BRIGHTON ROAD
BAPTIST CHURCH

BRBC Bulletin

Sunday 9th August 2026

Welcome to our service today.

Events for the next week

THIS SUNDAY

Daniel 1: Whose student are you?
Communion Service

10:30am Sunday Service

led by Raja Mukherjee
with Michael Hogg

NEXT SUNDAY

Daniel 2: Only God knows the future.

10:30am Sunday Service

led by Michael Hogg



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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
Thursday 20th August 10:00am	Art Group
Thursday 20th August 10:30am	Men's Coffee Morning
Thursday 20th August 7:45pm	Worship Group
Sunday 23rd August 10:30am	Sunday Service

Weekly Message

Water in the Bible

During these days of heatwave, lack of rain and talk of water shortages I am sure our minds have often turned to the importance of water for all living things. It got me thinking about references to water in the Bible and I was surprised to note how many and varied the references are.

In the very early chapters of Genesis we read about the flood which devastated the world at the time and which reminds us that, although God is a God of love, there has to be judgement for sin. That is the very reason God sent Jesus to take the judgement for us.

There are a couple of Old Testament stories where water becomes a barrier: when the Israelites were being followed by the Egyptians and they reached the Red Sea, and when Joshua reached the River Jordan on his way into the Promised Land. In both cases God temporarily removed the barrier and the people were able to move forward. I am sure we have all experienced such barriers, such times of difficulty in our lives and I am sure many of us, too, have experienced God’s bringing us through.

In the New Testament we read of Jesus offering the woman at Samaria living water (John 4:13-14), a picture of the eternal life we can have if only we accept it, as the woman did. The woman then went back to the town and called others to come so that they, too, could meet the giver of living water. If we have received this living water, are we sharing it with others?

Then there is the water of baptism, a symbol of our having been buried with Christ and raised to newness of life. (Col. 2:12)

We know very well that water enables growth and that is why we are missing it so much at the moment. In addressing issues in the church at Corinth Paul testified that he had planted the seed that had led to the founding of the church but it was Apollos, another disciple, who had watered the seed and caused the church to grow. The church still needs its waterers, helping new Christians to grow in their faith. Paul did acknowledge, as we must, that it is God that makes the seed grow. (1 Cor. 3:6)

There are several places in the Old Testament where the writers have obviously experienced the feeling of peace and serenity that can come through relaxing by a smoothly flowing stream or quiet lake and they have used that feeling as an example of the peace and serenity that God can give if we take time to take advantage of it.

Ps. 23:2 and Jer. 31:9 are examples.

As we pray for rain to water our parched gardens and the surrounding countryside let us also remember some of the lessons we can learn from the many Biblical references to water.

Mary Breeze

Notices

Thanksgiving Sunday

This Sunday, 9th August we are 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 today 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

Afternoon Stroll

The next afternoon stroll will take place on Friday 21st August. Meet at church at 2pm.

Message from Horsham Matters

The demand for food from the Horsham Matters food bank is outstripping supply. In June, 3,684kg came in, and 5,021.kg was given out. That's a gap of over 1,300kg! Behind those numbers are real families, real neighbours, real people who needed a little extra help to get through the month. Could you help close the gap by donating food or giving money so that we can continue to make a real difference to people's lives in Horsham District.

Big Church Festival

The UK's largest Christian music festival, Big Church Festival, is returning to the beautiful Wiston Estate over the August Bank Holiday weekend (28th–30th August 2026). Visit bigchurchfestival.com to book tickets, check out the full line-up, and see options.

For Prayer

Pray for communities facing water shortages and hosepipe bans, especially those with limited resources. Pray, too, for farmers and agricultural workers whose livelihoods are threatened by crop failure. Pray for wisdom for policymakers in prioritising long-term climate adaptation over short-term fixes. Pray for the church to be a place of refuge and practical support in times of environmental crisis.

Mission Prayer Request

Give thanks that our church is able to support a number of mission agencies and charitable organisations by prayer and by giving financial support, Pray that there will be a generous response to today's thanksgiving collection, so that we can give considerably more than the 10% we give through the annual church budget.

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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