BRIGHTON ROAD
BAPTIST CHURCH

BRBC Bulletin

Sunday 13th September 2026

Welcome to our service today.

Events for the next week

THIS 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

NEXT SUNDAY

Daniel 7: The Son of Man and the Beastly Kingdoms

10:30am Sunday Service

led by Paul Kerley

10:45am BRBK (Kids' Club)

Meeting Rooms - Children will go from the main service

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 for the life of 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
Wednesday 23rd September 2:30pm	Johnson Housegroup
Thursday 24th September 2:00pm	Craft Club
Thursday 24th September 7:45pm	Worship Group
Friday 25th September 10:00am	Listen and Pray
Friday 25th September 2:30pm	Georgina Patey
Sunday 27th September 10:30am	Sunday Service - Harvest Festival

Weekly Message

A Book To Die For

On 6th October 1536 in Vilvoorde, Brussels, a 42 year old, well educated Englishman was executed by strangulation and his body burned. His name was William Tyndale. He was a linguist, a Biblical scholar, a translator and a Protestant Reformer. Above all he was passionate to make the Bible accessible to every Englishman by using the vernacular of the day. His opinion was controversial and not acceptable to the church authorities. As a result, in 1521 he was brought before the Chancellor of the Diocese of Worcester, who described Tyndale as a 'learned but blasphemous clergyman'. The verdict was, 'We had better be without God's Laws than the Pope's'. To which Tyndale allegedly replied, 'I defy the Pope and his laws and if God spares my life ere many years, I will cause the boy that driveth the plow to know more of Scripture than thou dost.'

In 1523, Tyndale left Worcester for London determined to seek permission and funding from the Bishop of London to translate the Bible directly from the Greek into English. Both permission and funding were refused.

His passion for the work, and motivated by the advent of the printing press, Tyndale left England for Germany. He stayed in Hamburg, then Wittenberg, where he began work on his translation. The first edition was printed in Cologne in 1526. This year, 2026, we celebrate five hundred years of having the New Testament in English. Sadly, the opponents of the Reformation heard of his activity and had the press raided. No printer in England would agree to print the work, so further copies were printed in Worms. Six thousand copies were made and smuggled into England by putting pages in-between other legally permitted books. The translation was condemned by Bishop Tunstall, who issued warnings to booksellers selling the book. Tunstall bought up all available copies and had them burned in public. In 1529

Cardinal Wolsey had Tyndale condemned as a heretic. Tyndale remained living in Germany, where it was not illegal to print a Bible, even in English, and where no conviction could be made against him.

In 1530 Tyndale boldly wrote to Henry VIII opposing the King's wish to secure the annulment of his marriage to Catherine of Aragon on the grounds that it was unscriptual saying '...that the Word of God should not be subject to the final arbitration of a single man'. Henry was not pleased! Tyndale was betrayed to the authorities of the Holy Roman Empire. In Antwerp in 1535 he was seized and arrested and held captive in the castle at Vilvoorde for eighteen months. Here, sensing that his life was in danger, many tried to persuade him to change his views, not only about Henry's annulment, but also his views on justification only by faith.

In 1536 he was brought to trial, charged and found guilty of Lutheran Heresy. Tyndale's martyrdom was not a direct result of his NT translation into English. But his desire to get the work done, and his belief that the Bible was God's authoritative word, led the church authorities of the day to look for other reasons linked to his beliefs for which they could execute him. He gave his life for proclaiming the truths contained in God's word. While tied to the stake, Tyndale's final words were "Lord, open the King of England's eyes. In translating the New Testament I am only doing my duty." This is Tyndale's legacy.

Five hundred years later, the Bible still carries, for some, the risk of persecution, imprisonment and even death. How do we share Tyndale's passion for making the Word of God accessible to all? We may help by supporting one of the many Christian organisations involved in Bible translation, distribution and even Bible smuggling. This is good. However, one of the best ways of making the Bible accessible to all we meet in our daily lives is to live by its teachings, for it is 'God's power unto salvation'. People

we meet are reading us (just like we read them)! As they read, may they get glimpses of the Bible, God's word, and God Himself being alive and active in our lives.

The disciples on the road to Emmaus walked with a stranger. As they walked, the stranger shared the Scriptures with them. Later, sharing a meal together they recognised the man as Jesus and said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us as he shared the scriptures with us?'.

As we walk with people day by day let us share the scriptures, God's Word. May our lives be a means of opening Scripture to all that we meet so that their hearts will burn within them and they will see Jesus.
Alison Edwards

Notices

Mission Prayer Meeting

On Sunday 20th September at 9.15am there will be an opportunity to hear recent news from our overseas mission partners and to pray for them. All are welcome to join in the Main Hall.

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.

Celebrating Harvest @ BRBC

We cordially invite everyone to our upcoming BRBC Harvest Service which will be on Sunday 27th September 2026 at 10:30am. It will be an hour-long service for all ages staying in together and followed by refreshments. For our Harvest collection we will again be receiving non-perishables for Horsham Matters Foodbank as we have done in previous years. Our gifts have been very much appreciated in the past and we enjoy this opportunity of bringing food gifts in gratitude for God's provision in our lives throughout the year.

Men's Coffee Morning

The weather looks promising for Thursday, 17th September so I'll be at Horsham Cricket Ground from 10.30 onwards for what will be our last outdoor meeting of the year. I invite all men of our church and others to join us for coffee and a chat in the pleasant surroundings of the cricket field.
Brian Carey. 07813 739 896

Women Spending Time with God

Saturday 19th September 2026, 6:30pm at Bohunt School.
An interdenominational gathering for women to connect, pray, worship and be encouraged through the Word of God

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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.

Date for your diary

As we are now meteorologically in the Autumn Season it's time to book dates for your Christmas Activities and top of the list I hope is the Crawley Millennium Concert band's Christmas Concert, which this year will be on Saturday 19th December 7pm at Brighton Road Baptist Church . There will be the usual mix of showstoppers, festive music and Christmas carols with refreshments including mince pies in the interval. Entrance is free but there will be a retiring collection for Pancreatic Cancer. Look forward to seeing you there,
Judy McMahon

For Prayer

Pray for those returning to university or college this month and for those going for the first time – that they will settle quickly, make Christian friends and find churches where they will be welcomed.

Mission Prayer Request

Give thanks for all The Leprosy Mission does in so many countries around the world where leprosy is still a common disease. They are especially rejoicing that the only hospital in Niger that treats leprosy patients has been able to undergo a complete renovation. Pray that those living in that country with the disease will be able to be identified and brought to the hospital for treatment.

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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