BRIGHTON ROAD
BAPTIST CHURCH

BRBC Bulletin

Sunday 20th September 2026

Welcome to our service today.

Events for the next week

THIS 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

NEXT SUNDAY

Harvest Festival - All Age Service

10:30am Sunday Service

Marion Richardson & Julie Rudd

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
Monday 28th September 10:00am	Coffee, Cake & Co
Wednesday 30th September 7:45pm	Church Meeting
Thursday 1st October 10:00am	Art Group
Thursday 1st October 2:00pm	Women's Fellowship
Thursday 1st October 7:45pm	Worship Group
Friday 2nd October 2:00pm	Thanksgiving Service – Norman Pratt
Saturday 3rd October 9:45am	Saturday Walk
Saturday 3rd October 12:30pm	Saturday Kitchen
Sunday 4th October 10:30am	Sunday Service
Sunday 4th October 10:45am	BRBK (Kids' Club)
Sunday 4th October 7:00pm	Prayer Gathering

Weekly Message

Trusting when Troubled

There are times when we feel troubled. We panic when presented with problems, grow anxious for answers and exhaust ourselves hunting for elusive explanations. We lie awake turning things over and over in our thoughts, running through possible solutions to dilemmas and difficulties. Sometimes the more we try to make sense of our circumstances, the more confused and unsettled we become.

In Daniel chapter 7, Daniel receives a series of disturbing visions: strange beasts, terrifying powers and events that seem to make little sense. Though the imagery is bewildering and alarming, Daniel shows us how we might rightly respond when we too are troubled.

Firstly, we can ask God. Daniel did not pretend that he understood everything. He asked for an explanation. There is no shame in admitting our limited understanding. Faith does not mean having an answer to every question. Sometimes faithful prayer begins simply with, “Lord, I don't understand. Please help me.”

Secondly, we can see God. Daniel is not given every detail immediately, but he sees that, above the turmoil of earthly powers, stands the Ancient of Days. Thrones come and go. Kingdoms rise and fall. Human history may appear chaotic and frightening. Yet God remains sovereign, holy and purposeful. When we are perplexed by what is happening around us, we can still know who sits upon the throne.

Thirdly, we can trust God. Daniel sees beyond the frightening earthly events to the coming of the “son of man”, receiving an everlasting kingdom. Jesus repeatedly used the title “Son of Man” for himself. What Daniel saw in vision, Christ fulfils in person.

Our hope is not placed in our ability to interpret every event correctly. Our hope is found in the One who holds history in his hands. History is His story.

Whatever troubles us today, Daniel reminds us that we can question without losing faith, seek without surrendering hope, and face uncertainty without fearing that God has lost control.

We may not know what tomorrow holds, but we know the God who holds tomorrow.
So, when troubled, turn to Scripture, talk to God, trust his sovereignty, and keep your eyes on Christ. In a bewildering world and uncertain circumstances, God's throne is always secure.
Revd Michael Hogg

Notices

Space

From 6-7pm on Sunday, 20th September, Anita Pinnock will be leading an informal time of worship and prayer. All are welcome to join.

PMA (Pleasant Monday Afternoon)

Monday 21st September is the day PMA will be celebrating Harvest. All are welcome to come to the Main Hall from 2.30 to 3.45pm to sing harvest hymns, give thanks for the harvest and listen to a harvest message given by David Wickersham. The special collection will be given to the Horsham Food Banks.

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, 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.

To have a display on Sunday, items should be brought to the church either during the week or on Saturday 26th September between 9.30am and 10.30am. The Horsham Matters Food Bank is in need of the following items currently: Tinned Meat, Instant Hot Chocolate, Shampoo/Conditioner/Shower Gel, Soup, Tinned Tomatoes and Instant Cup-A-Soup. Many thanks!

Boxes needed for Harvest Gifts

All the harvest gifts will be donated to Horsham Matters as in previous years. But we need a supply of suitable boxes in which to pack the donated gifts. Please leave any suitable boxes by the reception area. Thank you.

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. This will be followed by refreshments at the Findon Manor Hotel and Nigel Patey has requested that folk let him know if they are planning on attending for catering purposes:
nandpatey@gmail.com
Please keep the family in your prayers.

People's Emergency Briefing

Transition Horsham will be showing a film bringing together 9 UK experts on climate and nature to explain what is happening and what it means for everyday life in the UK. The film will be shown at 1.00pm in The Barn, St Mary's Church Centre on Saturday 26th September. Doors will open at 12.45pm. Book free tickets (Aged 16+) at
https://horshamteamparish.churchsuite.com/events/9m7pkeeq

Community Safety Day of Learning

When: Tuesday 6 October, from 9:30-16:30
Where: Parkside in Horsham

Learn about Violence Against Women and Girls, risk outside the home, AI, community cohesion & mis/dis information, and intelligence-sharing.

For more information and to reserve a spot,
see https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/safe-happy-in-horsham-tickets-1993532728054?aff=oddtdtcreator

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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

BMS Birthday Scheme

Celebrating a birthday this week is Julie Rudd on Wednesday 23rd September.

For Prayer

During World Alzheimer's Month, churches are encouraged to pray for everyone across the Horsham District living with dementia, and for the families, friends, carers and others who walk alongside them.

Mission Prayer Request

Pray for Peter and Louise Lynche as they will be ending their time of service with BMS at the end of this month. Pray for them as they take some time to settle and seek guidance for the next stage of their lives. Pray, too, for the church leaders and other partners with whom they served in Bangladesh as they continue the various ministries that they were engaged with together.

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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