Weekly updates from TRBC

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Items for the next edition of the Newsflash can be sent to newsflash@trbc.info by noon on Wednesday 16th April.

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Our services are live in the building from 10:30am each Sunday morning (unless stated otherwise).

If you are unable to attend in person, you can watch the live stream via <u>our</u>

<u>website</u>

13th April 2025

Our Pastor, Jon White, and church member, Faith Aldridge, will be leading and speaking in our all-in service looking at Luke 19v1-44.

We will also be sharing communion together.

7:30pm Seek First Prayer Meeting

Thursday 17th April 2025 @ 7:30pm

Maundy Thursday reflective communion service led by our Pastor, Jon White. Further details later in this email (this will not be live streamed)

20th April 2025

Our All-Age Easter Sunday celebration will be led by our Pastor, Jon White. Further details later in this email.

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Pre-Service Prayer

Each week, all are invited to come and pray over our time together before the Sunday Gathering from 9:45 in the Prayer Room (upstairs in the Blue Room). The worship team will join at around 10:15 before the service starts at 10:30.

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Activities at TRBC this week:

Wednesday 16th April - 10am until 12pm - Renew Café
Thursday 17th April - 2:30pm until 4:30pm - The Welcome Afternoon Tea
Thursday 17th April - 8:30pm until 9:30pm - Worship Group



Easter Services

Maundy Thursday, 17th April

7:30pm Reflective Communion Service

A guided time of worship, prayer and discussion while meeting around tables as we join the story with the disciples at this crucial moment in Holy Week. Our time will include footwashing and communion.

Good Friday, 18th April

11:15am Service by the bandstand in the Carfax.A walk of witness will be leaving TRBC at 10:30am for anyone who wishes to walk down to the Carfax.

All-Age Easter Sunday, 20th April

10:30am Easter Celebration

To celebrate Easter, we will have a special all-age service with activities for adults and children alike. People can exchange invitations for an Easter Egg.

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Easter outreach/social activities

Egg and card delivery to neighbours

After the service on **Sunday 13th April** we will be delivering creme eggs and Easter cards to our neighbours in Fisher's Court and White Hart Court, and parts of Trafalgar Road and Collingwood Road. If you would like to help deliver or can provide a box of 5 creme eggs,

please write your name on the sign-up sheet available on Sundays, or reply to this email.

TRBC Easter picnic

Sunday 20th April 12:30pm - 3pm

Where: Horsham Park (near the Duck Pond)

We will continue our celebration of Easter with a picnic in Horsham Park! Bring your own picnic, seats and games. Walk or drive from the service to the park and <u>look for the TRBC flag and green gazebo</u>! We will bring 4 Points Gospel Tracts and any copies of Try Praying to give to others at the park.

In the event of rain, we will have our picnics at TRBC building and enjoy table tennis, pool and soft play for the children.

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Tuesday Prayer at Two - CANCELLED 15th April

Come and pray together

Every Tuesday from 2pm until 3pm in the Prayer Room at the church building

Contact Ray Amey for more details: ray.amey@trbc.info

'Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful' Colossians 4v2



Praise & Prayer points for this week...

SEBA Church of the Week: Haywards Heath Baptist Church

Mon 14th: As we move towards Easter let's pray for churches in & around Horsham to be excited about sharing the Good News with those around them.

Tue 15th: Ray Amey is on the OM stand at Spring Harvest, Minehead with a colleague, Lawrence. Pray that God will bring along many young Christians ready to serve Him for a year or two, or three!

Wed 16th: Pray that many of Horsham's Christians will be able to testify to their friends this Easter what it means to know that Jesus died for our sins.

Thur 17th: Pray that the Maundy Thursday Service tonight (7.30pm) will be deeply moving for everyone who attends.

Fri 18th: Good Friday Service at the Bandstand. Pray the Holy Spirit will speak clearly into many lives.

Sat 19th: Pray that many families will hear the Gospel in churches all over Horsham tomorrow!

Thanks for praying; God bless you this Easter!



Staff annual leave

Please note the dates below when the office will be closed and when members of staff will be on annual leave over the coming weeks.

The church office will be closed Friday 18th until Monday 21st April inclusive.

Our Pastor, Jon, is now on annual leave until Saturday 12th April inclusive.

Our Administrator, Faith, will be on annual leave Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd April.



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The Welcome — Cake, Tea and a Chat

This takes place on the third Thursday of each month, with the next on **17th 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!!

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Seek first prayer evening

Our next seek first prayer evening will be 13th April.

