BRIGHTON ROAD
BAPTIST CHURCH

BRBC Bulletin

Sunday 4th October 2026

Welcome to our service today

Events for the next week

THIS 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

NEXT SUNDAY

Psalm 1: Praying for a closer walk with 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 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
Wednesday 14th October 8:00pm	Prayer Gathering - Zoom
Thursday 15th October 10:00am	Art Group
Thursday 15th October 10:30am	Men's Coffee Morning
Thursday 15th October 2:00pm	Women's Fellowship
Thursday 15th October 7:45pm	Worship Group
Sunday 18th October 9:15am	Mission Prayer Meeting
Sunday 18th October 10:30am	Sunday Service
Sunday 18th October 10:45am	BRBK (Kids' Club)
Sunday 18th October 6:00pm	Space - a service of reflective and informal worship
Monday 19th October 2:30pm	PMA

Weekly Message

Do we need to plead?

When we really want something from someone, we may find ourselves pleading. We ask again. We explain how important it is. We might even say, “Please! I’m begging you!” Perhaps, at times, we can approach God in much the same way. We think we need to motivate him to listen, convince him to act, or somehow coax Him to care enough to answer our prayers.

In Daniel 9:3 we read that Daniel “turned to the Lord God and pleaded with him in prayer and petition, in fasting, and in sackcloth and ashes.” Was Daniel begging for God’s attention? Was he trying to twist the arm of an unwilling deity by starving himself in a type of emotional blackmail? Was he putting on a persuasive spectacle of scratchy sackcloth, ashes and angst?

No. Daniel was not trying to persuade God to care. He was responding to the God who had already spoken. God had promised that Jerusalem’s desolation would last seventy years and Daniel recognised that the time was nearly up. So he prayed. His prayer was not an attempt to change God’s character. It was a response and appeal to God’s revealed character and covenant promises.

Pleading is not persuading God to become merciful. It is appealing to the mercy God has already revealed. God invites his people to bring their needs, failures, fears and hopes before him. We come, not as strangers trying to gain an audience, but as children coming to their Father.

Daniel reminds us that prayer is not casual or careless. He fasts. He mourns. He confesses. He humbles himself. His outward actions express the seriousness of what is happening in his heart. He is not performing for God. He is pouring out his heart before God. And God hears and responds.

God may not give us the answer we want, or on the timetable we expect. But we never pray to an indifferent God. So, do we need to plead? Yes - but not because God is a reluctant listener. We plead because he has invited us to ask. We persist because he is faithful. We confess because he is merciful. We seek him because he has promised to be found.

Prayer is not twisting God's arm, but trusting God's heart. Prayer is standing on God's Word and holding God's promises before Him in faith. Daniel prayed because he believed God's Word. We do not pray to make God care. We pray because God cares.

Revd Michael Hogg

Notices

PMA (Pleasant Monday Afternoon)

All are welcome to join us in the Main Hall on Monday 5th October when our speaker will be Judith Dandy of Dandelion Farewells. We will also have a time of worship and enjoy a cup of tea together.

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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Church Lunch Club on Thursday 8th October

All are welcome to join our social 2 course lunch, which will be served at 12.45.
We ask for a small contribution of £5. If you wish to attend please put your name on the list at Reception, email me on valeriej.hardwick@yahoo.com or ring me on 07793 464254 to book your place.
Please let us know if you have any dietary or allergy requirements.

Anyone requiring lifts to or from the church, please contact Chris Gargano Phone - 01403 266229 or email - kcgargano@gmail.com

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BRBC Art Group Meetings

The BRBC Art Group will be meeting on Thursday 15 October 2026 in the Main Hall from 10-12 noon. Refreshments will be available and all are welcome.

Space

The next informal worship session led by Anita Pinnock will be on Sunday 18th October from 6-7pm. All are welcome.

Petworth Churches Together Autumn Lecture

On October 9th at 7.30pm Roger Ellis will speak on 'The Church of the Future' at St. Peter Ad Vincula Church, Wisborough Green.
Roger is from Revelation Church in Chichester. He believes that God is calling us in this district to live out the missional heart of God… to rewrite the story of the district, weaving in the tapestry of the good news of God's kingdom – a message of hope, restoration, and abundant life for all.
For more information see https://petworthareachurchestogether.com/

Date for your diary

As we are well into 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 flowers today have been given by Margaret Penn and Rosemary Tracey in loving memory of Margaret and Ray's son and Rosemary's mother.

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 to comfort those who have recently lost members of their family. Pray that they may know God's peace, and the love and care of family and friends.

Mission Prayer Request

Give thanks for the many in the Middle East and North Africa who regularly watch the TV and social media programmes that SAT-7 produces in several of the languages of the region. Pray that isolated Christian families will be encouraged and that those who watch out of interest will be led to find out more about the Christian faith and come to accept it. Pray for wisdom for those who respond to viewers' comments and questions.

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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