

Items highlighted in yellow are new or have been updated

Items for the next edition of the Newsflash can be sent to <u>newsflash@trbc.info</u> by noon on Thursday 15th February.

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

11th February 2024

Church leader, Clive Phillips, will be leading our time together. Church member, David McCahon, will be speaking on Mark 6, "Jesus' Power". We will also be sharing communion together.

7pm Prayer Evening

18th February 2024

Church member, Faith Aldridge, will be leading our time together. Rev Julie Shimizu, local retired minister, will be speaking on Mark 7-8, "Jesus' Grace".

Pictures for New Banner

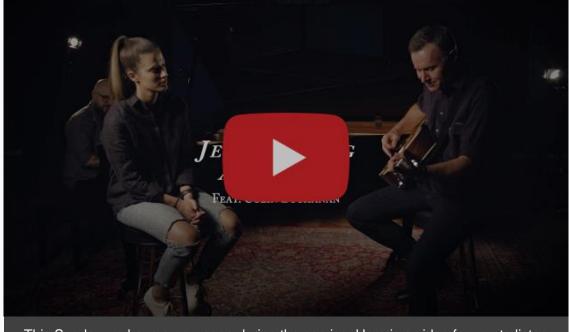
Do you have a picture of somewhere in the world that is special to you? Jackie Hutchinson

is making a new banner for our verse for the year and would like people from the church to contribute by giving her a picture of somewhere in the world that means something to them. The more the merrier!

Can you help Barb move house? And would you like any of her things?!

Barb Loewen, who attends TRBC and works at Teach Beyond, is moving into a flat on the afternoon of Saturday 2nd March and needs help moving some bigger furniture. She will pay in treats (and if you know Barb, then you'll know these are worth more than gold!). Please do contact her if you want to help.

She is also keen to give away some furniture that isn't suitable for the new flat, including two side tables, a glass TV stand, a wardrobe, a double bed and various lamps. If you would be interested please contact her ASAP.



This Sunday we have a new song during the service. Here is a video for you to listen to the song.



Activities at TRBC this week:

Monday 12th February - 7:15pm until 9pm - Trafalgar Community Choir Wednesday 14th February - 10am until 12pm - Renew Wellbeing Thursday 15th February - 2:30pm until 4:30pm - The Welcome Afternoon Tea Thursday 15th February - 7:30pm until 9:30pm - Worship Group



Annual leave

Pastor Jon is on annual leave now until Saturday 17th February inclusive.

If you have any care needs or concerns during this time, please speak to a leader.



Prayer room is now open!

Meeting Room 2 (blue room) upstairs in the church building has been turned into a prayer room. This is a trial for the space from now until Easter.

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.



Prayer evening

Our next prayer evening will be **11th February**.

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

This takes place on the third Thursday of each month, with the next tea on **15th February**, 2:30pm until 4:30pm

All are welcome Invite your friends along



Plant Sale - Saturday 11th May 2024

We are looking for people to help with our annual plant sale. Could you help in any of the following ways?

- by planting seeds and raising plants (start planting now!)
- helping us on the day with setting up and clearing away
- Refreshments

Please let Kay Chesters know if you can help. There is also a sign-up sheet on the table at the back of the hall.

If we don't have the volunteers then the Plant Sale will not be able to go ahead.

The money raised at this year's plant sale will to go towards Tek Ura, run by Dan and Annie Dupree, ex-BMS missionaries previously supported by TRBC.



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.

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.

If you plan to attend, please sign up on the sheet available on the table at the back of the church. Or you can <u>email Faith</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 21st February and Wednesday 20th March.

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



Ray Amey's review for February to April 2024 is now available to read here.

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.



Church meeting headlines - Sunday 21st January 2024

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 are covered elsewhere in the newsflash.

- Janet Maurice was thanked, with a gift, following her retirement as housekeeper at the end of 2023. The leaders are still reviewing the housekeeper role, job description and advertising the role.
- Clive Phillips will be continuing in his role as Church Secretary. Jasper Harding was appointed to be the Church Treasurer.

- Applications for membership were brought for Ben Fisher and Sam & Janet Piggott, which were unanimously agreed.
- A vision update was given, including some of the ways we are looking to achieve this during the next year (details can be found <u>here</u>).
- Information was given about the upcoming seminar on the 2nd March and reasons why it is happening
- Dan and Annie Dupree are no longer being supported by BMS. The leaders are currently reviewing whether to continue to support them separately.

The next meeting will be on **Sunday 17th March** at 1:15pm, following the service and lunch.



This scheme allows you to make a difference to world mission in a real and practical way. On your Birthday you are sent a card and in return, you send a gift to the BMS. Why not join the scheme today? Every little helps! Contact the church office for more information.

> Happy Birthday to those whose birthday is coming up this week: 15th February - Ruby Harper

If you would like BMS World Mission to claim Gift Aid on your donation to the Birthday Scheme, please ask for a BMS Gift Aid declaration from either Helen West or David Chesters.



FELLOWSHIP FUND



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.



Horsham Churches Together

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 <u>Here</u> for further information or email <u>enquiries@trbc.info</u>

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:

- Draft Horsham District Local Plan 2023-2040 Please have your say
- Notice from chair of Horsham Refugee Support Group
- Horsham Debt Advice Service winter update newsletter
- YMCA Downslink latest newsletter
- Children's workers conference
- Horsham Matters "Tintastic Campaign"
- Horsham URC 'Tenants of the King' Lent Groups
- Free online emotional wellbeing course
- Bric-a-Brac donations needed by Horsham Matters
- Horsham District Foodbank
- Horsham Community Fridge 2024 Calendar

Events:

- Saturday 24th February: A Climate Pilgrimage
- Saturday 24th February: Prayer for Peace Marking 2 years of war in Ukraine
- Sunday 25th February: "All about Heaven": HCT event with David and Gill Oliver
- Friday 1st March: 2024 World Day of Prayer
- Friday 1st March: Eithne Nightingale
- Saturday 9th March: Sustainable Church Floristry event
- Easter Charity Concert

Volunteering Opportunities:

• Horsham Matters - Trustee



International Needs (IN) Concert

Croydon Symphony Orchestra will help you experience The Magic of Vienna, with their fabulous repertoire. As you gather with International Needs, you will also be supporting children in Uganda, with the proceeds going towards their Disability Inclusion Project, which is educating and empowering teachers and families to enable all children to have opportunities for the future. You will have an opportunity to hear updates from this project and IN vision for it going forwards.

7:30pm on **Saturday 17th February** at Fairfield Halls

You can purchase tickets directly from Fairfield Hall

They will also be hosting a buffet before the concert. This will be a time to meet other IN supporters, the IN team, and be encouraged by all that's being done. The buffet will be at



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 <u>leaders@trbc.info</u> 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