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

We will be meeting from 7:30pm until 8:30pm in the prayer room upstairs.

A time of prayer together where our intention is to seek after God as we 'seek first his kingdom and his righteousness' (Matthew 6v33)

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Prayer & Praise Evening

Our next prayer & praise evening will be on **Sunday 27th April**. 7:30pm until 8:30pm in the prayer room

A time of worship with music and singing interspersed with times of prayer and waiting on the Lord.

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TryPraying Challenge

Have you given away your Try Praying book yet? To conclude our Try Praying Initiative, which began last October, we are challenging every person in TRBC to share about Jesus with someone and to give them a copy of 'TryPraying' this Easter time.

If you've already given yours away, you can collect a new one from the front of church each Sunday in the run up to Easter.



Walk Through the Bible

The Old Testament in a nutshell

The Old Testament is massive, often hard to understand and difficult to navigate.

Relax and enjoy the journey as an experienced guide encourages you to see God's Word from the 'Big Picture'. The fun, interactive and memorable sessions will help you learn with such clarity you'll be able to retell the whole storyline to a friend. The seminar will also do its best to inspire and equip you to keep digging deeper.

Saturday 28th June 10am until 4:30pm Arrive from 9:30am

Please bring a packed lunch

Cost £14 (FREE for children aged 11-17).

Book online at www.bible.org.uk

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Big Church Festival

22nd - 24th August, Wiston Estate, West Sussex

Big Church Festival is the largest Christian family festival in the UK and has been running

for over 15 years. Tens of thousands of people gather for three days in the beautiful grounds of the Wiston House Estate to worship God in the company of some of the best Christian artists in the world. This year, Big Church Festival is taking place over the August Bank Holiday weekend.

There is something for everyone, of all ages, whether it's listening to the biggest artists in the main arena, or enjoying more quiet music in the tea tent. You can find out more information via their website.

We have been allowed to join with Kingdom Faith with their group booking, which means we get the biggest discount! You can book via this link. You can come for the whole weekend, or just a day.

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Maria's newsletter

During the service on Sunday 30th March, Maria shared an update on the mission work she has been doing recently. This is a link to her latest newsletter, where you can also subscribe for the latest on what she's up to.



Church meeting headlines - Sunday 6th April 2025

Church members should have received a copy of the minutes from the last church meeting. If you haven't, please speak to Faith (printed copies will be given out on Sunday).

Below is a summary of the key headlines from the meeting:

Any other items in the meeting have been previously mentioned or are covered elsewhere in the newsflash.

- The AGM, held at the beginning of the meeting, included reports on Safeguarding and Health & Safety, the Annual & Financial Reports for 2024, the appointment of our auditors and the affirming of all church policies, which can be viewed on our website.
- Alpha concluded last week. We had 13 guests, most of whom attended every week
 and, in a small way, want to continue their journey in faith. 6 of the adults will be
 doing a course called 'First Steps' for 8-weeks with Aaron and Becca Yonkoski. We
 will be starting a youth group on Friday nights from 25th April. We have 3 people on
 the team so far. If you'd like to help, please speak to Faith or Jon.
- Feedback from the Horsham Baptists Together service was positive from all 3 churches, with suggestions of a few tweaks. Over 180 people attended. Another service will be held on Sunday 1st March 2026, which TRBC will host.
- Samson Wong came into membership. We received resignations from Adrian & Jill Lovett, Matt & Claire Norgate, and Peter & Lisa Rainier. We now have 70 members.
- Our Gift Day will be on Sunday 8th June. £12,500 target. The money raised will partially go towards the new boiler and various projects around the building.
- The members voted on and, by a majority, agreed to adopt a statement about same-sex marriage. This is available on request.

• The members continued their discussions on the values of TRBC. If you have any thoughts on this, please speak to Jon.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 18th June at 7:30pm

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HCT notices

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

News:

- HCT Prayers & Reflections for Holy Week
- The King of Kings A story told by Charles Dickens
- 'The Chosen: Last Supper'
- Stop Rosebank Oil Field video to watch & share
- Horsham Matters farewell and thank you to Emma Elnaugh
- Cruel cuts to disability support contact your MP
- Christian groups call for prayer against the Terminally III Adults Bill
- Accommodation request
- Embracing Age West Sussex
- April Eco Church news
- Community Climate Fund
- CAP Money Coaching and Lifeskills Course
- Co-op Grant for Oasis
- Foodbank Requirements and Schedule

Events:

- Tuesday 15th April: Evening concert; & maundy Thursday lunch time film; @ The Salvation Army
- Friday 18th April: HCT Good Friday service

