

BRIGHTON ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH



BRBC Bulletin

Sunday 30th March 2025

Welcome to our service today.

Events for the next week

Sunday 30th March

All Age Worship

for Mothering Sunday

10:30am Sunday Service

led by Marion Richardson

Sunday 6th April

Leprosy Mission

10:30am Sunday Service

led by Ian Jepps

with Wendy Piccinini

10:45am BRBK (Kids' Club)

Meeting Rooms - Children will
go from the main service



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Sunday 30th March 10:30am	Sunday Service
Monday 31st March 10:00am	Coffee, Cake & Company
Monday 31st March 2:30pm	PMA
Tuesday 1st April 1:00pm	BRBC Babies & Toddlers
Tuesday 1st April 4:00pm	Toy Library
Tuesday 1st April 7:45pm	Allsorts Housegroup
Wednesday 2nd April 2:30pm	Johnson House Group
Thursday 3rd April 10:00am	Art Group
Thursday 3rd April 2:00pm	Women's Fellowship
Thursday 3rd April 7:45pm	Worship Group
Saturday 5th April 10:15am	Saturday Walk
Saturday 5th April 12:30pm	Saturday Kitchen
Sunday 6th April 10:30am	Sunday Service
Sunday 6th April 10:45am	BRBK (Kids' Club)
Sunday 6th April 7:00pm	Prayer Gathering
Tuesday 8th April 3:30pm	Toy Library - Family Fun
Wednesday 9th April 8:00pm	Prayer Gathering
Thursday 10th April 12:45pm	Lunch Club
Thursday 10th April 2:00pm	Craft Club
Thursday 10th April 7:45pm	Worship Group
Sunday 13th April 10:30am	Sunday Service
Sunday 13th April 10:45am	BRBK (Kids' Club)
Monday 14th April 10:00am	Coffee, Cake & Company

Weekly Message

Spring is Here

This Sunday represents one of my favourite times in the year – the day when we move the clocks forward by an hour. This evening we can look forward to it staying light until almost 8 o'clock, and even later in the coming weeks. Hopefully we all remembered to adjust our clocks, and no one turned up to Church just as the closing song was being announced.

With the lengthening days we can look forward to warmer weather and the onset of Spring, when flowers start to grow again, animals awake from hibernation, and leaves and blossom appear on the trees. I have enjoyed hearing the distinctive sounds of woodpeckers over the past few days, and I'm sure I'm not the only person who has thought of Wordsworth's immortal lines:

I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

Spring is a time when we think of new beginnings – not simply in terms of the cycle of nature, but perhaps in our families, our communities and within our church fellowship.

Here at Brighton Road Baptist Church, we are looking to appoint a new senior minister to lead us forward over the coming years. We

have all been asked to pray and think carefully about how God is leading us forward, and to discern His will for this new beginning in our church life. Hopefully, everyone has been able to visit the Chapel to look at the feedback which has been submitted by members of the fellowship regarding the way God is leading us, as well as the attributes of the person we are hoping to recruit.

There is already a wide range of suggestions, and it will be necessary to give serious consideration to evaluating what are the most important characteristics – after all, we are unlikely to be able to get superman or superwoman!

However, it seems to me that we cannot simply look to the new minister at this time of a new beginning, but it is also important that each of us is open to the possibility of doing things differently.

This year the Deacons have been studying the book “On This Rock” by Alex Harris and Chrissy Remsberg, which highlights some of the features of churches which have experienced extraordinary growth. One chapter highlights the importance of the church being open to new things, referring to “organisations which call for bold leadership, but don’t actually want much to change”. If we want our church to grow (and I think that most of us do), that cannot be left to the ministerial team, but we must all embrace that objective.

Over the next few months as we consider what our priorities for the coming years are, may we be willing to step forward and make the necessary changes, individually and collectively, to ensure that God’s work in this church and in our community goes from strength to strength.

Adrian Rudd

Notices

PMA

All are welcome to join the group who will be meeting for a Pleasant Monday Afternoon on March 31st from 2.30 – 3.45pm in the Main Hall. As it will be the last meeting before the Easter break, we will spend some time singing Easter hymns and considering the Easter message. Deborah Packham will then tell us about a Grand Journey. If you want to know where, you will need to come and find out!

BRBC Art Group Meetings

The next meetings will be on the 3rd and 17th of April 2025 in the Main Hall from 10-12pm. All are welcome. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available.

Walks

I am planning on enjoying a spring flower walk of 6-8 miles on Saturday 5th April. If you would like to join me, meet at church at 10.15am.

Mary Breeze

BRBC Lunch Club

The next Church Lunch Club is on Thursday 10th April. 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 put your name on the list at Reception, 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

Oasis Open Afternoons

We are holding two Oasis Open Afternoons, so that people can come along and enjoy tea and cake while finding out more about us and what we do!

We hope to welcome you to either:

The Charis Centre Crawley, RH11 7EL on April 5th from 3-5 pm
Or:

The Drill Hall, Horsham RH12 1JF on May 31st from 3-5 pm.

A reminder that you can find out more about us and read our most recent newsletter on the BRBC website under What We Do > Community > [Oasis Crisis Pregnancy Centre](#).

Lynn Woroniecki

Horsham Churches Together Good Friday Service

This will be held between 11.15am and 12 noon on Friday 18th April in the Carfax, Horsham town centre. With uplifting sung worship, prayers for our community and an inspiring gospel talk, we will stand together to publicly declare the good news of salvation through Jesus' death and resurrection. As we count down the days to Easter, start praying for the person you will be inviting to discover more about Jesus this Easter.

'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.

Church Flowers

Flowers today are given by Keith and Alison Johnson, who celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary on Saturday the 29th March. Please join them in thanking God for these 50 years together, and His many blessings and provisions.

BMS Birthday Scheme

Celebrating birthdays this week are Beryl Martin on Monday 31st March, Max Emerson on Tuesday 1st April and Susan Geoghegan on Friday 4th April.

For Prayer

Give thanks for those who have recently come home after stays in hospital and pray for their continued recovery. Also pray for those who are now unwell, some of whom are in hospital, and for those facing surgery or recovering after surgery.

Mission Prayer Request

Pray for Cally and the Eagle Project team as they continue to hold psychotherapy sessions in the Sao Paulo youth prisons. Give thanks for the many who have been released, have decided to quit their lives of crime and are now in work or study programmes. Give thanks, too, that some have become Christians and some have returned to the prisons to encourage others to follow their example.

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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