BRIGHTON ROAD
BAPTIST CHURCH

BRBC Bulletin

Sunday 23rd August 2026

Welcome to our service today.

Events for the next week

THIS SUNDAY

Daniel 3: Can God intervene in our world?

10:30am Sunday Service

led by Marion Richardson
with David Wickersham

NEXT SUNDAY

Daniel 4: A Tale of Two Kings

10:30am Sunday Service

led by Michael Hogg



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Sunday 23rd August 10:30am	Sunday Service
Thursday 27th August 10:00am	Holiday @ Home
Thursday 27th August 7:45pm	Worship Group
Friday 28th August 10:00am	Holiday @ Home
Friday 28th August 10:00am	Listen and Pray
Sunday 30th August 10:30am	Sunday Service
Tuesday 1st September 12:30pm	Faith Hope Love @Lunch
Wednesday 2nd September 2:00pm	Hillside Housegroup
Thursday 3rd September 10:00am	Art Group
Thursday 3rd September 2:00pm	Women's Fellowship
Thursday 3rd September 7:45pm	Worship Group
Saturday 5th September 9:45am	Saturday Walk
Saturday 5th September 12:30pm	Saturday Kitchen
Sunday 6th September 9:00am	Fellowship Breakfast
Sunday 6th September 10:30am	Sunday Service
Sunday 6th September 10:45am	BRBK (Kids' Club)
Sunday 6th September 7:00pm	Prayer Gathering
Monday 7th September 10:00am	Coffee, Cake & Co
Monday 7th September 2:30pm	PMA

Weekly Message

Dolphins

Sitting outside the Bluebird café, Ferring, early one morning I was looking dreamily out to sea and enjoying a piece of toast with bacon and coffee. Then I thought I heard a man say 'Dolphins!' Dolphins, I thought? In Ferring?! Several of us stood up and peered out to sea. Sure enough, there was a pod of dolphins. With my eyesight I didn't see much more than some black objects rising and falling, but it was nevertheless a joyful surprise; it made my day and I praised God for the privilege and the beauty of his creation. It was most unexpected and we all stopped what we were doing to take notice of them.

Life is full of surprises but sometimes also shocks. Nice surprises or painful shocks both are, by their very nature, unexpected. How do we react when confronted by them? Do we stop to notice what God might be saying in them or through them? Do we turn to him when we experience them?

In Exodus 3 we read that Moses noticed a burning bush and stopped to see what it was. As a result, he had that incredible encounter with God. v 2 'Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. So Moses thought 'I will go over and see this strange sight – why the bush does not burn up'. When the Lord saw that he had gone to look, God called to him from within the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And Moses said 'Here I am'. Then God revealed who he was in v 6 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob'.

Moses noticed and went over to look. If he hadn't, he might have missed that powerful encounter.

Nice surprises can turn us to God with thankfulness and worship. But even in our painful shocks we can remember that God is in them with us and lean on Him as we navigate them. Whatever we encounter or go through, let's always stop to notice and be aware of our ever present God and listen to what he might be saying.

'Earth's crammed with heaven and every bush afire with God, but only he who sees, takes off his shoes; the rest sit round it and pick blackberries'. - Elizabeth Barrett Browning.

Julie Shimizu

Notices

SPACE

Anita Pinnock will be leading an informal time of worship at church from 6-7pm on Sunday, August 23rd. All are welcome to join.

Holiday at Home

This is a reminder for those booked into our Holiday at Home that it is planned to take place on 27th and 28th August between 10am and 4pm.
Prayer would be valued that it will go ahead well and be a blessing to all.

Fellowship Breakfast – 6th September 2026

Everyone in the fellowship is cordially invited to come along to church for 9am on Sunday 6th September 2026 for breakfast before the morning service.

As we return to begin the new term in September after time away from routine, maybe you have been on holiday, maybe you have attended holiday clubs or spent time seeing friends and family. This is an opportunity to reconnect with others in our fellowship and share in a meal together. Everyone is welcome!

Please sign up via reception or by emailing the office to let us know if you plan to attend and if you have any dietary requirements. Looking forward to seeing you there!

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.

Women Spending Time with God (WSTWG)

This is an interdenominational monthly gathering for women, presented by Christian Love Ministries. The August gathering will offer an opportunity to 'Connect, Pray, Worship and Be Encouraged through the Word of God'.

Saturday 29 August 2026, 6.30–8.30pm Bohunt School, Bailey Road, Horsham, West Sussex, RH12 6AP

Help required for Coffee Team

The coffee team are in need of two or three volunteers to help set up for and serve coffee after the Sunday service. Two or three members of the team are no longer able to assist but we thank them for so faithfully carrying out their duties over many years. The dates required are Sunday August 30th, September 6th and September 20th and longer term. If you are able to help, please get in touch with Hilary Smith.

Sussex Green Hub

Saturday 29th August 2026, 10am

Sussex Green Hub offers repairs, refills, recycling, eco activities and the Community Fridge. Please note: this month's earlier finish at 1pm.

Church Flowers

The flowers today have been given by Sheila Baker in loving memory of her husband, Michael.

BMS Birthday Scheme

Celebrating birthdays this week are Celia Steere and Louise Carter, both on Saturday 29th August.

For Prayer

Pray for the Holiday at Home to be held at church on 27th and 28th August. Pray that all those booked to come will be able to come and that they will have an enjoyable time. Pray for God to bless each one according to their need. Pray also for those involved in leading the various activities and for those sharing a message from God's word.

Mission Prayer Request

Give thanks for the 20 years the Eagle Project has been helping young people in the prisons of Sao Paolo, Brazil, to leave lives of crime and find opportunities for study and employment. Pray for Cally as she continues to lead the team and for the whole team as they plan a special 20th anniversary celebration in November. Pray for Cally's son Ben to find a more suitable job as the one he started didn't work out.

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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