

BRIGHTON ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH



BRBC Bulletin

Sunday 2nd February 2025

Welcome to our service today.

Events for the next week

Sunday 2nd February

Fruit of the Spirit: Patience

10:30am Sunday Service

led by Dr David Skipp
with Julie Shimizu

10:45am BRBK (Kids' Club)

Meeting Rooms - Children will go
from the main service

Sunday 9th February

Fruit of the Spirit: Kindness
Communion Service

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 2nd February 10:30am	Sunday Service
Sunday 2nd February 10:45am	BRBK (Kids' Club)
Sunday 2nd February 7:00pm	Prayer Gathering
Monday 3rd February 10:00am	Coffee, Cake & Company
Tuesday 4th February 10:30am	Alpha Course
Tuesday 4th February 1:00pm	BRBC Babies & Toddlers
Tuesday 4th February 4:00pm	Toy Library
Tuesday 4th February 7:45pm	Allsorts Housegroup
Wednesday 5th February 2:30pm	Thanksgiving Service - Elsie Phillips
Wednesday 5th February 7:00pm	Hillside House Group
Thursday 6th February 10:00am	Art Group
Thursday 6th February 2:00pm	Women's Fellowship
Thursday 6th February 7:45pm	Worship Group
Saturday 8th February 12:30pm	Saturday Kitchen
Sunday 9th February 10:30am	Sunday Service
Sunday 9th February 10:45am	BRBK (Kids' Club)
Monday 10th February 10:00am	Coffee, Cake & Company
Monday 10th February 2:30pm	PMA
Tuesday 11th February 10:30am	Alpha Course
Tuesday 11th February 1:00pm	BRBC Babies & Toddlers
Tuesday 11th February 4:00pm	Toy Library
Wednesday 12th February 8:00pm	Prayer Gathering
Thursday 13th February 12:45pm	Lunch Club
Thursday 13th February 2:00pm	Craft Club
Thursday 13th February 7:45pm	Worship Group
Saturday 15th February 12:30pm	Saturday Kitchen
Sunday 16th February 9:15am	Mission Prayer Meeting
Sunday 16th February 10:30am	Sunday Service
Sunday 16th February 10:45am	BRBK (Kids' Club)

Weekly Message

Worth waiting for?

Waiting is never easy, yet it is so often necessary. Waiting for the bus. Waiting for a parking space. Waiting for a result of an exam or a medical scan. There are many times and kinds of waiting. We wait for what we want. We wait for what we need. We wait for what we value.

In the scriptures we come across those who are waiting. Abraham, “after waiting patiently ... received what was promised” ([Hebrews 6:15](#)). Simeon “waiting for the consolation of Israel” ([Luke 2:25](#)). Joseph of Arimathea “waiting for the kingdom of God” ([Mark 15:43](#), [Luke 23:51](#)). The people “waiting for Zechariah and wondering why he stayed so long in the temple” ([Luke 1:21](#)). The people “waiting expectantly ... wondering in their hearts if John [the Baptist] might possibly be the Messiah” ([Luke 3:15](#)). The Pharisees and the teachers of the law “waiting to catch [Jesus] in something he might say” ([Luke 11:54](#)). Paul waiting in Athens ([Acts 17:16](#)). Forty men waiting in ambush for Paul to kill him ([Acts 23:21](#)). The local Maltese people waiting a long time, expecting Paul to swell up or suddenly fall dead after a snake bite ([Acts 28:6](#)).

The scriptures also picture a patient God – a God who waits. He waits for His people. He waits for each one of us – for you and me. Peter writes, “The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.” ([2 Peter 3:9](#)).

God’s patience is not hesitation - over His plan to save you. It isn’t inactivity, with Him idly standing by, twiddling His thumbs, until we respond. His patience is not indifference, rather it is an invitation to turn and be received by His loving, long-sufferingly outstretched arms - the same arms stretched out upon the cross.

Christ's cross is His deliberate, loving pause to give us all the opportunity to come to repentance. You and I are included in the "everyone".

I am thankful that God waits patiently, actively, for me. And in this, each of us can take great comfort - that we must be worth waiting for, that we are of value to Him – we are worth our wait in gold. He must want us – else he wouldn't bother waiting or dying.

And if God lovingly waits for us, then may we also lovingly wait for Him. James writes, "Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains." ([James 5:7](#)) Let us be patient with God's patience. Let us align with His time. If you're struggling with God's pace, receive His peace. You and He are certainly worth the wait.

Revd Michael Hogg

Notices

Thanksgiving Service

Elsie Phillips will be cremated at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead at 12.30pm on Wednesday 5th February.

A service of Thanksgiving for her life will be held afterwards at 2.30pm at BRBC.

All are welcome to attend the cremation and then to join in this celebration of our mother's life. Refreshments will be served in the main hall after the service.

Please wear colourful clothes. Family flowers only. Charity donations will go to the Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance (KSS).

Val Hardwick and family.

BRBC Art Group Meetings

The next meetings will be on the 6th and 20th February 2025 in the Main Hall 10-12pm. All are welcome. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available.

Robert Hardwick

BRBC Lunch Club

The next Church Lunch Club is on Thursday 13th February. 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, 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
Valerie Hardwick and Chris Gargano

The Hiding Place

Tickets are now on sale for 'The Hiding Place' an account of Corrie Ten Boom's family after the Nazis invaded Holland, performed by Oddments Theatre Production at The Horsham United Reformed church on Thursday 6th February at 7.30 (Doors open at 7pm).

With all the divisions in our present world, this remains a story for our own time. As Corrie Ten Boom said, "In darkness, God's truth shines most clear." To purchase tickets please visit

<https://www.jumblebee.co.uk/HPHorsham> (at £13.99).

Advance Notice!

The World Day of Prayer will take place as usual on the first Friday in March, 7th March. It is a service for everyone and hopefully at a time to suit you as there will be three venues in Horsham at three different times on that day. The women of the Cook Islands have prepared the service. See posters on the board at Reception.

Coffee Morning & Presentation on Saturday 8th February

You are invited to a coffee morning at the Salvation Army Hall at 10.30 am. It will include a presentation of background pictures of the Cook Islands so that you are better informed to appreciate the World Day of Prayer service taking place in March. There is no charge. Hope you can come and learn more about the Cook Islands.

Walks

The next Friday afternoon country stroll will be on February 21st.

Oasis Quiz Night

Back by popular demand, Oasis is excited to welcome you to their Quiz of all Quizes night at Brighton Road Baptist Church 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 and ensuring that we 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 (<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/quiz-of-all-quizzes-back-by-popular-demand-for-2025-tickets-1204778156899>) or through the Oasis website.

Message from Clair England

Toy Library and Saturday Kitchen are organising a Family Fun session during half term. If you have any small and medium sized boxes, plastic trays, tops etc we would appreciate your donations.
Thank you.

BMS Birthday Scheme

The BMS Birthday Scheme enables you to support the work of BMS World Mission by making a donation on your birthday. If you would like to join the scheme, contact Brenda Rowley – email:- bren151@talktalk.net

For Prayer

Let us pray especially this weekend for those of our fellowship who have lost loved ones recently. Pray that they may experience God's love and comfort as they come to terms with their loss and cope with the situation they find themselves in. Pray that they will experience the support and love of family and friends.

Mission Prayer Request

Pray for Claire Bedford in her busy life at the Guinebor 2 Hospital in Chad. Give thanks that the pharmacy is continuing to go well under Chadian leadership and pray for the new family from UK preparing to join the hospital team soon. Pray especially that their young children will settle in well to the new environment and culture.

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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