BRIGHTON ROAD
BAPTIST CHURCH

BRBC Bulletin

Sunday 27th September 2026

Welcome to our service today.

Events for the next week

THIS SUNDAY

Harvest Festival - All Age Service

10:30am Sunday Service

led by Marion Richardson
& Julie Rudd

10:45am BRBK (Kids' Club)

Meeting Rooms - Children will go from the main service

NEXT SUNDAY

Daniel 9: Daniel's Prayer

10:30am Sunday Service

led by Michael Hogg
with Andy Twilley

10:45am BRBK (Kids' Club)

Meeting Rooms - Children will go from the main service



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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
Monday 5th October 2:30pm	PMA
Tuesday 6th October 12:30pm	Faith Hope Love @Lunch
Wednesday 7th October 2:30pm	Johnson Housegroup
Thursday 8th October 12:30pm	Lunch Club
Thursday 8th October 2:00pm	Craft Club
Thursday 8th October 7:45pm	Worship Group
Friday 9th October 9:00am	Art Society - AV Setup
Sunday 11th October 10:30am	Sunday Service
Sunday 11th October 10:45am	BRBK (Kids' Club)
Monday 12th October 10:00am	Coffee, Cake & Co

Weekly Message

Holidays

My wife and I have recently returned home from our summer holiday, and it has been the kind of holiday which we always enjoy very much. We are well aware that other people enjoy other kinds of holiday. Some stay in this country while others go abroad. Some like the seaside while others prefer the countryside. Some like activity holidays while others prefer somewhere to relax. Some like to go to the same place year after year while others prefer to visit a new place each time. Some want to walk; others want to swim; some want to sunbathe; and others want to keep in the shade.

We ourselves like to stay in places where there are stately homes and gardens to visit. Just like people and their holiday preferences, stately homes also differ from one another. Some are older than others. Some are larger than others. Some are homely while others are grand. Some have formal gardens while others have parkland gardens, many of which were designed by the great 'Capability' Brown; and some have a combination of both types of garden. We have noticed that the restaurants in some of the stately homes proudly advertise that much of the food being served has been grown in their own kitchen garden.

Among the gardens we visited this time, the one we enjoyed most was a water garden near Weymouth, which was deliberately modelled on Monet's famous garden in Giverny in France, complete with water lilies and Japanese bridge. The garden was not attached to a stately home, but had been created in a disused stone quarry and had completely transformed the former industrial site. It reminded me of the lake in Southwater Park which was similarly created in the former brickworks site.

One of the great advantages of a holiday is the opportunity it provides to appreciate away from home the amazing beauty of the world which God has created. So also today, in our annual Harvest Festival celebration, we have an opportunity to remind ourselves, through the gifts of flowers and food, of God's creative wonder and his gracious provision for our physical needs.
Howard Gordon

Notices

Celebrating Harvest @ BRBC

We cordially invite everyone to our BRBC Harvest Service which will be this 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.

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.

Fairtrade Fortnight

We are now in the middle of Fairtrade Fortnight which is taking place between the 21st September and 4th October 2026. Fairtrade Fortnight is a UK-wide awareness campaign to encourage us to think about the people behind the food and goods we purchase. The campaign puts those who grow the coffee, cocoa, bananas and other produce we enjoy into the limelight. The aim is to shift the farming and trading industry onto more equitable grounds. For Christians, Fairtrade also raises a deeper theological/ethical question: what does it mean to pursue justice in the ordinary choices we make, including what we choose to buy? Our church is a Fairtrade church so all our tea, coffee, etc. is from brands using Fairtrade principles.

Funeral of Norman Pratt

The Thanksgiving Service for the life of Norman Pratt is on Friday 2nd October at 2pm at Brighton Road Baptist Church, led by Revd Michael Hogg. This will be followed by refreshments in the Main Hall. All are welcome. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Church Walk

As long as the weather continues to be good country walking weather, on Saturday 3rd October, I plan to enjoy a 6-8 mile walk on the Downs from Amberley, an interesting village to visit after the walk. Any wishing to join me should meet at church at 9.45am.
Mary Breeze

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

Church Flowers

The Harvest flowers today are given by Alison Johnson, in memory of her much loved older sister Vivienne, who passed away recently.

BMS Birthday Scheme

Celebrating a birthday this coming week is Rosalyn Carey on Wednesday 30th September.

For Prayer

During our Harvest Celebration week let us give thanks for the harvest that has been gathered but let us also pray for farmers whose crop yields have been significantly less than usual because of the summer drought conditions. Pray for those struggling to cope with the situation and to find ways of alleviating it. Pray that conditions during the next season will be such that there will be a better harvest.

Mission Prayer Request

Give thanks for the agricultural project going on in the north of Uganda and for the improvement of crop yields due to the training farmers have received from Genesis Acaye, BMS mission worker. Pray that farmers in other areas of the region may be able to benefit from the training and also from the tree planting project that has been so successful in some areas.

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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