

Items highlighted in yellow are new or have been updated

Items for the next edition of the Newsflash can be sent to newsflash@trbc.info by noon on Thursday 18th April.

Our services are live in the building from 10:30am each Sunday morning.

If you are unable to attend in person, you can watch the live stream via our website

14th April 2024

Our Pastor, Jon White, will be leading our time together. He will also be speaking on the Power of the Spirit from Acts 2v1-13.

We will also be sharing communion together.

7pm Prayer evening

21st April 2024

Church member, Rachel White, will be leading our time together. Our Pastor, Jon White, will be speaking on the introduction to Spiritual Gifts from 1 Corinthians 14v1-5.



Dedication postponed

Unfortunately the dedication of Theo Benjamin will not be happening this Sunday, nor will the scheduled lunch. Both Theo and Reuben have chicken pox so we have to cancel the event, much to our frustration. However we trust that God is at work in all these things.

In order to enable our wider family to plan to come we will postpone this until Sunday 4th August 2024 and hope you'll be able to come.

Arthur Hamilton

Church member, and dear brother in Christ, Arthur Hamilton, went to be with the Lord on Wednesday 10th. He had been living in Glen Arun Care Home in Horsham.



Spiritual Gifts

As part of our series looking at the Holy Spirit, we are exploring spiritual gifts. At our Sunday services during this series, you can pick up paper versions of a 'Spiritual Gifts Test' and a 'Talents & Skills Form'. These will help give you an indication of what your main spiritual gifts might be and show you in what context you could best use them.

Alternatively, if you would prefer to do these online, you can visit <u>Free Shape Test</u> which shows a big picture of your spiritual gifts, heart, abilities, personality and experiences.

While you are free to use these resources just for yourselves, if you were willing to share your answers with our pastor, Jon White, that would be a blessing to get to know you more and explore if there might be ways of using your gifts to build and grow God's kingdom.

However please know that sharing your answers does NOT mean you have to sign up to serve in any way - that is entirely up to you!



Activities at TRBC this week:

Monday 15th April - 7:15pm until 9pm - Trafalgar Community Choir Tuesday 16th April - 4:30pm until 6pm - Sixth Form Tuesdays @ TRBC (more details below)

Wednesday 17th April - 10am until 12pm - Renew Wellbeing
Thursday 18th April - 2:30pm until 4:30pm - The Welcome Afternoon Tea
Thursday 18th April - 7:30pm until 9:30pm - Worship Group



The Ark Parent & Toddler Group - update

Please pray about whether God might be calling you to help run our new Toddler Group The Ark. There are various roles needed to make it work. Please speak to Rachel at some
point before **Sunday 14th April**. If we don't have enough volunteers by that point then
perhaps God is saying it's not the right time.

Please check out the leaflet for more information.



Prayer evening

Our next prayer evening will be 14th April.

The prayer evenings are on the 2nd Sunday of the month.

The prayer space will be open from 7pm until 8:30pm. There will also be a prayer meeting at 7:45pm. The prayer room upstairs is also open.

Everyone is welcome to come to part or all of the evening.

If anyone wants to come and needs a lift, please let Pastor Jon know.

Prayer & Praise Evening

Our next prayer & praise evening will be on Sunday 28th April.

7:30pm until 8:30pm

There will be times of praise amongst our time of prayer. The prayer room will also be open.



The Welcome — Cake, Tea and a Chat

This takes place on the third Thursday of each month, with the next tea on **18th April**, 2:30pm until 4:30pm

All are welcome

Invite your friends along

Why not carry an invitation in your pocket for that person you just happen to meet who might just love some company - and cake!!



TRBC Housekeeper

We are seeking a valued member of our team to keep the church building in a clean and tidy state.

Part time post for 10 hours a week.

Main responsibility: cleaning.

Join the TRBC team to provide a welcoming, safe and clean church building.

Cleaning experience.

Ability to communicate effectively, good planning and organisational skills, skill in research and collating information, ability to maintain calmness under pressure.

IT skills including WP, email, Internet searches.

A good standard of education.

