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 Thursday 18th January.

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 <u>our</u> <u>website</u>

14th January 2024

Our Pastor, Jon White, will be leading our time together.

He will also be speaking on Mark 1, "Jesus' Message" as we start a new series looking at the Gospel of Mark.

We will also be sharing communion together.

7pm Prayer Evening

21st January 2024

Church member, Faith Aldridge, will be leading our time together. Church member, Bob Davey, will be speaking on Mark 2-3, "Jesus' Lordship".

The service will be followed by lunch and the church meeting.

Due to the lack of manpower, the lunch after the service will be a bring your own.



Activities at TRBC this week:

Monday 15th January - 7:15pm until 9pm - Trafalgar Community Choir
Wednesday 17th January - 10am until 12pm - Renew Wellbeing
Thursday 18th January - 2:30pm until 4:30pm - The Welcome Afternoon Tea
Thursday 18th January - 7:30pm until 9:30pm - Worship Group



Volunteer TRBC cleaner needed

With the retirement of our housekeeper, Janet, at the end of 2023, we need some volunteers to do some cleaning around the building. We are hoping this will just be for 2 months.

We need a volunteer to take on one of the following:

Once a week clean the upstairs rooms (ideally on Monday)

There is some flexibility on which day it is done, but it will need to work around those using the building.

Full training and equipment will be provided. Looking to start as soon as possible.

Please speak to Faith if you would like more information or to volunteer.



Prayer evening

Our next prayer evening will be 14th January.

The prayer evenings are on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

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

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.



The Welcome Afternoon Tea — Cake, Tea and a Chat

Thursday 18th January 2024, 2:30pm until 4:30pm

All are welcome Invite your friends along



Coming soon

Church Members Meeting on Sunday 21st January at 1:15pm (following the service and lunch) for all church members. Details about the lunch are at the beginning of this newsflash.

Members should have received information about the meeting. If you haven't, please contact Faith.

If you're unable to join the meeting in person, you can join via Teams. Visit trbc.info/meeting for details on how to log on.

Anyone who regularly attends services is welcome to attend, even if you aren't a member (but only members can vote).



Training

On **Saturday 3rd February from 9am-3pm** we will be having some training given to help equip us with our children's ministry. The subject is 'The Spiritual Child' and it will be delivered by Clare Hooper, a regional minister who lives in Reading. She is very hands-on and will have a host of practical ideas for us. You can read more about her here:

https://www.bristol-baptist.ac.uk/team/revd-clare-hooper/. The training itself aims to help us better understand the spirituality of children and what we can do to best help grow them in faith.

If you are in the children's team (or might be interested in joining the team!), involved in Messy Church or leading services, this training would be ideal for you. We consider this so important that the church will pay for your place on the course, but if you would like to give a donation that would be appreciated. Please email administrator@trbc.info if you intend to come.

Seminar

On **Saturday 2nd March from 9:30-12:30pm**, we will be having a seminar addressing the issue of Same Sex Attraction and Christian Marriage. Stuart Parker from 'True Freedom Trust' will be sharing his testimony, giving some Biblical teaching on the subject and spending time thinking about how we can handle this well pastorally and there will be time for Q&A.

Our pastor, Jon White, will be speaking more about this at our Church Members Meeting on Sunday 21st January after the service. This will be a highly valuable seminar as we begin to address this important subject and invite everyone who is part of the church to attend.

Information on how to sign up for this seminar will be available next week.



Our Vision Statement

Following the September church members meeting, the members voted on 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

We are still looking at our values. These have been slightly amended 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.





Lent Vigil for Climate Justice outside Parliament

Click on the link below for an article by 'Green Christian', who are joining with Christian Aid, Tearfund, CAFOD, A Rocha, The Salvation Army, CCA and others in planning a prayerful and powerful climate action in Lent this year.

From Ash Wednesday, for ten days, a 24/7 Lent Vigil for Climate Justice will take place outside Parliament. The Vigil begins with a reflective Service at St John's Waterloo at 12 noon on Wednesday 14th February. From there it will make its way to Parliament where the 24/7 Lent Vigil for Climate Justice will begin at 3pm.

Click **Here** for further information or email enquiries@trbc.info

HCT notices

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

News:

- Time of change at HCT Message from Richard Jackson
- Anchor Ministries
- News from St Mark's Holbrook
- Bric-a-Brac donations needed by Horsham Matters
- Horsham Matters "Tintastic Campaign"
- Horsham District Foodbank
- Horsham Community Fridge 2024 Calendar

Events:

- 21st January: Olivier Messiaen's 'La Nativité du Seigneur' @ St Margaret's,
 Warnham @ 4pm
- 18th 25th January: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- 3rd February: Candlemas Concert, Cantilena @ London Road Methodist Church @
 3pm

Employment opportunities:

- Job Opportunity with Horsham Churches Together
- Youth Worker, St Mark's Church, Holbrook
- Outreach Worker: Esther Project, Worthing
- A 'Community Support Manager' at Horsham Matters

Volunteering Opportunities:

Horsham Matters - Trustee



Gatwick Network Prayer Diary

A new SEBA Gatwick Network Prayer diary has come through for the next few months. You can view and download a copy here.

There will also be a few printed copies at the church, for those who wish to have it in paper form.



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

When hard pressed, I cried to the Lord; he brought me into a spacious place. The Lord is with me; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?

Psalm 118v5-6

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