BRIGHTON ROAD
BAPTIST CHURCH

BRBC Bulletin

Sunday 23rd August 2026

Welcome to our service today.

Events for the next week

THIS SUNDAY

Daniel 4: A Tale of Two Kings

10:30am Sunday Service

led by Michael Hogg

NEXT SUNDAY

Daniel 5: God's Warning

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 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
Wednesday 9th September 2:30pm	Johnson Housegroup
Wednesday 9th September 8:00pm	Prayer Gathering - TBD
Thursday 10th September 7:45pm	Worship Group
Sunday 13th September 10:30am	Sunday Service
Sunday 13th September 10:45am	BRBK (Kids' Club)
Monday 14th September 10:00am	Coffee, Cake & Co

Weekly Message

Will your anchor hold?

This summer of 2026 will be a memorable one for many varied reasons. I have so enjoyed the early morning sunrises - sometimes out in the garden at 4am enjoying the crisp cool air, pruning the roses and savouring the heady scent of the honeysuckle, or early morning jaunts to the coast, as well as the late evening sunsets, walking my dog. There was the solar eclipse, which wasn't quite as dramatic as anticipated, but fun to watch nonetheless with neighbours or friends and family. Then of course the record breaking heatwaves, which have wilted so many of us and have been the topic of many a conversation!

In the midst of this lovely summer, there have been many sad stories of those who have lost their lives swimming and others in the deadly fires. It has been tragic seeing the devastation to the countryside, natural habitat and people's homes and businesses across so many countries. It reminds us how our lives can change in an instant and made me think - how would I respond if I was in that sort of situation? Many folk are going through difficult times for one reason or another and an old hymn came to mind: 'Will your anchor hold in the storms of life…?' Would mine?

The Bible tells us we will face trials and tribulations and tragedies and we might wonder where God is in such times, but He promises to be with us and never forsake us. In many of the Psalms, David cried out to God, feeling that He was distant or had abandoned him. David then recalls His goodness and faithfulness and invariably ends with praise and worship. In Psalm 62 he writes, 'Find rest O my soul, in God alone; my hope comes from Him. He alone is my rock and my salvation; He is my fortress, I shall never be shaken'. Charles Spurgeon said 'To feel God's love is very precious, but to believe it when you do not feel it is the noblest.'

Faith is not based on feelings, but on trusting God's word and His promises. Spurgeon said: "…when the winds are out and the storms are raging there is plenty of fear, but there is no danger. We may be much tossed, but we are quite safe, for we have an anchor of the soul both sure and steadfast, which will not shift. One blessed thing is that our hope has such a grip of us that we know it. In a vessel you feel the pull of the anchor and the more the wind rages the more you feel that the anchor holds you…". The anchor is the love of God.

As we look back on this summer, may we, as David did, recognise God's goodness and faithfulness and praise Him for who He is and for His many blessings. A new season is gradually unfolding and whatever circumstances we may have to face, we can trust that God is with us and loves and cares for us. He is the one who gives us strength to endure and peace that comes only from him. May the anchor of His love hold us firm in our faith. Jeremiah 17:7 NLT. 'Blessed are those who trust in the Lord and have made the Lord their hope and confidence. They are like trees planted along a riverbank, with roots that reach deep into the water. Such trees are not bothered by the heat or worried by long months of drought. Their leaves stay green and they never stop producing fruit'

Hilary Smith

Notices

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!

Thanksgiving Day

Thank you all for supporting the recent thanksgiving day. We received donations of £4,615, plus gift aid recoveries of £981, making a total amount of £5,596. This will be used to support external organisations, including BMS World Mission, Home Mission Fund, Tear Fund and several others.
We already give 10% of our general income to external organisations. As a result of the thanksgiving day, the total amount which will be given to those organisations in the current financial year is £29,950.

Thank you all for your generous support. We pray that God will bless these organisations.
Adrian Rudd
Treasurer

Church Walk

On Saturday 5th September I plan to enjoy a 6-8 mile walk in the countryside. Anyone wishing to join me is welcome to meet at church at 9.45am.
Mary Breeze

Faith, Hope and Love Lunch

The first Faith, Hope and Love Lunch of the new season will be held on Tuesday 1st September at 12.30. All are welcome. There will be a sign up sheet at reception.

Lunch Club and Craft Club

These clubs have been going for a number of years and are enjoyed by all who attend. At Lunch Club you can meet new people, chat and also have a good meal. Craft Club was started for the benefit of those with visual impairment, but now can include any who like doing craft and meeting people. Tea and cake are provided.
Both are extremely happy places and if you feel you would like to attend please contact:

Val/Rob Hardwick - 01403 256652 for Lunch Club
Chris Gargano 01403 266229 for Craft Club

As we expand we will also be looking for new drivers who could assist in bringing those who need transport to the church. Please contact Chris.

I hope that new Church members might be interested in joining us.

Saturday Kitchen: an external perspective

Saturday Kitchen was visited by a student journalist eager to hone her skills with a real-life context for an assignment. You can read the full piece on the Saturday Kitchen page of the church website, or by following this link: https://www.brbc-horsham.org.uk/Publisher/File.aspx?ID=407156

'…a thirty-something year old lady walks over to join me. She walks over cheerfully, her curly hair swaying behind her. With a warm smile, she introduces herself as Emily and her company is immediately friendly.
….Before heading off, Emily thanks me for speaking to her. She says: "It's really important that we keep talking about the cost of food; just because it isn't in the news as much, doesn't mean that it isn't still happening to people."

Saturday Kitchen re-opens on 5 September.

Georgina Patey

Please keep in your prayers the family of Georgina Patey, our much loved church member, sister-in-the-Lord and friend, who went to be with the Lord peacefully in her sleep, in the afternoon of Wednesday 12th August, aged 96 years. Details of her funeral will be shared in due course.
Revd Michael Hogg

Norman Pratt

Please keep in your prayers the family of Norman Pratt, who passed away into the Presence of Christ on Friday 21st August at around 1:10pm. He had been ill with liver cancer. His wife Di and other family members are thankful for our love and prayers over this time and the opportunity to be with him in these days.
Revd Michael Hogg

Celebration of the Life of Ian Rose

We would be delighted if you could join us to celebrate the life of Ian Rose at BRBC on Thursday 10th September at 2.30 pm. Ian requested people to come in bright colours to celebrate his life.
Below is a link and QR code with more details of the service and an opportunity to donate to a charity of his choice.

https://ian-rose-1942-2026.muchloved.com/

There will be a sheet in reception to add your names to if you are able to make it. We hope to see you there for the service and light refreshments afterwards.

Cheryl, Jean, Daren and Family.

Space

Anita Pinnock will be leading informal times of worship and prayer on the following Sundays from 6-7pm: 20th September, 18th October and 22nd November. All are welcome.

For Prayer

Let us pray for those suffering as a result of the terrible floods affecting Nepal and the Tibetan area of China. Let us also pray for those trying to rescue those still unable to get to a safe place. The Nepal floods are in areas where churches and mission teams are working. Requests for special prayer for them have come through. Pokhara churches are sending people with emergency supplies.

Mission Prayer Request

Pray for Claire Bedford as she will be leaving Chad very soon and resettling in UK. Give thanks for all that she has been able to accomplish at the Guinebor 2 Hospital, especially enabling Chadian staff to take on the roles she had in the pharmacy and on the admin. team. Pray for a good adjustment to life in UK and guidance for the future.

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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