BRIGHTON ROAD
BAPTIST CHURCH

BRBC Bulletin

Sunday 2nd August 2026

Welcome to our service today.

Events for the next week

THIS SUNDAY

Christian Solidarity Worldwide Visit

10:30am Sunday Service

led by Michael Hogg
with Audrey Skervin

NEXT SUNDAY

Daniel 1: Whose student are you?
Communion Service

10:30am Sunday Service

led by Raja Mukherjee
with Michael Hogg

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Sunday 2nd August 10:30am	Sunday Service
Sunday 2nd August 7:00pm	Prayer Gathering
Wednesday 5th August 2:00pm	Hillside Housegroup
Thursday 6th August 10:00am	Art Group
Thursday 6th August 7:45pm	Worship Group
Sunday 9th August 10:30am	Sunday Service
Thursday 13th August 7:45pm	Worship Group
Sunday 16th August 9:15am	Mission Prayer Meeting
Sunday 16th August 10:30am	Sunday Service
Monday 17th August 10:00am	Coffee, Cake & Co



Weekly Message

Peter Persecuted

Last week, we came to the end of our series following the life of the Apostle Peter. We considered his calling, confession, failures, restoration, preaching and his revelation that the gospel is for all peoples. Peter's story reminds us that following Jesus has never been the easy path. He experienced opposition because of his faith; arrested for preaching Christ (Acts 4), threatened and flogged (Acts 5). Tradition tells us that Peter was eventually martyred in Rome under the Emperor Nero. The man who once trembled before the questions of a servant girl became a courageous witness who would not deny his Lord again.

In his letters, Peter does not write with bitterness, resentment or self-pity. Instead, he repeatedly points believers to follow Christ, even into suffering. He reminds us that suffering is neither strange nor meaningless: "Do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you" (1 Peter 4:12). We are to bear up under the pain of unjust suffering because we are conscious of God. (1 Peter 2:19) “To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.” (1 Peter 2:21)

Peter calls us, not to panic, but to persevere. Rather than retaliate, lashing out with violence in anger or fear, we are to love and heal (Luke 22:50-51). Rather than despair at failure or threat, Peter points us to the living hope we have through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Peter presents this pattern: expect persecution, endure persecution, entrust yourself to God through persecution. Our confidence rests not in comfortable circumstances but in the faithful Saviour who Himself suffered, died and rose again.

Christians experience ridicule, rejection, misunderstanding or pressure to remain silent about Christ. Many of our brothers and sisters in Christ endure great hardship - discrimination, violence, imprisonment and death - because they belong to Jesus. Christian Solidarity Worldwide is one of the charities which helps us understand something of the reality facing persecuted Christians today. They remind us that we belong to one global family. When one part of the body suffers, we all suffer with it.

May Peter's example encourage us to display courage instead of compromise, conviction instead of cowardice, and compassion instead of contempt. Let us pray faithfully for those who suffer greatly, stand firmly in our own witness, and remember Peter's wonderful encouragement: "Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you" (1 Peter 5:7). May Christ's church be faithful in trials, fearless in testimony, and full of hope, whatever challenges may come our way.

Revd Michael Hogg

Notices

Funeral of Mrs Greta Lavinia Baker

The Service of Thanksgiving for the life of our much loved friend and church member, Greta, will take place at The Surrey and Sussex Crematorium Memorial Chapel on Tuesday, 4 August 2026 at 11:00am and will be conducted by the Revd Michael Hogg. This event is open to any family or friends who wish to attend. It will also be available to view online - details to follow. Please keep the family in your prayers at this time.

Thanksgiving Sunday

On Sunday 9th August we will be holding our Thanksgiving collection at Brighton Road, which provides an opportunity for the BRBC fellowship to make additional financial gifts towards the charitable organisations which are supported by our Church. These include BMS World Mission, the Home Mission Fund, The Leprosy Mission, and Tearfund, as examples. The Church already gives 10% of its general income to support external organisations, and all personal gifts made in this Thanksgiving collection will be given to those organisations in addition.

Our service on 9th August will include a thanksgiving offering, when gifts of money or cheques (payable to Brighton Road Baptist Church) can be placed in the envelopes which will be available in church and included in the offering which will form part of the service, or left in the offering boxes near the back and side doors.
If you would prefer to make your donation via bank transfer, please make a payment to BRBC, sort code 40-24-33, account number 01769707, marking your offering “Thanksgiving Collection”.

Thank you for your generous support.
Adrian Rudd

Women's Fellowship Garden Meeting

The second of the garden meetings will be at Sheila's house, 51, Guildford Road, from 2.15pm on Thursday 20th August, when you are invited to help her celebrate her big birthday!
If the weather is bad we will meet indoors.

We will start our new programme on Thursday 3rd September.
Sheila Stevens

Faith, Hope and Love Lunches

Rubina offers huge thanks to everyone for big help and support towards this outreach. What you all are doing is commendable, she says. The lunches will be taking a break in August and will return in September on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

Ian Rose

It is with sadness that we share the news that our much-loved church member, brother-in-the-Lord and friend, Ian Rose, went to be with his Maker peacefully on Monday 27th July.

Please keep Jean, Daren, Cheryl and all of the family in your prayers, that they may know comfort and peace at this difficult time.

World Day of Prayer Coffee Morning

World Day of Prayer Horsham Branch, invite you for coffee at Sumners Ponds Barns Green (RH13 0PR) at 10.30am on Thursday 6 August. Please come along and meet the team. All are welcome. For more information email Alison: wdp@panda.me.uk

Message from Horsham Matters

Thanks to all at BRBC for donating to our foodbank. Your generosity will help make sure a family does not have to go hungry when there is no money left for food. You have donated enough food to make 48 meals for those in need!

The cost of living increases continue to take a toll on residents and our 15 weekly foodbanks remain busy. Foodbank use is continuing to rise on last year and we expect the coming year to remain challenging for many given the further expected rises in energy and food prices.

With your support we can continue to provide practical support and impactful advice to make a difference. As one foodbank user told us recently: “Knowing I can use the foodbank when in crisis takes the worry and guilt away. The constant feeling of not doing enough for my children is exhausting and the foodbank really helps.

Kind regards
Kelvin Glen (Chief Executive Officer)

Church Flowers

The flowers on Aug 2nd are in thanksgiving for and in celebration of Sheila and Brian Stevens’ Diamond Wedding Anniversary. They were married on July 30th 1966, the day England won the world cup!

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 for our new prime minister as he seeks to prioritise the issues he wishes to focus on. Pray that God will guide him and those making decisions along with him. Pray particularly for wisdom for those seeking to find ways of improving the social care system.

Mission Prayer Request

Give thanks for the Christian Solidarity Worldwide organisation and for the efforts that they are making to come alongside Christians in many parts of the world who are persecuted because of their faith. Pray that their efforts to ensure that the right to freedom of religion or belief is upheld and protected will be successful.

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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