BRIGHTON ROAD
BAPTIST CHURCH

BRBC Bulletin

Sunday 6th August 2026

Welcome to our service today.

Events for the next week

THIS 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

NEXT SUNDAY

Daniel 6: The difference one man can make in the hands of a faithful God?
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 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
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
Tuesday 15th September 12:30pm	Faith Hope Love @Lunch
Wednesday 16th September 2:30pm	Johnson Housegroup
Thursday 17th September 10:00am	Art Group
Thursday 17th September 10:30am	Men's Coffee Morning
Thursday 17th September 2:00pm	Women's Fellowship
Thursday 17th September 7:45pm	Worship Group
Friday 18th September 12:00pm	Thanksgiving Service - Gillian "Jill" Boniface
Sunday 20th September 9:15am	Mission Prayer Meeting
Sunday 20th September 10:30am	Sunday Service
Sunday 20th September 10:45am	BRBK (Kids' Club)
Sunday 20th September 6:00pm	Space - a service of reflective and informal worship
Monday 21st September 2:30pm	PMA

Weekly Message
Written Warnings

"Suddenly the fingers of a human hand appeared and wrote on the plaster of the wall." (Daniel 5:5)

There are some messages we would rather not receive. A warning light on the car dashboard. A motorway sign: “Slow down. Queue ahead”. A pop-up advising us to take a break from social media. Warnings are not usually given to spoil our enjoyment, but to alert us to danger and protect us from it. Tooth twinges may indicate the start of decay; a backache may be more than a pulled muscle.

Daniel chapter 5 gives us one of history's most famous warnings. King Belshazzar is feasting, drinking and celebrating while Babylon is under threat. Suddenly, a hand appears, writing mysterious words on the wall. Daniel interprets them: God has numbered Belshazzar's days, he has been weighed and found wanting, and his kingdom is about to be divided. The phrase “the writing on the wall”, having entered our everyday language, is now used to point towards an approaching peril or an inevitable outcome. Belshazzar saw the writing, but tragically, he did not heed the warning.

God still gives us warnings today. He warns us through His Word: Scripture confronts our attitudes, exposes our sin, challenges our priorities and calls us back to God. He may also use circumstances to cause us to stop and reconsider our direction - a closed door, a painful consequence or a crisis. He may use people: a friend who loves us enough to speak truth.

In John 8, Jesus wrote with His finger in the dust. Though perhaps a reminder of Exodus 31:18 and Deuteronomy 9:10, we are not told what He wrote, but we are told what He said. He confronts those who were condemning someone caught in sin by turning the spotlight onto their own hearts: “Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.” Jesus neither excuses nor ignores sin, commanding: “leave your life of sin.” A sober warning for all of us sinners to read.

Jesus' warnings were wrapped in mercy: exposing sin to rescue sinners, revealing danger and offering a way out. The question, therefore, is not simply, “Is God warning me?” but “Will I heed His warning?”

We can speed past the road sign. We can silence the carbon monoxide alarm. We can scroll or stroll past the warnings. We can dismiss the voice of conscience, even when confirmed by God's Word. We can surround ourselves only with those who reinforce our views and behaviours. We can even close our Bibles.

But God's warnings are loving invitations to stop and turn before it is too late. Belshazzar's ‘Banksy’ reminds us: Read the warning. Recognise the danger. Respond to God.

The God who warns us also welcomes us back. For in Christ Jesus, the Word became flesh, and the Way back to God was opened.

Revd Michael Hogg

Notices

PMA

The first of our Pleasant Monday Afternoons after the summer break will be on Monday 7th September. All are welcome to join us in the Main Hall between 2.30 and 3.45pm. John Hedley will be telling us about the work of Guide Dogs for the Blind and he will be bringing his dog, Oliver.

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.

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.

RISE Women's Retreat Day

Thursday 15th October at Dalesdown – a day for women to rest, be inspired, hear each other and encounter God. Tickets cost £20 which includes refreshments and lunch. To reserve a place email events@dalesdown.org.uk.

Funeral of Jill Boniface

The Thanksgiving Service for the life of our much-loved church member Jill Boniface is on Friday 18th September at 12.00noon at Brighton Road Baptist Church, led by Revd Michael Hogg. This will be followed by a brief Service of Committal at Hills Cemetery, Horsham. There will be refreshments following these services at the church. All are welcome.

Funeral of Georgina Patey

The funeral of our much-loved church member Georgina Patey is on Friday 25th Sept at 2.30pm at Worthing Crematorium and will be led by Judith Dandy. More details to follow. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Church Flowers

The flowers today have been given by Eileen Cherriman and Judith Gander in memory of Judith's Mum and Eileen's sister-in-law who died in March aged 96.

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 continue to pray for God's guidance as we make decisions about the future of our church. Pray that decisions made will be for the good of the whole church so that we can continue to work together to support each other and to share the message of the Gospel.

Mission Prayer Request

Let us continue to pray for Genesis Acaye, BMS Mission Worker in his home country of Uganda. Give thanks for the encouraging results of the tree-planting programme and pray that there will be similar results in the new areas where trees have been planted. Pray for good health for Genesis's family and for continued growth of the churches in the area.

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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