Warm and polite telephone manner, able to work in a team, calm manner, reliable and trustworthy, engendering the trust and confidence of others, a friendly and helpful disposition in welcoming visitors to the church.

Working closely with the Administrator and reporting to the Pastor.

Contact enquiries@trbc.info for an application package.

Closing date for applications: 1st May 2024.

Start date: TBD



'Isn't Everyone Going to Heaven Anyway?'

A Seminar with Rev. Dr. Stephen Finamore, President of Baptists Together

Saturday 8th June at 2pm

At Trafalgar Road Baptist Church

In this seminar, Stephen will be exploring how Christians might respond to questions such as:

- Can't I just live a good life?
- Isn't Christianity all about love?
- Does Jesus' sacrifice mean that everyone is saved?

Drawing on his extensive work on the Apostle Paul and particularly his letter to the Romans, Stephen will unpack this subject, often called 'universalism', in a way that will help us better understand the Good News of Jesus. This seminar will encourage the church in being a people who reach out to those who need to hear the message of Christianity.

There will also be a short interview about how Stephen sees his role as newly-elected President of Baptists Together and time for Q&A about the whole seminar. Stephen will also be preaching at TRBC the following morning.

Stephen Finamore was Principal of Bristol Baptist College for 17 years and is now Principal Emeritus. Steve has been a lawyer, led a community development project in inner London and worked for a rural development project in the Andes of northern Peru. He trained for Ministry and read theology in Oxford, and was pastor of Westbury-on-Trym Baptist Church. He has been elected to serve as President of Baptists Together for 2024–25. Stephen has written a number of books, and his short commentary on Romans is available free from the Bible Reading Fellowship.

For those in Horsham, he also attended Collyer's College in his late teens!



Prayer room

Meeting Room 2 (blue room) upstairs in the church building has been turned into a prayer room.

If you have a key, or can come with someone who does, you can use it at any time you wish.

If you don't have access, please contact our administrator Faith (details at the bottom of this email) and she will let you know when it's available.



First Aiders

Are you first aid trained? If you are and might be willing to be a named first aider at the church, please speak to June Duplock.



True Freedom Trust Seminar

The recording and slides from the True Freedom Trust seminar, on same sex relationships, are now available to view on <u>our website</u>.



Book table

Ray Amey will have his book table on West Street, where Edinburgh Wool Shop used to be, from 10:30am on Wednesday 17th April.

Anyone is welcome to come along and support Ray as he ministers to the people of Horsham.



Fundraising

Chelsea, who is part of TeachBeyond, is running in the Cancer Research UK Marathon for pancreatic cancer UK. If you would like to donate, you can do so here. For more information, including her fundraising events, please speak to Stephen and Pam Wise, Clive Philips or Jennifer Rymer.



Our Vision Statement

At this church, we feel called:

'To be a God-centred and family-focused community that helps everyone meet Jesus'

Draft Values

Following the January church meeting, our values have been updated and can be viewed here.

There is a display board in the church with further information, and paper copies of the above document that you can take.



The Fellowship Fund

As a church we have some money set aside, which is given to those in financial need at the discretion of Pastor Jon and is confidential. If you are aware of a situation, which the Fellowship Fund could help, please speak to Pastor Jon directly.

You can also give money to be used specifically for the Fellowship Fund. You can put money in the offering, in an envelope clearly marked 'Fellowship Fund' and we will make sure it is used only for that purpose.



If you have any prayer requests to go onto the prayer chain, please email them straight to prayer@trbc.info. Please do not email them to anyone else.

If you want to start receiving prayer chain emails, please send an email to the same email address above and put 'Subscribe' in the subject line.



