft Club
Worship Group
Listen and Pray
Prayer and Reflection
Saturday Kitchen
Sunday Service
Coffee, Cake & Company
BRBC Babies & Toddlers
Toy Library
Allsorts Housegroup
Johnson House Group
Art Group
Women's Fellowship
Worship Group
Saturday Walk
Saturday Kitchen
Sunday Service
BRBK (Kids' Club)
Prayer Gathering

Weekly Message

Time

It's a funny thing time - an hour can drag, or it can pass swiftly and we are nowhere near getting done what we had planned. A week goes by in a flash and it's time to put the wheelie bin out again! And how many of us have said "Where have those years gone?"

Often we can be guilty of wishing our time away - we say 'when I leave school'; 'when I get married'; 'when I'm promoted'; 'paid off the mortgage' or 'when I reach retirement age'... Robert Hastings in his poem 'The Station' describes a train journey where we are 'pacing the aisles, waiting, waiting for the station, but we come to realise there is no one station. The true joy of life is the journey'. When we get to these landmarks, it is not always as we had hoped and we often realise we have missed so much along the way. He writes: 'it isn't the burdens of the day that drive men mad, but rather it is regret over yesterday and the fear of tomorrow. Regret and fear are twin thieves who would rob us of today.' He reminds us 'yesterday is history, tomorrow belongs to God'. Tomorrow, as we know, never comes - it is another 'today' gifted by God to make the most of.

So today - let us look for opportunities to bless others 'pacing the aisles' in some small way; create special memories of time spent with family and friends and seek sacred moments in the midst of the mundane, allowing God to touch our souls and transform time, so we don't live with the pain of regret.

The sun is able to penetrate the darkest clouds and the Son is with us in our darkest moments to bring light and joy today. As the Psalmist writes 'This is the day the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it.' Thankful for the blessing of the time we have been gifted.

Hilary Smith

Notices

PMA Pleasant Monday Afternoon

All are invited to join our Members' Afternoon on Monday 24th March between 2.30 and 3.45pm in the Main Hall. Before enjoying a cup of tea together, we will have a time of worship and afterwards there will be an opportunity for sharing about our earliest childhood memories. Come prepared to share and bring photos, toys or anything else to illustrate your story.

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

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 12 noon.

‘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.

BMS Birthday Scheme

Celebrating birthdays this week are Andrew Farquhar on Monday 24th, and Clementine Rudd on Wednesday 26th March. Mair Thompson celebrated hers on Wednesday 19th March.

Eco Tips

Do you use a lot of tin foil? It is often not recycled as it's small pieces that get lost in the bins, or it's not clean enough for recycling.

There are better alternatives: parchment paper which can be composted. And, instead of using it for roasting, I find reusable silicone sheets much better as they are non-stick.

Miriam Hughes

Coffee Rota

6th April	Ros & Brian
13th April	Marion & Jill
20th April	Hilary & Alison
27th April	Marion & Michael D. & Jan Morley
4th May	Mary & Avril
11th May	Ros & Brian
18th May	Yvonne E. & Jill
25th May	Hilary & Alison
1st June	Eryl & Hilary
8th June	Mary & Avril
15th June	Ros & Brian
22nd June	Hilary & Alison
29th June	Yvonne E. & Jill

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

Jill Boniface 01403 263563

For Prayer

Pray for the Prayer and Feedback morning next Saturday (29th March): that a good number will come and participate and that God will continue to guide our prayers concerning finding a new senior minister. Pray for those sorting through the feedback and pray that God will guide them in what to especially take note of and how to incorporate it.

Mission Prayer Request

Pray for Peter and Louis Lynch in Bangladesh working with the Baptist Church leadership team there. Give thanks for those training for outreach ministry in the rural areas and pray for safety for them as the situation in the country is still rather unsettled. Pray for peace to return and for guidance for the Lynches as they make plans for the coming months.

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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