- Easter Saturday 19th April: Sense of Holy Week
- Saturday 26th April: 'Plant to Plate Festival' and a call for volunteers
- Monday 28th April: Community Showcase
- Thursday 8th May: VE Day 80th anniversary in Horsham town centre
- Saturday 31st May: The Oasis Crisis Pregnancy Centre's Open Afternoon
- Wednesday 4th June: Care for the Family, "A Mind of Their Own"
- Friday 6th June: Horsham Matters' Murder Mystery Evening
- Advance notice of HCT events

Employment opportunities:

Operations Manager - St Mark's, Holbrook

Volunteering Opportunities:

- Maintenance volunteers required at Dalesdown
- HDAS Fundraiser & media/marketing person
- Horsham Matters Volunteers

Please note:

Whilst HCT carefully chooses these events and notices because they hope they will be useful to you and your church family, they are not directly responsible for the content from external groups and organisations.

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News from the Association

Each month we receive details from across SEBA, updating us on news from the SEBA Team, from the Sector Ministers and news from the Networks (we are part of the Gatwick Network). Each section is full of news and prayer items. Please click on the links below to find out what they have to share.

News from the Team - News from our Sector Ministers - News from the Networks

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Baptist Ministry for the Gospel in the 21st Century

A study day for ministers and church members

Speaker: Rev Steve Finamore, President of the BUGB 2024-25, and Principal Emeritus of Bristol Baptist College (Principal 2006-23)

Monday 28th April, 10am-4pm

Walderslade Baptist Church, Catkin Close, Chatham, KENT ME5 9HP – near junction 3 of M2. Nearest train station: Chatham.

Cost: £10 per person

Programme: Steve will lead four 1-hour sessions around the theme above, relating to:

- Biblical/theological foundations
- Witness: evangelism and serving
- Discipleship: nurturing spirituality and maturity
- Pastoral care

Steve will speak for 30 mins, followed by informal questions and discussion. Please bring your own lunch.

Booking: by email to waldersladebaptist@gmail.com

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SEBA Partners in Mission Day

An inspirational day conference designed to support and equip God's people for His mission.

Saturday 10th May

10am until 3:30pm (refreshments from 9:30am, please bring your own lunch)
Millmead, Guildford Baptist Church

Speakers include: Alex Harris, Penny Marsh, Andy Twilley, Joth Hunt

Tickets: £10 each. Book 5 tickets for the price of 4 (need to be on the same booking).

Payment needs to be made when booking.

Payment is non-refundable but places may be reallocated to other members of your church if necessary.

To book your tickets, or for more information, please visit the <u>SEBA website</u>. You can also find more information on Partners in Mission.

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Job opportunities at Dalesdown

Full-time and part-time positions in the areas of Centre Manager, Projects and Events are available

We are looking to grow our team. If you have a passion for Jesus and furthering His kingdom, a heart for the broken and hungry, a heart for children and young people including those who are fostered and looked after, if you want to be part of a family oriented community. If you love events and projects or managing and running a residential

centre when every day you will work surrounded by the beautiful countryside then please get in touch.

Please contact Lee on ceo@dalesdown.org.uk or call 01403 710712 (option 3) if you would like more information.

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Holy Trinity Bell Tower Appeal

Holy Trinity desperately needs £10,000 +VAT to restore their Bell Tower and have launched a Crowd Funding Appeal to encourage their generous community to help them raise the money. All donations will be gratefully received.

You can make a donation here

Please give if you can and spread the word

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Life Issues programme for 2025

At Godalming Baptist Church

 Pastoral Care in challenging times - Saturday 14th June, 9:30am until 1pm - led by Andy Peck. Reserve a place, with payment of £8, by Friday 30th May • Trauma: more relevant to everyday life than we realise - Saturday 5th July, 10am until 12:30pm - led by Libby Williams. Reserve a place, with payment of £7, by Friday 20th June.

Faith has information about each of the events.

To book a place, please contact Sally Pollard pollard3@hotmail.co.uk tel. 01483 428646

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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 email 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, email admin@trbc.info

If you need to contact Emily, our housekeeper, email housekeeper@trbc.info. Her working hours are Monday and Friday 9:30am until 2:30pm.

If you have any safeguarding concerns, you can contact Rachel White, our Designated Person for Safeguarding, via email at safeguarding@trbc.info or by contacting our safeguarding leader, Kay Chesters, via email at kay.chesters@trbc.info

"... the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!""

Luke 19v37b-38

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