HCT notices

Each week we receive notices from Horsham Churches Together. You can find this week's notices in the link here. This week they include:

News:

- Good Friday Service in the Carfax
- Volunteer awards 2024

- Stewards needed for the Watoto Choir concert
- Horsham Eco Church Newsletter April 2024
- The Bereavement Journey, a place to talk
- Horsham District Council Community Link
- Horsham Matters Charity Golf Day
- Bric-a-Brac donations needed by Horsham Matters
- Horsham District Foodbank 10th Anniversary
- Horsham Community Fridge 2024 Calendar

Events:

- Wednesday 17th April: Fostering Information Event
- Wednesday 8th May: The Heart of Communication with Rob Parsons Speak to Faith about complimentary tickets!
- Friday 10th May: HDAS quiz night

Employment opportunities:

Horsham Matters Outreach Advisor

Volunteering Opportunities:

- Horsham Matters Trustee & Drivers
- HDAS 2 additional Trustees



Volunteers for Holiday at Home @ Brighton Road Baptist Church

BRBC are looking for volunteers to help with their Holiday at Home on Tuesday 20th, Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd August.

They are looking for help in the following areas:

- Catering Lunch team & Refreshments team (morning and afternoon)
- Cake making prior to event
- Craft activities
- Transport
- Chatting/befriending
- Setting up and Setting down
- Planning HaH2024 next meeting is on Friday 19th April 1pm to 2:30pm at BRBC.

For more information, or to volunteer, please email michael.hogg@brbc-horsham.org.uk



Proposal for speed change in Trafalgar area

A Speedwatch team was set up a couple of years ago by residents who were concerned at the frequent accidents in the area. They, along with Trafalgar Neighbourhood Council, are working on a proposal to introduce a 20mph speed limit in the Trafalgar area.

The proposal can only progress if the Neighbourhood Council receives enough feedback from residents. Please take a few minutes to read the proposal and email their views to 20intrafalgar@gmail.com and to spread the word to other local residents. In the email they should state whether they are a Trafalgar resident or visit the area regularly eg taking children to school, attending church services and events.

12 hour music marathon

9:30am until 9:30pm on Saturday 27th April at Holy Trinity Church, Rushams Road

Non-stop music-making and performances from local musicians and groups including: Borough Band, the West End Theatre Academy, Trafalgar Community Choir, Recorder Ensemble, Organ Recitals, Tideway Folk Group, Chamber Choir, Holy Trinity Playgroup, Toddlers 'Rhyme Time', Songs of Praise, Solo instrumentalists and Vocalists, and Compline.

You can view the running order here.

Free entry - drop in at any time
Refreshments for sale
Tombola

Donations welcome on the day raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support and Holy Trinity Church.

2 Life Issues events

Godalming Baptist Church is hosting 2 events focusing on different life issues. Further details of each event will be included as we get closer to them, but if you would like more information before then, please speak to Faith. For more details on any of the courses, or to make a reservation, please contact: Sally Pollard pollard3@hotmail.co.uk / 01483 428646

Forgiveness

Saturday 27 April 2024, 10am–12.30pm (coffee available from 9.30am)

Led by Revd Dr Tim Carter

When we are hurt or disappointed resentment can be hard to avoid, especially if our instinct is often to seek revenge, but long-term bitterness can cause more harm to ourselves than to the person or situation that caused it in the first place. What can we do to protect ourselves and to help us let go of the sorrows that threaten to overwhelm us?

The morning's session will look at all aspects of forgiveness:

- What it is and why it's important
- How forgiveness can be achieved
- Ways of de-escalating conflict in any relationship
- Whether forgiveness can be unconditional

Forgiveness may be a long, difficult and costly process, but learning to speak the truth in love, and to let go of our resentment and bitterness can be healing, empowering and liberating.

Join us to find out more and consider taking the first steps along this sometimes overlooked pathway to a different future. The session will be free of charge, but a voluntary donation is invited for The Forgiveness Project

To help with managing numbers please reserve a place, by Friday 19 April.

All the Lonely People - Saturday 22nd June



If you need to contact our Pastor, Jon White, his number is 07513 821549 or email jon.white@trbc.info (please note his day off is Saturday).

If you want to send an email to all the leaders, please send it to leaders@trbc.info and all the leaders will receive your email.

The Church Office number is 01403 240729.

If you need to contact Faith, our administrator, you can send an email to admin@trbc.info

"He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed."

1 Peter 2v24









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